

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN,

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

ON

**THE PREVENTION OF THEFT, CLANDESTINE EXCAVATION AND
ILLICIT IMPORT, EXPORT OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF
CULTURAL PROPERTY AND THE PROMOTION OF ITS RESTITUTION**

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Hellenic Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

RECALLING the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property;

MINDFUL OF the relevant Resolutions of the United Nations organs, including Security Council Resolution 2199(2015), paragraphs 15-17, and 2347 (2017); Resolution 69/196 adopted on 18 December 2014 on the International Guidelines for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Responses with Respect to Trafficking in Cultural Property and Other Related Offences Resolution 70/76, adopted on 9 December 2015, on the Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin;

CONSIDERING that the theft, looting and illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property are an obstacle to lawful cultural exchanges and that the loss of cultural property is a loss for the cultural heritage of mankind;

DETERMINED to contribute to the preservation, protection and security of cultural heritage and for the suppression of illegal transfers of cultural property;

CONFIDENT that their cooperation shall constitute an important contribution in this regard;

ENDEAVOURING to facilitate the repatriation of illicitly exported/imported cultural property and to intensify contacts between them with regard to cultural exchanges;

CONSIDERING that the interchange of cultural property among nations for scientific, cultural and educational purposes increases the knowledge on mankind, enriches cultural life of all people and inspires mutual respect and co-operation among nations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I.

(1) This Agreement regulates the prevention of theft, clandestine excavation and illicit import, export or transfer of ownership of cultural property and the promotion of its restitution and repatriation in the territory of the three Parties.

(2) The classification of Jordanian cultural property shall be defined according to the legislation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the classification of Cypriot cultural property shall be defined according to the legislation of the Republic of Cyprus and the classification of Hellenic cultural property shall be defined according to the legislation of the Hellenic Republic

Article II.

(1) Cultural property shall be imported into the territory of either Party to the extent demonstrated to the competent customs authorities that the export regulations of the exporting Party have been complied with. If the law of the exporting Party requires a permit to export cultural property, this shall be presented to the competent customs authorities of the importing Party.

(2) The following shall be provided for in the customs declaration:

- a. The type of cultural property;
- b. The place of manufacture of the cultural property; or if it is the result of archaeological or paleontological excavations, the place where such property was found.

Article III.

(1) A Party may claim the repatriation of cultural property before the competent courts of another Party into whose territory the cultural property was illicitly imported and is located.

(2) The domestic law of the Party where the cultural property is located shall determine the requirements for the claim.

(3) The competent authority pursuant to Article IX of this Agreement, where the cultural property is located, shall support the Party submitting the claim on the following issues:

- a. advising on the applicable law;
- b. locating the cultural property;
- c. placing the cultural property in temporary custody and taking all necessary conservation measures until the repatriation.

Article IV.

- (1) The Party submitting the claim shall demonstrate that the cultural property:
 - a. is protected by its national law;
 - b. was illicitly imported into the Party where it is located after this Agreement entered into force.

(2) If the protection of the cultural property cannot be guaranteed during the repatriation process, due to exceptional events, such as war or natural disaster occurring in the territory of the Party submitting the claim, the other Party may suspend the execution of the repatriation until the protection of the cultural property is guaranteed.

Article V.

The Party submitting the claim shall bear the costs for all measures necessary for the security, preservation and repatriation of the cultural property.

Article VI.

The Parties shall endeavor to inform the general public on the content of this Agreement through information notes published in the press and in their official webpages.

Article VII.

The Party submitting the claim shall ensure that the cultural property returned is treated by conservation experts, accessible and offered for research and temporary exhibition purposes in the territory of the other Party.

Article VIII.

The Parties shall endeavor to promote cooperation and training within the scope of the Agreement; including:

- a. exchange of experiences, organization of joint research projects, joint seminars, workshops and/or other meetings;
- b. exchange of archaeologists, conservators and other specialists;
- c. exchange of experiences, information and publications related to archaeological research, conservation and promotion of archaeological sites and ancient monuments, as well as issues concerning archaeological and ethnographical museums;
- d. exchange or organisation of archaeological exhibitions of mutual interest;

e. exchange and training of personnel on matters that shall be mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article IX.

- (1) The competent authorities for the execution of this Agreement shall be:
 - a. for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities;
 - b. for the Republic of Cyprus: the Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works;
 - c. for the Hellenic Republic: the General Directorate of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture and Sports;
- (2) The above authorities are authorized to cooperate directly with one another within the framework of their competences.
- (3) The competent authorities shall transmit the relevant contact details to one another after this Agreement enters into force and designate point-of-contact Officers.
- (4) The competent authorities shall immediately report changes of competences or designations of other authorities.

Article X.

- (1) The Parties shall report to each other via their competent authorities thefts, looting, any loss and other events affecting cultural property.
- (2) The Parties shall immediately and reciprocally report any changes in their domestic law on the protection of cultural property.
- (3) The Parties shall continue efforts for raising awareness on the issue of illicit trafficking of cultural property from armed conflict areas and its interconnection with the financing of terrorism.

Article XI.

In the execution of this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate with international institutions responsible for combating the illegal transfer of cultural property, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol), the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and the World Customs Organisation (WCO).

Article XII.

- (1) The competent authorities shall review the application of this Agreement on a regular basis and propose changes as appropriate. They may also discuss proposals to promote further cooperation in the field of cultural exchanges.

(2) Representatives of the competent authorities shall meet alternatively in Jordan, in Cyprus and in Greece. Either Party may request to convene a meeting at any time on any issue it considers as fundamental for the application of the present Agreement.

Article XIII.

This Agreement shall in no way affect the obligations of the Parties stemming from other international, multilateral or bilateral treaties to which they are parties.

Article XIV.

The Parties shall resolve disputes regarding the interpretation, application or execution of this Agreement by means of consultations and negotiations.

Article XV.

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the receipt of the last written notification through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties notify each other that their respective internal procedures for its entry into force have been completed.


(2) This Agreement shall remain in force for a five-year period and it shall, thereafter, be automatically extended for successive ten-year periods unless either Party gives to the other a six (6) months' advance notice in writing of its intention to terminate it.

(3) The termination of this Agreement shall not affect claims already submitted under this Agreement.

(4) This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Done in three originals in Nicosia on 16 January 2018 in the Arabic, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
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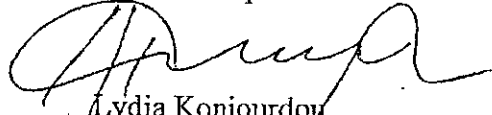
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