

RESOLUTION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
CONCERNING ACTION AGAINST SMUGGLING
OF WORKS OF ART AND ANTIQUITIES

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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING the growth in cases of smuggling, fraud and theft involving works of art and antiquities,

MINDFUL of the serious harm that countries suffer as a result of these offences, not only with regard to the preservation of their artistic and cultural heritage, but also in economic terms,

DRAWS the attention of Members to the importance of the UNESCO Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property (adopted by the General Conference on 14 November 1970),

INVITES Members to develop mutual administrative assistance in combating smuggling and other fraud involving works of art and antiquities, by actively exploiting the possibilities offered by the Recommendation on mutual administrative assistance (1953) and the Recommendation on the pooling of information concerning Customs fraud (1967 and 1975),

EMPHASIZES the importance, in connexion with the smuggling of stolen works of art and antiquities, of co-operation with the International Criminal Police Organization/Interpol and with the other authorities and organizations concerned.
