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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee; Proposals to Extend Bilateral Cultural Property Agreements with Cyprus, Guatemala, and Peru

Action: Notice

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs calls a meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee in accordance with the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act ("the Act"). The Committee will review proposed extensions of bilateral cultural property agreements with Cyprus, Guatemala, and Peru. A portion of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The Committee will meet from October 27-29, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet virtually. The public will participate via videoconference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: For all information, use the following: the Cultural Heritage Center, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; (culprop@state.gov). For the meeting, contact Brahmy Poologasingham at the email address above and include "October Committee Meeting" in the subject line; for the proposed extension of the Cyprus Agreement, contact Andrew Zonderman at the email address above and include "Cyprus" in the subject line; for the proposed extension of the Guatemala Agreement, contact Evan Binkley at the email address above and include "Guatemala" in the subject line; for the proposed extension of the Peru Agreement, contact Idabelle Paterson at the email address above and include "Peru" in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PARTICIPATION: The public may participate in, or observe, the virtual open session on October 27, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT). More information below.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT EXTENSIONS:

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(1), an extension of the following three bilateral cultural property agreements is hereby proposed:

- *the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of the Republic of Cyprus*
- *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 Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Guatemala*
- *the Agreement Between the Government of The United States of America and the Government of The Republic of Peru Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Peru*

Copies of these agreements, their respective Designated Lists of categories of material currently restricted from import into the United States, and related information can be found at the Cultural Heritage Center website: https://www.state.gov/current-agreements-and-import-restrictions/.

The Open Session: The public can observe the virtual open session on October 27, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT). Registered participants may provide oral comments during this session. The Department provides specific instructions on how to observe or provide oral comments at the open session at https://www.state.gov/cultural-property-advisory-committee-meeting-october-27-29-2026/.

The remaining portions of the Committee meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with 19 U.S.C. 2605(h) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

Oral Comments: Register to speak at the open session by sending an email with your name and organizational affiliation, as well as any requests for reasonable accommodation, by October 16, 2026. Those who submit written comments in advance of the meeting are not required to make an oral comment during the open session.

The Committee will review written comments if received by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on October 16, 2026. Written comments may be submitted in two ways, depending on whether they contain confidential information:

General Comments: For general comments, use https://www.regulations.gov, enter the docket [**DOS-2026-1058**], and follow the prompts.

Comments should relate specifically to the determinations specified in the Act at 19 U.S.C. 2602(a)(1). Written comments submitted via regulations.gov are not private and are posted at https://www.regulations.gov. Because written comments cannot be edited to remove any personally identifying or contact information, we caution against including any such information in an electronic submission without appropriate permission to disclose that information (including trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential within the meaning of 19 U.S.C. 2605(i)(1)). We request that any party soliciting or aggregating written comments from other persons inform those persons that the Department will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information and that they therefore should not include any such information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

Confidential Comments: For comments that contain privileged or confidential information (within the meaning of 19 U.S.C. 2605(i)(1)), please email submissions to culprop@state.gov. Include “Cyprus,” “Guatemala,” and/or “Peru” in the subject line.

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