

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA ON PREVENTION OF LOOTING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF CULTURAL PROPERTY

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) believe that furthering bilateral cooperation for protection of cultural property against looting and illicit trafficking serves as an important means to forge closer bilateral relations, and as an effective approach to fulfill the mission for protection of cultural heritage of mankind.

Noting that looting of archaeological sites of historical and cultural value and illicit trafficking of cultural property pose serious threats to the cultural heritage of mankind;

Recognizing the fundamental importance of protecting and preserving their cultural heritage in accordance with the principles and regulations established in the UNESCO 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property and the UNESCO 1972 Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, and 1995 UNIDROIT Convention;

Desiring to establish common rules for restitution of cultural property that has been illegally looted and/or exported outside the country where they belong, as well as to protect and preserve them;

Both Parties have reached the following agreement:

Article 1

The Parties agree to collaborate in adopting preventive, mandatory and remedial measures to combat unlawful and criminal practices concerning looting and illicit trafficking of cultural property in accordance with their respective domestic laws.

1. Cultural property mentioned in this Agreement, and looting and illicit trafficking of cultural property thereof, shall be defined by each other's countries' laws and regulations, and legally historical documents of both parties.
2. When conflicts arise between provisions of the laws of the two countries concerning cultural property, looting and illicit trafficking of cultural property thereof and such conflicts concerning implementation of this Agreement, relevant Ministries of the Parties shall solve them through mutual and amicable consultation.

Article 2

1. For the effective implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall designate respectively the National Commission for Culture and the Arts of the Philippines and the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia to be responsible for bilateral cooperation for prevention of looting and illicit trafficking of cultural property .