#### RESOLUTION AGN/64/RES/06

SUBJECT:

Stolen cultural property

#### TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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Sub-heading: Theft and receiving of stolen property

### **TEXT OF RESOLUTION**

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Beijing from 4th to 10th October 1995 at its 64th session:

### RECOMMENDS that member countries:

- (1) Make every effort to adopt more appropriate legislation and to take account of other countries' laws on the receiving of stolen property and on the movement and restitution of cultural property stolen abroad;
- (2) Support efforts being made by other international institutions to improve international rules on the restitution of stolen cultural property and to refine the concept of "acquisition in good faith";
- (3) Facilitate the return to the legal owner of any cultural property found in one country, but obtained by means of an offence;
- (4) Make any necessary information available to the judicial authorities of the requesting country of origin, in order to facilitate the identification of the property in question and the prosecution of the offenders responsible;
- (5) Intensify both national and international co-operation between police forces, customs services and the professional circles concerned, to facilitate searching for stolen property and identifying property of suspect origin that has been discovered;

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- (6) Ensure that adequate training is provided for the personnel of all the bodies responsible for protecting cultural property;
- (7) Encourage museums, similar institutions and private collectors to prepare inventories containing detailed descriptions of all valuable works, and to photograph and mark such works, with a view to more effective international co-operation;
- (8) Improve the means of protection of cultural property, in particular in museums, in places of worship, during transport and at archaeological sites;
- (9) Support educational and publicity campaigns to raise public awareness of the need to protect the cultural heritage;
- (10)Exchange detailed information about dates, means of transport and routes chosen for items which have to be transported, together with a description and an indication of their value, in order to ensure efficient protection;

# ABROGATES the following resolutions:

- (a) AGN/37/RES/3 (1968)
- (b) AGN/41/RES/9 (1972)
- (c) AGN/52/RES/5 (1983)
- (d) AGN/59/RES/9 (1990).

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