

UNESCO Starts Meeting on Cultural Assets Trafficking

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The fourth Meeting of State Parties to the 1970 Convention on Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property began today at the UNESCO headquarters in this capital, an issue that is cause for concern in the world.

Opening the event, UNESCO Deputy General-Director for Culture Francesco Bandarin highlighted the increasing interest in the issues related to the 1970 Convention, aimed at prohibiting and preventing illegal imports, exports and transference of cultural assets.

In that reference, he highlighted the activities carried out by that United Nations agency, with a view to training and raising awareness of the problem, and also defended creating synergies between this and other conventions in the cultural sector.

The meeting will be developing until tomorrow and they will deal with subjects as the use of the Convention fund, reviewing the rules and election of nine members of the Subsidiary Committee.

Cuba is participating in these sessions as State Party to the 1970 Convention, with a delegation led by the Cuban permanent ambassador to UNESCO, Dulce Buergo.