



EMBASSY OF CYPRUS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America and refers the Department to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Items, signed at Washington July 16, 2002 (the MOU).

The Embassy wishes to acknowledge the Department of State's Note Verbale of 17 August 2006 (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) containing proposed amendments for the MOU to include the imposition of U.S. import restrictions on Byzantine period ecclesiastical and ritual ethnological material from Cyprus.

To: Department of State
of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

The Embassy has the honour to inform that the proposals contained in the aforementioned Note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and that this Note shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America to amend the MOU, which shall enter into force as of today Thursday, 17 August 2006.

The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Washington, D.C. - 17 August 2006



The U.S. Department of State acknowledges receipt of note No. CQ/14.10.02 dated February 11, 2006, from the Embassy of Cyprus regarding 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, signed at Washington July 16, 2002 (the MOU).

The Department of State is also aware of the May 29, 2006, letter from the Ministry's Director, Cyprus Question and Euro-Turkey Affairs, requesting that the MOU be amended to include the imposition of U.S. import restrictions on Byzantine period ecclesiastical and ritual ethnological material from Cyprus.

The Department of State proposes that, pursuant to Article IV B of the MOU, the MOU be amended as follows:

1) The title of the MOU would be amended to read, "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 Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Materials."

2) The third paragraph of the Preamble to the MOU would be amended to read, "Desiring to reduce the incentive for pillage of irreplaceable archaeological objects and ethnological materials representing the Pre-Classical, Classical, and Byzantine periods of Cypriot history."

3) Article I A of the MOU would be amended to read, "The Government of the United States of America, in accordance with its legislation entitled the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act ("the Act"), will restrict the importation into the United States of certain categories of Pre-Classical and Classical archaeological objects and Byzantine period ecclesiastical and ritual ethnological materials to be listed on a Designated List as provided by the Act, unless the Government of the Republic of Cyprus issues a certification or other documentation which certifies that such exportation was not in violation of its laws."

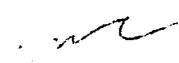
4) Article II B of the MOU would be amended to read, "Both Governments agree that, in order for United States import restrictions to be fully successful in deterring pillage, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus will seek similar cooperation from countries with significant import trade in Cypriot archaeological artifacts and ethnological materials and will strengthen enforcement of its own cultural heritage protection laws."

5) Article II G of the MOU would be amended to read, "The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will continue to permit the exchange of its archaeological objects and ethnological materials under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize its cultural heritage, such as temporary loans for exhibitions, and for other cultural, educational, and scientific purposes. The Government of the United States of America will use its best efforts to facilitate assistance to Cyprus in cultural resource management strategies and training, as appropriate under existing programs in the public and/or private sectors."

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Embassy of Cyprus, the Department of State proposes that this note and the Embassy's note in reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the United States of America to amend the MOU, which Agreement shall enter into force on the date of your note.

Department of State,

Washington, August 17, 2006.


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true copy of the original.
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