



European Economic and Social Committee

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Return of cultural objects
unlawfully removed from
the territory of a Member
State

Brussels, 13 February 2008

OPINION

of the

European Economic and Social Committee

on the

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State
(Codified version)

COM(2007) 873 final - 2007/0299 (COD)

On 8 February 2008, the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

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Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the content of the proposal and feels that it requires no comment on its part, it decided, at its 442nd plenary session of 13 and 14 February 2008 (meeting of 13 February 2008), by 141 votes to one and one abstention, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 13 February 2008.

The President
of the
European Economic and Social Committee

The Secretary-General
of the
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Dimitris Dimitriadis

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