

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR
CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON
CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL FROM THE
PREHISPANIC CULTURES OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR**

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- A. Representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of the Republic of El Salvador shall regularly publicize this Memorandum of Understanding and the reasons for it through available outlets of communication.
- B. Recognizing the need to engage the public in the protection of the national cultural heritage, the Government of the Republic of El Salvador shall continue its efforts to educate the public regarding the importance of understanding and protecting archaeological sites, and to acknowledge citizens that protect and safeguard the cultural heritage, including through digital/online methods.
- C. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador shall use its best efforts to place at airports and border crossings informational material such as signs and brochures that explain the laws prohibiting illicit excavation, and the removal and sale of cultural heritage artifacts, whether or not obtained from illicit excavations.
- D. Both governments shall endeavor to permit the exchange of pre-Columbian archaeological material under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize the cultural patrimony of El Salvador, such as through temporary loans for exhibition purposes and study abroad, to benefit the people of both countries, including persons of Salvadoran heritage currently living in the United States of America.
- E. Both countries shall endeavor to encourage academic institutions, non-governmental institutions, and other organizations to cooperate in the interchange of knowledge about the cultural patrimony of El Salvador, as appropriate under existing programs in the public and/or private sectors, including professional and academic exchanges.
- F. Recognizing the benefits of intergovernmental collaboration, the Government of the Republic of El Salvador shall continue to endeavor to strengthen cooperation with other nations of Central America in activities that foster the protection of the cultural patrimony of the region; and shall actively seek such cooperation with all countries that engage in significant import trade in materials of Salvadoran origin.
- G. The Government of the United States of America acknowledges the efforts of the Government of the Republic of El Salvador in the creation of the Secretariat of Culture and encourages its continued dedication of public funds for the purpose of protecting the cultural patrimony of El Salvador.
- H. The Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of El Salvador recognize the importance of a national Salvadoran inventory of cultural property; and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador shall use its best efforts to continue the systematic registration of cultural property as required by its law.
- I. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador shall use its best efforts to ensure the enforcement of its laws against illicit export and sale, including online, of archaeological materials; to explore additional means of reporting and recording looting incidents; and to continue the interdiction and prosecution of illicit exports of archaeological materials.