



Resolution No. 7

GA-2017-86-RES-07

Subject: Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL and the International Centre for Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Beijing, China, from 26 to 29 September 2017 at its 86th session:

BEARING IN MIND Article 41 of the Organization’s Constitution,

BEARING IN MIND Article 27 of the Rules on the Processing of Data,

CONCERNED by the looting and smuggling of cultural property, especially in countries facing natural disasters or armed conflict, and by the ensuing worldwide trafficking in cultural property,

RECALLING the various efforts undertaken by INTERPOL to safeguard and protect cultural heritage worldwide at the national, regional and international level as well as the various initiatives and workshops organized by INTERPOL to train police and customs officers involved in this field,

RECALLING United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2199 (2015) and 2347 (2017), calling on INTERPOL and other relevant international organizations to assist United Nations Member States in their efforts to prevent and counter the destruction and looting of and trafficking in cultural property in all forms,

AWARE that preventing and combating the illicit traffic in cultural property and related offences, which are mostly transnational in nature, can be substantially enhanced by international cooperation through sharing of knowledge and expertise,

RECOGNIZING the need for INTERPOL to find new international partners to support its member countries in updating the INTERPOL Stolen Works of Art Database to locate, seize and recover stolen cultural property,

NOTING that ICCROM is an intergovernmental organization which acts as a centre of global expertise for the conservation of cultural heritage and plays an important role in the conservation and restoration of cultural property worldwide,

RECOGNIZING that the expertise and knowledge of INTERPOL and ICCROM are complementary and mutually beneficial,

RECOGNIZING accordingly the desirability for INTERPOL and ICCROM to establish a framework for cooperation to generate synergies, enhance the sharing of knowledge and information, and support each other's mission and objectives in the fight against crimes related to cultural property,

HAVING EXAMINED Report GA-2017-86-REP-08 which sets out a Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM),

DEEMING that the Draft Memorandum of Understanding given at Appendix 1 to Report GA-2017-86-REP-08 conforms to the Organization's aims and activities,

APPROVES the Draft Memorandum of Understanding at Appendix 1 to Report GA-2017-86-REP-08;

AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to sign it.

Adopted