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### **Ratification by Belgium of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 14 November 1970)**

On 31 March 2009, Belgium deposited with the Director-General its instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.

The instrument contained the following declaration:

*"Belgium interprets the term "cultural property" as confined to those objects listed in the Annex to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3911/92 of 9 December 1992, as amended, on the export of cultural goods and in the Annex to Council Directive 93/7/EEC of 15 March 1993, as amended, on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State." [original: French, English, Flemish and German]*

In accordance with the terms of Article 21, the Convention will enter into force with respect to Belgium three months after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, that is to say on 30 June 2009.

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