

Research Document

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Brief document in which the delegates will have the opportunity to translate into their words what they investigated. It consists of four (4) points, which must be answered with at least one paragraph each. The first and second points should state the relationship of the topics and your delegation, and in the other two, possible solutions that your delegation might suggest. In these 4 points, in addition to answering the question, you must answer the questions located in the guide of your committee. At the end of the document, they should put sources that can be used in their research, plus a bibliography.

Commission: Interpol

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1. **Please state briefly the way in which the topics of your Commission are related to your country. You must include the answers to the *guiding questions* that can be found in your Committee guide.**

Topic 1: Large-Scale Theft and Trafficking of Antiquities in the Middle East.

Turkey has a lot of historical heritage in its hands. Referring to hundreds of art crafts, jewelry and manuscripts coming from the Islamic culture, from the Ottoman empire and from other types of ancient civilizations. It is important to say that Turkey is one of the richest countries in cultural property and it has more than 10 historical sites recognized by UNESCO. These antiquities are extremely important for a nation's culture and pride, so it is completely necessary to preserve them, prevail against any kind of theft and for the possible, find an effective way to find robbers, prosecute them and return the stolen antiquity to the place of origin.

Turkey has a long list of laws to protect archaeological sites and artifacts from destruction, looting, and illicit sales. Like the most important, the Law on the Protection of Cultural and Natural Property. It became official in 1983 as a form of blanket legislation, and it declares that all antiquities found and not yet found within Turkey are property of the state; therefore, antiquities found within its borders are illegal to export. With this type of law, any object that is removed from its borders is considered stolen property; it does not, however, apply to antiquities discovered beyond its borders meaning illicit artifacts traveling through Turkey are not subject to these laws.

Topic 2: Reform in INTERPOL's Constitution.

Turkey is a country that cares about Human Rights. Throughout history, the nation has been part of many commitments regarding these rights and is making an abysmal effort to respect them. However, Turkey won't let any disruption in the way of living of Turks or in the government, so it has a very rough hand against rebel journalists or other scholars and insurgent groups. People who defy Turkey and its constitution are only aggravating the internal conflicts in Turkey. That's why the Turkish nation is convinced of prosecuting any kind of rebel Turkish citizen, using available methods to catch these people, such as Red Notices.

Interpol is a very effective organization, but it doesn't have the effectiveness necessary to prosecute all the criminals and rebels that are menacing citizens' way of living. That's why a reform in the Interpol constitution is necessary. Specifically, the article 3 saying that Interpol can't intervene with any kind of racial, military or political character topic. This article is indeed the most violated article of the whole Interpol constitution. The only way to not only prevail is the organization of violations, but also render the organization effective.

2. Describe at least 1 possible solution for each topic. These are ideas that you will be able to propose for the writing of the draft resolution.

Topic 1 Solution: Large-Scale Theft and Trafficking of Antiquities in the Middle East.

To prevent the increment of illegal robbery and trafficking of the cultural possessions and antiquities of the Middle East, it is necessary to approach certain points in this topic and investigate them deeply, for major comprehension and response. Points like; the development of trafficking and the different chains that this process has, more specifically, the supply chain. An arduous investigation of this matter will give the international community major comprehension and identification of the trafficking process. Having this in account, it is very necessary to investigate the links of this robbery of cultural property with other illegal trades, like weapons and drugs. Also, the involvement of scholars and scientists is an important investigation to have in mind.

Finally, international coherence is needed between national legislation and policies in order to counter what is usually an international crime, carried out across multiple jurisdictions and upgrade the low level of security in museums and other institutions housing valuable works of art must be addressed in any response to the growth of this illegal trade.

Topic 2 Solution: Reform in INTERPOL's Constitution.

Interpol's constitution needs a reform in the article 3 of the constitution. To render the Interpol into an organization with high effectiveness against criminal forces, it is necessary that an external and impartial entity intervenes in military, racial and political character situations. A rigorous investigation of this kind of situation, more specifically Red Notices, would create a much more effective use of the Interpol,

and it will prevent any country's intentions to take advantage of Red Notices, promoting international security and giving insurance to all the nations of the Interpol.

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