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Colloquium

“Initiatives to strengthen international capacities for the protection of cultural property and the prevention of illicit trafficking in cultural goods – the Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property”

PROGRAMME

13 January 2017

Opening time: 09:30

Closing time: 13:00

**Room 5, Palais de l'Europe building
Strasbourg, France**

09:30-10:30	OPENING SESSION
	<p>Opening of the Colloquium by Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Welcome address by Mr Ioannis KASOULIDES, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus</p> <p>Address by Ms Irina BOKOVA, Director-General of UNESCO</p>

10:30-11:30	SESSION I: Facing the threats to cultural property: fighting illicit destruction, excavation and trafficking in cultural property
	<p>Ms Fatou BENSOUA, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Abdulkarim MAAMOUN, Director-General of the Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria</p> <p>Questions and answers</p>

11:30-12:00 Coffee break offered by the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

12:00-13:00	SESSION II: Strengthening the response to the protection of cultural property: improving capacity and international co-operation
	<p>Mr Hans-Holger HERRNFELD, Chair of the Committee on Offences relating to Cultural Property (PC-IBC)</p> <p>Ms Anna VENEZIANO, Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT</p> <p>Questions and answers</p>

13:00 End of the Colloquium