

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND LIBRARIES

“Reiterating the significance of cultural property as part of the common heritage of humankind and as unique and important testimony of the culture and identity of peoples and the necessity of protecting it, and reaffirming in that regard the need to strengthen international cooperation in preventing, prosecuting and punishing all aspects of trafficking in cultural property.”

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Cultural Property

Architecture

Documents

Objects

Cultural Property

- UN Declaration of Human Rights
 - Article 19- “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regard- less of frontiers.”
- UNESCO
 - 1954- Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
 - 1970- Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property
- International Council on Archives
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- Restitution
 - 2003- Prevention of crimes that infringe on the cultural heritage of peoples in the form of movable property
 - 2004/2008- Protection against trafficking in cultural property
 - 2010- Crime prevention and criminal justice responses to protect cultural property, especially with regard to its trafficking

Information Management

Records Management

“The United Nations handbook of 1961 concluded that
"administrative improvement is the sine qua non in the implementation of programs of national development." But the key to administrative improvement is good records management, which is the effective handling of information.”
– Wilfred I. Smith



Libraries

- “...technical assistance from abroad to provide expertise, leadership, and direction when they are not available locally; commitment of the required resources by developing countries themselves; and training of skilled professional and technical staff in each nation to ensure the continuity of the system, once established, and to adapt it to the particular needs of that country so that it becomes essentially a national institution and not a foreign import.” – Wilfred I. Smith
- Costs
 - ▣ Records Management
 - ▣ Online Journals

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