STOP ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

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Recognizing that in a world characterized by rapid change and innovation, the international community has to face illicit trade of cultural property as one of the most severe forms of trafficking,

Deeply concerned about the actual situation in many parts of the world where massive destructions of cultural property and illegal excavations result in the increase of illegal trade of cultural property,

Urges States to become parties to the 1970 UNESCO Convention;

Makes an appeal to all states to adopt specific measures according to the international law including the 1970 Convention in order to prevent illicit trafficking of cultural property in their territory;

Stresses the need for intergovernmental cooperation on the matter;

Underlines the need for respect of the Code of Ethics by Museums and antique dealers;

Calls upon States to raise public awareness concerning the respect and protection of cultural property.