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ARTICLE II (revised as of 12 March 2009)

A. The representatives of the Government of the United States of America shall participate in joint efforts with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Honduras to publicize this Memorandum of Understanding and the reasons for it.

B. The Government of the United States of America shall continue to use its best efforts to facilitate technical assistance to Honduras in cultural resource management and security, as requested, and as appropriate under existing programs in the public and/or private sectors.

C. Both Governments shall continue to encourage academic institutions, non-governmental institutions, and other organizations to cooperate in the interchange of knowledge about the cultural patrimony of Honduras.

D. The Government of the Republic of Honduras shall continue to develop and implement professional training programs for archaeologists, museum personnel, and public institution administrators responsible for cultural patrimony; to promote the viability of local museums; and to educate and inform the public about the importance of the country's cultural heritage and their role in its protection.

E. Both Governments agree that, in order for United States import restrictions to be fully successful in thwarting pillage, the Government of the Republic of Honduras shall continue to strengthen cooperation within Central America for the protection of the cultural patrimony of the region; and shall continue to seek the cooperation of countries with significant import trade in Honduran archaeological artifacts to protect its cultural property.

F. The Government of the Republic of Honduras shall continue its efforts to develop a national registry of archaeological sites, and an inventory of artifacts held in museums and private collections.

G. The Government of the Republic of Honduras shall continue to apply its best efforts to implement and enforce its Law for the Protection of the Cultural Patrimony (Decree 220-97), and other decrees and legislative measures designed to protect its archaeological heritage.

H. The Government of the Republic of Honduras, in advance of the expiration of the five-year period of this Memorandum of Understanding, shall assess its progress in broad areas noted in this Memorandum of Understanding, such as law enforcement, cultural resource management, education, conservation, research, and the national museum system; and shall provide a report of this assessment to the United States.

I. Both Governments shall continue to encourage Honduran and U.S. museums and academic institutions to collaborate in ways they deem beneficial, such as traveling exhibits and long term loans of objects, to the extent permitted by the laws of both countries, and under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize the cultural patrimony of either country.

J. The Government of the Republic of Honduras shall continue to endorse and support the Inter-Institutional Commission for the protection of cultural patrimony; and shall engage agencies and institutions with responsibilities that might affect the cultural heritage, such as the departments of public works, transportation, and housing.