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Agenda Item: Addressing Illicit Trafficking and Protection of Cultural Property



The country of Spain recognizes cultural heritage as a crucial element of humanity's shared identity and supports UNESCO's mission and cooperation to safeguard cultural property. As a nation with rich historical times, people and religious examples of Roman, Islamic, Christian and Jewish culture influences, Spain understands and prioritizes preserving cultural assets for future generations.

The Illicit Trafficking is a major threat in our society and between nations. Spain condemns the illegal acts, sale and export of cultural artifacts and also funds organized crime and terrorism. Spain has an important place in international agreements such as the 1970 UNESCO convention and actively cooperates with INTERPOL and other international bodies to combat illegal trafficking.

Spain believes that strengthening border controls, increasing international information, strengthening border controls and improving documentation of cultural property are essential measures. In other words Spain emphasizes the role of education and public awareness in reducing demand for illegally obtained artifacts.

In conclusion, Spain calls for stronger international cooperation and increased capacity building for countries most affected by Illicit Trafficking. By working together through UNESCO, the international community can ensure the protection of cultural heritage as a shared responsibility of all nations.