



European Economic and Social Committee

SOC/488
Return of cultural objects
(recast)

Brussels, 18 September 2013

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 (Recast)**

COM(2013) 311 final – 2013/0162 (COD)

On 10 June and 24 June 2013, the European Parliament and the Council respectively decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 114 and 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, 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 (Recast)

COM(2013) 311 final – 2013/0162 (COD).

Since the Committee endorses the contents of the proposal, it decided at its 492nd plenary session of 18 and 19 September 2013 (meeting of 18 September), by 192 votes in favour with 10 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

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The President
of the
European Economic and Social Committee

Henri Malosse
