

CONCLUSIONS

6th Meeting of the Interpol Expert Group (IEG) on Stolen Cultural Property - Paris, 10-11 February 2009

The participants of the 6th Meeting of the Interpol Expert Group (IEG) on Stolen Cultural Property, held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 10-11 February 2009:

RECOGNIZING the usefulness of the UNESCO/WCO Model Export Certificate for Cultural Objects, support both organizations in their efforts to further promote the use of the document;

NOTING the lack of public awareness of the importance of cultural heritage, encourage UNESCO initiatives in raising public awareness of cultural heritage protection and invite its partners and Member States to promote these efforts, provide assistance and develop similar initiatives at national level;

AWARE of the need to instil respect for cultural heritage in children, recommend to UNESCO, with the help of the members of the IEG, the production of appropriate literature and materials;

AWARE of the important role of INTERPOL's database of stolen cultural property and of the need for wider access, fully support the current projects for technical improvement and public availability;

CONSCIENT of the crucial role of ~~the~~ art market professionals in the fight against illicit traffic in cultural property, encourage UNESCO and ICOM to strengthen contacts with the main actors within the art trade;

ACKNOWLEDGING the use of the Internet for the illicit sale of cultural property, recommend to national authorities to continue their efforts to fight against the illicit transfer of cultural property through the internet, and to establish specific agreements with the main internet platforms.

