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Agenda

Ancillary Meeting

12th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Protecting Cultural Property: The State of the Art

Friday 16 April 2010, 4.30 pm

INTRODUCTION

Increasing attention is now being given by the international community to the urgent need to provide effective protection to the cultural property of countries across the globe. This attention comes at a time of widespread and continuing looting of cultural objects, in particular from conflict zones, and the sale of cultural objects of dubious provenance in places of high demand in the richer nations of the world.

A recognition of the gravity of the situation has led, among other things, to the inclusion of the topic on the agenda for the next meeting of the UN Crime Commission in Vienna in April 2010. In this Congress workshop it is proposed to outline the proposals contained in an Expert Group paper prepared for the Crime Commission as well as to describe and discuss a range of practical measures that have already been taken to investigate and prosecute those involved in the highly lucrative and organised trade in looted antiquities. The workshop will also build upon the earlier and important ISPAC conference on this subject held in Courmayeur in 2008, and the resulting publication *Organised Crime in Art and Antiquities*.

PART I: Trafficking in cultural property: an emerging form of crime

Duncan Chappell, *Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Australia*

Neil Brodie, *Director, Cultural heritage Resource, Archaeology Center, Stanford University, USA*

Simon Mackenzie, *Professor, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom*

Luigi Cortellesa, *Vice Comandante Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio Culturale, Italy*

PART II: Assessing international legal tools

Representative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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