The Decree for bringing into force the Unidroit Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects and adopting certain regulations of the Convention and the entry into force of the Act on the application of the Convention 878/ 1999

Section 1

The Unidroit Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects adopted in Rome on 24 June 1995, certain regulations of which have been adopted under the Act (877/1999) enacted on 28 May 1999, also adopted by the Åland Parliament and which the President of the Republic also ratified on 28 May 1999 and the relevant instrument of ratification was deposited into the custody of Italy's Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1999, shall enter into force on 1 December 1999 as agreed.

Section 2

Finland has given the following explanations in connection with the deposit into custody of the instrument of ratification of the Convention:

On the basis of Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention, the Government of Finland, as a Member of the European Union, declares that in its relations with other Contracting States that are members of the European Union, it shall apply the internal rules of the European Union and for this reason shall not apply the regulations of this Convention in its relations with such States when the scope of application of this Convention coincides with that of those rules.

Furthermore, the Government of Finland declares in accordance with Article 16 of the Convention that claims for restitution or requests for return may be submitted in accordance with the procedure mentioned in Article 16 paragraph 1 subparagraph a of the Convention. The Ministry of Justice is the authority to which claims and requests in accordance with Chapter III of this Convention shall be submitted.

Section 3

The Act on adopting certain regulations of the Unidroit Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects and on the application of the Convention (877/1999) enacted on 17 February 1999 and this decree shall enter into force on 1 December 1999.