



# Cultural Property Advisory Committee

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## Report on Closed Meetings of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

FY 2022: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) advises Department of State (“the Department”)<sup>1</sup> on U.S. actions to take in response to requests for U.S. import restrictions on categories of cultural property made under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (“the Convention”), as implemented by the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2613, “the Act”).

The Committee ensures that the Department receives advice from diverse public interests in cultural property. Committee members include representatives of museums; experts in archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, or related areas; experts in the international sale of cultural property; and representatives of the general public.

The Committee reviews requests of States Parties to the Convention to advise whether the requirements of the Act are met for entering into bilateral or multilateral agreements or unilaterally applying import restrictions on an emergency basis. The Committee also makes recommendations concerning extensions and suspensions of agreements and emergency restrictions. If the Committee recommends a new agreement, emergency action, or agreement extension, the Committee provides advice regarding the types of archaeological and/or ethnological materials that should be included and the terms and conditions necessary to carry out the intent of the Convention. Further, the Committee carries out continuing review of the effectiveness of agreements and emergency actions in force.

### Summary of closed meetings

In FY 2022, the Committee met four times at the call of the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. On October 5-8, 2021, the Committee undertook a review of a new request dated April 28, 2021, from Afghanistan. The Committee also reviewed proposed extensions of cultural property agreements with the Government of the Republic of Peru and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. The Committee did not have time to complete its review of the proposed Cyprus extension during the October meeting. On January 25-27, 2022, the Committee concluded its review of the proposed extension of cultural property agreement with Cyprus and reviewed proposed extensions of cultural property agreements with the Government

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<sup>1</sup> Through delegations of authority, the Secretary of State, the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs may exercise authority under the Act.

of the Republic of Guatemala, and the Government of the Republic of Mali. On April 26 and 27, 2022, the Committee undertook an investigation and review of a new request from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. On July 26 and 27, 2022, the Committee reviewed proposed extensions of cultural property agreements with the Government of Belize and the Government of Libya. In addition, the Committee carried out continuing review of all import restrictions in force.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee met virtually in October 2021, January 2022, and April 2022. In line with updated Department of State health guidance, the Committee met in person in July 2022. Portions of each meeting were closed due to discussions of matters the inappropriate disclosure of which would compromise the U.S. government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions on the negotiations of agreements. Each meeting included an open session to receive public comment. In addition, public comments were collected via regulations.gov. Confidential comments were collected via email.

The minutes from the open and closed portions of each meeting are attached.

### **Membership**

On August 19, 2022, the President appointed eight new members to the Committee. Alexandra Jones was appointed as an expert in archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, or related areas. The President designated Dr. Jones as Chair. Alex W. Barker and Miriam T. Stark were appointed as experts in archaeology, anthropology, ethnology, or related areas. Andrew Lamarche Connors and Nii Otokunor Quarcoopome were appointed as representatives of museums. Michael Findlay and Cynthia D. Herbert were appointed as experts in the international sale of cultural property. William A. K. Titelman was appointed as a representative of the general public.

### ***Current Committee members***

#### **Alexandra Jones, Chair**

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology,  
Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer,  
Archaeology in the Community  
Professor of Practice in History and  
Archaeology, Goucher College  
Washington, DC

#### **Alex W. Barker**

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology,  
Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields  
Director, Arkansas Archeological Survey  
Fayetteville, AR

#### **Steven Bledsoe**

Represents/Expertise: General Public  
Partner Larson LLP  
San Clemente, CA

#### **Andrew Lamarche Connors**

Represents/Expertise: Museums  
Director, Albuquerque Museum  
Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM

#### **J. D. Deming**

Represents/Expertise: General Public  
Vice President - Wealth Management  
UBS Financial Services Inc.  
Glenbrook, NV

**Michael Findlay**

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of Cultural Property  
Director, Acquavella Galleries  
New York, NY

**Cynthia D. Herbert**

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of Cultural Property  
President, Appretium Appraisal Services LLC  
New Canaan, CT

**Nii Otokunor Quarcoopome**

Represents/Expertise: Museums  
Curator of African art and Department Head of Africa, Oceania, and Indigenous Americas  
Detroit Institute of Arts  
Farmington Hills, MI

**Miriam T. Stark**

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology, Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields  
Director, Professor of Anthropology  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Center for Southeast Asian Studies  
Honolulu, HI

**William A. K. Titelman**

Represents/Expertise: General Public  
Legislative Counsel to the PA Trial Lawyers Association, Attorney (Retired)  
Jupiter, FL

**Anthony Wisniewski**

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of Cultural Property  
Chairman of Livanta LLC  
Annapolis Junction, MD

***Committee composition prior to August 19, 2022*****Stefan Passantino, Chair**

Represents/Expertise: General Public  
Partner, Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP  
Acworth, GA

**Steven Bledsoe**

Represents/Expertise: General Public Partner  
Larson LLP  
San Clemente, CA

**Rachel Fulton Brown**

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology, Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields  
Associate Professor of History  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago, IL

**Joan Breton Connelly**

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology, Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields  
Professor of Classics, New York University  
New York, NY

**J. D. Deming**

Represents/Expertise: General Public  
Vice President - Wealth Management  
UBS Financial Services Inc.  
Glenbrook, NV

**Mark C. Hendricks**

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of Cultural Property  
Principal, Taradin Services Limited  
Midway, UT

**Ricardo A. St. Hilaire**

Represents/Expertise: Archaeology, Anthropology, Ethnology, or related fields  
Attorney (Cultural Heritage Law Practitioner)  
Deputy General Counsel, Knights of Columbus  
Executive Director, Red Arch Cultural Heritage Law & Policy Research  
Lebanon, NH

**David Tamasi**

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of  
Cultural Property  
Managing Director, Chartwell Strategy  
Group  
Far Hills, NJ

**Anthony Wisniewski**

Represents/Expertise: International Sale of  
Cultural Property  
Chairman of Livanta LLC  
Annapolis Junction, MD

**Karol Wight**

Represents/Expertise: Museums  
President and Executive Director of the  
Corning Museum of Glass  
Corning, NY



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Allison Davis Lehmann

*Designated Federal Official, Cultural Property  
Advisory Committee*

**Attachments:**

- Tab 1 – Minutes of the meeting on October 5-8, 2021
- Tab 2 – Minutes of the meeting on January 25-27, 2022
- Tab 3 – Minutes of the meeting on April 26-27, 2022
- Tab 4 – Minutes of the meeting on July 26-27, 2022

## CULTURAL PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF MEETING

October 5, 6, & 8, 2021

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met October 5, 6, and 8, 2021, from 10 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. EDT via videoconference. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference from 2 p.m. to 3:03 p.m. EDT on October 5, 2021. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

The Committee was established by the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (CPIA). It provides recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs regarding foreign government requests for assistance pursuant to Article 9 of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (“the Convention”).

#### *Committee members present*

- Stefan C. Passantino, Chair (Acworth, Georgia)
- Steven Bledsoe (San Clemente, California)
- Rachel Fulton Brown (Chicago, IL)
- Joan Breton Connelly (New York, New York)
- J. D. Deming (Reno, Nevada)
- Mark C. Hendricks (Midway, Utah)
- Ricardo A. St. Hilaire (Lebanon, New Hampshire)
- David Tamasi (Far Hills, New Jersey)
- Karol Wight (Corning, New York)
- Anthony C. Wisniewski (Annapolis Junction, Maryland)

#### *Staff present for all or part of the meeting*

- Matthew Lussenhop, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State (DOS)
- Allison Davis, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and Executive Director of the Committee and Designated Federal Officer, Cultural Heritage Center (CHC), DOS
- Eric Catalfamo, Director, CHC, DOS
- Anne Compton, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
- Susan Cooke, Research Analyst (Tatitlek Technologies), CHC, DOS
- Catherine Foster, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
- Chelsea Freeland, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
- Michelle Prior, Program Officer (The Maasai Group), CHC, DOS
- Andrew Zonderman, Research Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow, CHC, DOS
- Lorie J. Nierenberg, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, DOS
- Rebecca Webb, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Lima

- Ed Cox, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Lima
- Vanessa Wagner, Senior Cultural Specialist, U.S. Embassy Lima
- Colin Guard, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer, South Central Asia Regional Office, DOS
- Laura Tedesco, Cultural Heritage Program Manager, South Central Asia Regional Office, DOS

*Members of the public present during the open session*

- Brian Bauer, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Allen Berman, Professional Numismatist
- Karen Olsen Bruhns, Society for American Archaeology
- Brian Daniels, Archaeological Institute of America
- Tess Davis, Antiquities Coalition
- Kate Fitz Gibbon, Committee for Cultural Policy and Global Heritage Alliance
- Elizabeth S. Greene, Archaeological Institute of America
- Stephen J. Knerly, Association of Art Museum Directors
- Andrew McCarthy, University of Edinburgh and the College of Southern Nevada
- Randy Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild
- Peter Tompa, Global Heritage Alliance

*Representatives of the Government of the Republic of Peru present for part of the meeting*

- Jorge Prieto, General Office of Cultural Affairs, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- Sofia del Castillo Bazalar, Archaeologist, General Office of Cultural Affairs, MFA
- Evelyn Centurion, Director, Office of Recoveries, General Directorate of Defense of Cultural Patrimony, Ministry of Culture
- Juliet Calonge, Lawyer, Office of Recoveries, General Directorate of Defense of Cultural Patrimony, Ministry of Culture

*Others present for part of the meeting*

- Kimberly S. Lane, Diplomatic Interpreter (Spanish)

**Public Comments (open session)**

The public provided comments to the Committee on the request from the former government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for emergency import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological material from Afghanistan and the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Peru Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Pre-Hispanic Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial Period of Peru, with Appendix* (“the Peru MOU”).

Public comments on the proposed extension of 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 and Post-Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological*



*Materials* were accepted during this session, but the most commenters opted to defer speaking until the January 2022 meeting when Cyprus's proposal to extend would be considered.

**Peru Extension (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the Peru MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberation included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Republic of Peru. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Peru MOU.

**Afghanistan Request (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the request from the former government of Afghanistan pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a briefing from the Public Diplomacy Desk Officer for Afghanistan and the Cultural Heritage Program Manager for the South Central Asia Regional Office. The committee decided on a recommendation regarding the request from the former government of Afghanistan.

**Cyprus Extension (closed session)**

Although the proposed extension of the cultural property agreement with Cyprus was part of the meeting agenda, the Committee did not complete its investigation and review due to time constraints.

**Continuing Review (closed session)**


Although continuing review was included in the agenda, the discussion did not take place due to insufficient time.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m. on October 8, 2021.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

  
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Stefan Passantino  
Chair  
Cultural Property Advisory Committee

11/22/22  
Date

## CULTURAL PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MEETING

January 25, 26, and 27, 2022

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met January 25, 26, and 27, from 10 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. EST via videoconference. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference from 11:00 a.m. to 12:22 p.m. EST on January 25, 2022. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

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- David Tamasi (Far Hills, New Jersey)
- Karol Wight (Corning, New York)
- Anthony C. Wisniewski (Annapolis Junction, Maryland)

### *Staff present for all or part of the meeting*

- Lee Satterfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State (DOS)
- Ian Billard, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, DOS
- Jillian Doody, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, DOS
- Allison Davis, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and Executive Director of the Committee , Cultural Heritage Center (CHC), DOS
- Eric Catalfamo, Director, CHC, DOS
- Anne Compton, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
- Susan Cooke, Research Analyst (Tatitlek Technologies), CHC, DOS
- Catherine Foster, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
- Chelsea Freeland, Foreign Affairs Officer, CHC, DOS



- Nurit Einik, Strategy and Outreach Officer, CHC, DOS
- Michelle Prior, Program Officer (The Maasai Group), CHC, DOS
- Andrew Zonderman, Research Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow, CHC, DOS
- Matthew Kandel, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science & Technology Policy Fellow, CHC, DOS
- Lorie J. Nierenberg, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, DOS
- Denise Jobin Welch, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Nicosia
- Spyros Charitou, Public Diplomacy Staff, U.S. Embassy Nicosia
- Arthur Tuck Evans, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Guatemala City
- Diana Braunschweig, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Guatemala City
- Marjorie von Ahn, Cultural Affairs Specialist (Locally Employed Staff (LES)), U.S. Embassy Guatemala City
- Erin Sutherland, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Bamako
- Aboubacar Cisse, Cultural Affairs Specialist (LES), U.S. Embassy Bamako

*Members of the public present during the open session*

- Helena Arose, The Antiquities Coalition
- Barbara Arroyo, Society for American Archaeology
- Kathleen Bickford Berzok, Northwestern University
- Lindy Crewe, Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute
- Brian Daniels, Archaeological Institute of America
- Kate Fitz Gibbon, Committee for Cultural Policy and Global Heritage Alliance
- Stephen J. Knerly Association of Art Museum Directors
- Robert D. Leonard, Jr., Independent Scholar
- Marlène M. Losier, Losier González, PLLC
- Andrew McCarthy, College of Southern Nevada & University of Edinburgh
- Susan Keech McIntosh, Rice University
- Randolph Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild
- Despina Pilides, Former Curator of Antiquities, Department of Antiquities, Cyprus; Chair of the ICOM Committee Cyprus Section; and Former President and Founding Member of the National Committee for Combating the Looting and Illegal Trafficking of Cultural Heritage of Cyprus
- Peter Tompa, Global Heritage Alliance

*Representatives of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus present for part of the meeting*

- Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou, Director, Department of Antiquities (DOA)
- Chrysanthi Kounnou, Senior Archaeological Officer, DOA
- Efthymia Alphas, Archaeological Officer, DOA
- Maria Michael, Head of Cyprus Problem Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Marios Lyssiotis, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in the United States
- Ioanna Dimosthenous, Attache, Cyprus Problem Division
- Michalis Gavrielides, Cyprus Police
- Mary Charalambous Kliriotou, Department of Customs and Excise
- Maria Pilikou, Counsel of the Republic, Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus

- Elena Symeonidou, Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus
- Evangeline Markou, Senior Researcher, National Hellenic Research Foundation
- Pagona Papadapoulou, Assistant Professor of History & Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

*Representatives of the Government of the Republic of Guatemala present for part of the meeting*

- Ava Atzum Arévalo de Moscoso, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Yoli Gabriela Velásquez Villagrán, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Jenny Ludym Alvarado Jerez, Head of the Culture and Tourism Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mario Roberto Maldonado Samayoa, Deputy Ministry for Natural and Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture and Sports
- Silvia María Carrillo Gutiérrez, Technical Director for Research and Registry, Ministry of Culture and Sports
- Eduardo Enrique Hernández Herrera, Head of the Department of Prevention and Control of the Illicit Traffick of Cultural Assets
- José Rodolfo Contreras, Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Guatemala
- Celeste Amparo Marinelli, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Guatemala

*Representatives of the Government of the Republic of Mali present for part of the meeting*

- Andogoly Guindo, Ministry of Craft, Culture, Hotel Industry, and Tourism
- Yamoussa Fane, Chief of Cabinet
- Moulaye Coulibaly, Director of the National Directorate of Cultural Patrimony
- Daouda Keita, Director of the National Museum
- Mamadou Cisse, Technical Advisor to the National Directorate of Cultural Patrimony
- Modibo Bagayoko, Personal Assistant

*Others present for part of the meeting*

- Benjamin Engelsberg, Diplomatic Interpreter (Spanish)
- Brian Ross, Diplomatic Interpreter (Spanish)
- Céline Colvin, Diplomatic Interpreter (French)
- Thomas S. Ronkin, Diplomatic Interpreter (French)

**Public Comments (open session)**

The public provided comments to the Committee on the proposed amendment and extension of 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 and Post-Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Materials* (“the Cyprus MOU”), the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Pre-Columbian Cultures and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material from the Conquest and Colonial Periods of Guatemala* (“the Guatemala MOU”), and the proposed extension and amendment of *Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and*

*the Government of the Republic of Mali Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material and Ethnological Material of the Republic of Mali* (“the Mali Agreement”).

**Cyprus Extension (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend and amend the Cyprus MOU pursuant to the CPIA, including consideration of an amendment to include additional categories of archaeological and ethnological material from the 11th millennium B.C. to A.D. 1850. Deliberation included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Republic of Cyprus. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension and amendment of the Cyprus MOU.

**Guatemala Extension (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the Guatemala MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberation included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Republic of Guatemala. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Guatemala MOU.

**Mali Extension (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to amend and extend the Mali Agreement pursuant to the CPIA, including consideration of an amendment to include additional categories of archaeological and ethnological materials from the Paleolithic to 1750 AD. Deliberation included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Republic of Mali. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension and amendment of the Mali Agreement.

**Continuing Review (closed session)**

The Committee undertook continuing review of the effectiveness of cultural property agreements and emergency actions currently in force.

**Outreach and Transparency (closed session)**

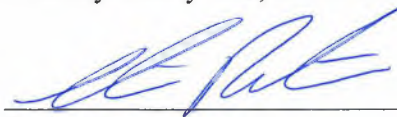
The Committee considered an outreach plan developed by CHC in response to the Committee’s request for more transparency with the public. The proposed plan seeks to promote broader understanding of the Committee’s authorities and processes among public stakeholders and the American people.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. on January 27, 2022.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



Stefan Passantino

Chair

Cultural Property Advisory Committee

3/7/22

Date

## CULTURAL PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MEETING

April 26 and 27, 2022

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m., and April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. EDT, via videoconference. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT on April 26, 2022. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

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- Anne Compton, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, CHC, DOS
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- Nurit Einik, Strategy and Outreach Officer, CHC, DOS
- Michelle Prior, Program Officer (The Maasai Group), CHC, DOS
- Andrew Zonderman, Research Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow, CHC, DOS
- Jim Gresser, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, DOS
- Phillip Assis, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Islamabad
- Farah Chery-Medor, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Islamabad



- Seyed Azfer Iqbal, Program Management Specialist (Locally Employed Staff (LES)), U.S. Embassy Islamabad
- Hannah Johnson, Cultural Affairs Assistant, U.S. Embassy Islamabad

*Members of the public present during the open session*

- Brian Daniels, Archaeological Institute of America
- Kate Fitz Gibbon, Committee for Cultural Policy, Inc.
- Randolph Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild
- Peter Tompa, International Association of Professional Numismatists

*Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan present for part of the meeting*

- Dr. Abdul Azeem, Director General, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad
- Dr. Mahmood-ul-Hasan, Assistant Director, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad
- Dr. Tahir Saeed, Deputy Director, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad
- Mr. Arshad Ullah, Assistant Director, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad

**Public Comments (open session)**

The public provided comments to the Committee on the request of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological material from Pakistan.

**Pakistan Request (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the request from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberations included a question-and-answer session with experts from Pakistan. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the request from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**Outreach and Transparency (closed session)**

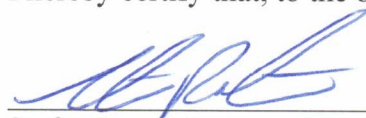
The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on a new public notification process for CPAC meetings including a streamlined Federal Register Notice template and updated website text. This was the first step to implementing the public outreach plan developed by CHC at the Committee's request. The goal of the outreach plan is to improve transparency with the public about Committee processes.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on April 27, 2022.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



Stefan Passantino

Chair

Cultural Property Advisory Committee

5/20/22

Date



## CULTURAL PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MEETING

July 26 and 27, 2022

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) met July 26 and July 27, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. EDT, in Washington, D.C. The meeting was open to the public via videoconference from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT on July 26, 2022. The rest of the meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

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- Susan Cooke, Research Analyst (Tatitlek Technologies), CHC, DOS
- Nurit Einik, Strategy and Outreach Officer, CHC, DOS
- Michelle Prior, Program Officer (The Maasai Group), CHC, DOS
- Jim Gresser, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, DOS
- Stephen Epstein, Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), DOS
- Adam Benz, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Belmopan, DOS
- Shadel Young, Public Engagement Assistant, U.S. Embassy Belmopan, DOS
- Fidel Cal, Resource Coordination Assistant, U.S. Embassy Belmopan, DOS

- Andrew Paul, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Libya (Libya External Office (LEO), Tunis), DOS
- Ann Perrelli, Cultural Affairs Officer, LEO, DOS
- Marwa Bennaji, Cultural Specialist, LEO, DOS
- Muna Abdi, Arabic Language Interpreter, Office of Language Services (OLS), DOS
- Ahmed Ferhadi, Arabic Language Interpreters, OLS, DOS

*Members of the public present during the open session*

- Eleanor King, Society for American Archaeology
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- Stephen Knerly, Association of Art Museum Directors
- Peter Tompa, International Association of Professional Numismatists
- Randolph Myers, Ancient Coin Collectors Guild
- Kate Fitz Gibbon, Committee for Cultural Policy, Inc.
- Gina Waldman, JIMENA (Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa)
- Raphael Luzon, Union of Libyan Jews
- David Gerbi, ASTREL
- Eric Fusfield, B'nai B'rith International
- Penina Meghnagi Solomon, Private Citizen
- Katie Paul, ATHAR Project
- Andrew Vaughn, American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)
- Will Reynolds, ASOR

*Representatives of the Government of Belize present for part of the meeting*

- Melissa Badillo, Director, Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History (NICH)
- John Morris, Former Director, Institute of Archaeology, NICH
- Josue Ramos, Archaeologist, Institute of Archaeology, NICH
- Ilona Smiling, Curator and Acting Director, National Museum of Belize

*Representatives of the Government of Libya present for part of the meeting*

- Dr. Mohamed Faraj Mohamed Al-Faloos (Dr. Shakshouki), Chairman, Department of Antiquities (DoA)
- Adrees A. A. Qatannish, Director of the Stolen Cultural Property Recovery Office and Consultant, DoA
- Bashir O. B. Galgham, Director of Al-Saraya Al-Hamra Museums, Tripoli, and Director of the International Cooperation and Media Office, DoA
- Brigadier General Munir Hasnawy, Customs Department
- Colonel Khalid Abu Dabous, Tourist Police and Antiquities Protection Agency
- Abdulrahim Alshtiwi, Office of International Relations Department at the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Representative, Office of General Attorney
- Representative, Civil Society Organization

**Public Comments (open session)**

The public provided comments to the Committee on the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material of Belize* (“the Belize MOU”) and the proposed extension of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Libya Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Libya* (“the Libya MOU”).

**Belize Extension (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the Belize MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberation included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Belize. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Belize MOU.

**Libya Extension (closed session)**

The Committee undertook investigation and review of the proposal to extend the Libya MOU pursuant to the CPIA. Deliberation included a question-and-answer session with experts from the Government of Libya. The Committee decided on a recommendation regarding the proposed extension of the Libya MOU.

**Administrative Business (closed session)**

The Committee was informed of potential agenda items for the October 2022, January 2023, and April 2023 meetings. The Chair encouraged CHC staff to consider holding an off-site meeting in 2023.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m. on July 27, 2022.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



Stefan Passantino

Chair

Cultural Property Advisory Committee

9/30/22

Date