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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY
IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT

Note by the Italian Delegation

The German Federal Republic having raised two points in connection with the Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Document AC/52-D(58)57), the Italian Delegation wishes to make the following statement.

- (a) In Italy, Article 34 is interpreted as meaning that all action necessary to ensure the effective application of the Convention must be initiated within six months of the date of ratification or accession, but need not necessarily be completed by then;
- (b) A preliminary examination of problems in connection with the implementation of the Convention in Italy took place on 30th April, 1958 at a Ministerial Meeting, at which it was decided to set up a Ministerial Committee, under the chairmanship of an official to be appointed by the Minister for Education. This Committee's task would be to co-ordinate the measures to be taken at the international level. Furthermore, the various administrations have been asked to undertake the preparatory work needed to implement all the provisions of the Convention (regulations, information programme, etc.) in their respective fields.

2. The appointment of the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee by the Minister for Education is now awaited.

3. As stated in paragraph 2 of Article 29 of the Convention, the latter is to be translated into Italian by UNESCO, Italian being one of the official languages of this Organization. This translation is now being made in Paris in agreement with the Italian Permanent Representative and with the use of a text supplied by Italy.

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COUNTRY	Date of deposit of ratification or accession	Entry into force	
		Convention	Protocol
ISRAEL	A 1. 4.1958		1. 7.1958
THAILAND	A 2. 5.1958	2. 8.1958	2. 8.1958
ITALY	R 9. 5.1958	9. 8.1958	9. 8.1958
INDIA	R 16. 6.1958	16. 9.1958	16. 9.1958
BRAZIL	R 12. 9.1958	12.12.1958	12.12.1958
BULGARIA	A 9. 10.1958		9. 1.1958
NETHERLANDS	R 14. 10.1958	14. 1.1959	14. 1.1959

According to a Council of Europe document, ratification is being proceeded with in the following countries:

Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway and the Federal Republic.