CONCLUSIONS

7th Meeting of the Interpol Expert Group (IEG) on Stolen Cultural Property – Lyon, 23-24 February 2010

The participants of the 7th Meeting of the Interpol Expert Group (IEG) on Stolen Cultural Property, held in Lyon on 23 - 24 February 2010:

AWARE of the serious damages to the Haitian cultural heritage as one of the consequences of the earthquake and the high risk of illicit trafficking in unlawfully removed cultural property welcomes ICOM's initiative of publishing a Red List of Haitian cultural property at risk,

AWARE of the urgent need to enable all countries to effectively combat illegal importation of Haitian cultural property, encourage UNESCO and ICOM to rapidly collect information on categories of objects particularly at risk of illicit trafficking including visual material, a list of renowned Haitian artists and a list of experts of Haitian art and make this information publicly available in co-operation with relevant bodies,

NOTING the important role of INTERPOL's database of stolen cultural property and the extended online access, encourage member countries to systematically provide appropriate stolen art information to the INTERPOL General Secretariat,

RECOGNIZING the crucial lack of appropriate documentation and inventories of cultural property in many countries and the resulting need for continuous training, ask UNESCO, ICOM and INTERPOL to develop online availability of the Object ID form and a training course using an e-learning module, and invite member countries to promote the use of Object ID on a national level,

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of UNESCO's Cultural Heritage Laws Database, ask member countries to provide systematically their cultural heritage legislation to UNESCO, ensure regular updates and invite INTERPOL, international Organizations and national authorities to create a direct link from their web sites to this database,

TAKING NOTE of the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC) and its potential usefulness to address crime prevention and criminal justice aspects of illicit trafficking in cultural property, invite the UNODC to join the existing network between the relevant international organizations and to participate in appropriate events on the subject matter,

ACKNOWLEDGING the success of individual projects in co-operation with Internet platforms on the fight against the illicit sale of endangered cultural property, encourage member countries to develop similar actions and international organizations to continue raising public awareness on illicit e-commerce.

NOTING the necessity of raising public awareness of categories of particularly endangered cultural property, encourage ICOM to continue its efforts with the Red Lists and invite INTERPOL and its member countries to support their production and diffusion,

TAKING NOTE of the importance of organizing training on the fight against illicit trafficking in cultural property for the law enforcement, judicial and other authorities, invite INTERPOL and its member countries to provide appropriate training opportunities.