No. 50981. United States of America and Cyprus

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. WASHINGTON, 16 JULY 2002 [United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 2932, *I-50981*.]

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 16 JULY 2002, AS AMENDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS PRE-CLASSICAL AND CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL **OBJECTS** (WITH ENCLOSURE). WASHINGTON, 3 JULY 2007 AND 6 JULY 2007

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MÉMORANDUM D'ACCORD ENTRE LE GOUVERNEMENT DES **ÉTATS-UNIS** D'AMÉRIQUE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT RÉPUBLIQUE DE DE LA RELATIF À L'IMPOSITION RESTRICTIONS À L'IMPORTATION D'OBJETS ARCHÉOLOGIQUES DES PÉRIODES PRÉCLASSIOUE ET CLASSIQUE. WASHINGTON, 16 JUILLET 2002 [Nations Unies, Recueil des Traités, vol. 2932, I-50981.]

ÉCHANGE DE NOTES CONSTITUANT ACCORD MODIFIANT ET PROROGEANT LE MÉMORANDUM D'ACCORD DU 16 JUILLET 2002, TEL QU'AMENDÉ, **ENTRE** ÉTATS-UNIS GOUVERNEMENT DES D'AMÉRIQUE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE CHYPRE L'IMPOSITION DE RESTRICTIONS L'IMPORTATION D'OBJETS ARCHÉOLOGIQUES DES PÉRIODES PRÉCLASSIQUE ET CLASSIQUE PIÈCE JOINTE). WASHINGTON, 3 JUILLET 2007 ET 6 JUILLET 2007

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I

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus to 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 and Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Material done at Washington July 16, 2002, and as amended August 17, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU").

The Department, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that, pursuant to Article IV A of the MOU, the MOU be extended for an additional five-year period.

The Department further proposes that, pursuant to Article IV.B of the MOU, the MOU be amended by replacing Article II with the enclosed revised Article II.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus, the Department proposes that this note, including the enclosed revised

Article II, and the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus' note in reply, shall constitute an agreement to extend and amend the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of your note in reply and shall be effective as of July 16, 2007.

Enclosure:

RNB

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, July 3, 2007.

United States of America-Republic of Cyprus Memorandum of Understanding

Extension 2007

Revised Article II

- A. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus should seek to publicize this Memorandum of Understanding and the reasons for it, through various means available.
- B. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will expand its efforts to discourage pillage of cultural resources, and the unauthorized export of such material, through tourist education programs, including posting appropriate warnings at airports, hotels, museums, and other public areas that draw attention to this Memorandum of Understanding and to the cultural heritage protection laws of Cyprus.
- C. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will expand its initiatives in support of the importance of protecting and preserving the cultural heritage of Cyprus into schools and to the general public.
- D. 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 continue to 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.
- E. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will seek to complete its inventory of cultural resources in museums, ecclesiastical buildings, private collections, and archaeological sites. Every effort should be made to engage all Cypriots in this effort.
- F. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will develop management plans for the effective protection of those archaeological sites that are open to the public.
- G. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will use its best efforts to further restrict the use of metal detectors.
- H. Recognizing that rapid land development can give rise to pillage, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus will seek ways to partner with private cultural resource management entities for the purpose of conducting salvage archaeology and historic preservation.
- I. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will, with the assistance of the international community, study ways to prevent illegal exports from anywhere on the island.
- J. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will seek to expand the exchange of its archaeological objects and its ethnological materials under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize its cultural heritage, such as for temporary loans for exhibitions, including long-term loans whenever appropriate, and for other cultural, educational, and scientific purposes.

K. The Government of the United States of America will use its best efforts to expand exchanges with Cyprus that foster greater understanding and preservation of Cypriot heritage.

L. Both parties to this Memorandum of Understanding will continue to support bicommunal activity regarding cultural preservation on the island.

M. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus agree to provide each other, either upon request or on their own initiative, with information which helps to ensure proper application of the relevant legislation protecting archaeological materials as indicated in the Designated List, and any other available information on activities involving the smuggling of objects on the List or on persons who are involved in such activities.