

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
ON CATEGORIES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ETHNOLOGICAL
MATERIAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter, collectively, the "Governments");

Acting pursuant to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, to which both countries are States Party;

Desiring to reduce the incentive for pillage of irreplaceable archaeological and ethnological material representing Cyprus' cultural heritage; and

Recalling the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Objects and Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Materials*, signed at Washington on July 16, 2002, as amended and extended;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of the United States of America shall, in accordance with its legislation, including the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, restrict the importation into the United States of certain archaeological material, ranging in date from approximately the 11th millennium B.C. to A.D. 1770, and ethnological material ranging in date from approximately the 4th century A.D. to 1878, which may include categories of ecclesiastical material, architectural material, documents and manuscripts, traditional clothing, and emblems of the State; identified in the list promulgated by the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the Designated List), unless the Government of the Republic of Cyprus issues a license which certifies that such exportation was not in violation of its laws.

2. The Government of the United States of America shall offer for return to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus any object or material on the Designated List forfeited to the Government of the United States of America.
3. The continuation of import restrictions shall be published in the U.S. Federal Register, the official United States Government publication providing fair public notice.

ARTICLE II

1. The Governments shall publicize this Agreement and the reasons for it.
2. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus shall continue to use its best efforts to maintain and share with the Government of the United States of America information about unauthorized excavations, thefts of cultural property, trafficking of cultural property, and other threats that jeopardize its cultural patrimony.
3. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus shall continue to use its best efforts to take steps consistent with the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property to protect its cultural patrimony. To assist in these efforts, the Government of the United States of America shall use its best efforts to facilitate technical assistance to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus as appropriate under available programs in the public and/or private sectors.
4. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus shall continue to use its best efforts to engage other countries having a significant import trade in archaeological and ethnological materials from Cyprus to deter a serious situation of pillage of cultural property.
5. Each Government shall use best efforts to encourage further interchange of archaeological and ethnological materials for cultural, educational, and scientific purposes, including long-term loans of such materials to promote widespread public appreciation of and access to Cyprus' rich cultural heritage.
6. Each Government shall continue to endeavor to keep the other informed of the measures taken to implement this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

The obligations of the Governments and the activities carried out under this Agreement shall be subject to their respective laws and regulations, including with respect to the availability of appropriated funds.

ARTICLE IV

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later note in an exchange of notes in which the Governments have notified each other of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for that purpose and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, unless extended.
2. This Agreement may be extended and amended only by mutual written consent of the Governments.
3. The Governments shall review the effectiveness of this Agreement before its expiration in order to determine whether this Agreement should be extended.
4. Either Government may notify the other, in writing through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Agreement prior to its date of expiry. In such a case, the termination shall come into effect six (6) months after the date of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in Nicosia, on the 14th of June 2022 in duplicate, in the Greek and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



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