

CULTURAL EXCHANGES, PROPERTY, AND COOPERATION

Import Restrictions

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and PAKISTAN**

Signed at Islamabad January 30, 2024

Entered into force January 30, 2024



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

ON CATEGORIES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ETHNOLOGICAL MATERIALS OF PAKISTAN

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

Acting pursuant to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, to which both countries are States party; and

Desiring to reduce the incentive for pillage of irreplaceable archaeological and ethnological materials representing Pakistan's cultural heritage;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of the United States of America shall, in accordance with its legislation, including the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, restrict the importation into the United States of archaeological material ranging in date from the Lower Paleolithic Era (approximately 2,000,000 years before present) through 1750 A.D. and certain ethnological material ranging in date from approximately 800 A.D. through 1849 A.D., which includes manuscripts and architectural materials from public or religious buildings, identified in the list to be promulgated by the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the Designated List), unless the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan issues a license which certifies that such exportation was not in violation of its laws.
2. The Government of the United States of America shall offer for return to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan any object or material on the Designated List forfeited to the Government of the United States of America.

3. Such import restrictions shall become effective on the date the Designated List is published in the U.S. Federal Register, the official United States Government publication providing fair public notice.

ARTICLE II

1. Both Governments shall publicize this Agreement and the reasons for it.
2. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall use its best efforts to maintain and share with the Government of the United States of America information about unauthorized excavations, thefts of cultural property, trafficking of cultural property, and other threats that jeopardize its cultural patrimony.
3. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall use its best efforts to take steps consistent with the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property to protect its cultural patrimony. To assist in these efforts, the Government of the United States of America shall use its best efforts to facilitate technical assistance to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as appropriate under available programs in the public and/or private sectors.
4. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall use its best efforts to engage other countries having a significant import trade in archaeological and ethnological materials from Pakistan to deter a serious situation of pillage of cultural property.
5. Each Government shall use best efforts to encourage interchange of archaeological and ethnological materials for cultural, educational, and scientific purposes, including long-term loans of such materials to promote widespread public appreciation of and access to Pakistan's rich cultural heritage.
6. Each Government shall endeavor to keep the other informed of the measures taken to implement this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

The obligations of both Governments and the activities carried out under this Agreement shall be subject to their respective laws and regulations, including with respect to the availability of appropriated funds.

ARTICLE IV

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature; it shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, unless extended.



2. This Agreement may be extended and amended only by mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall review the effectiveness of this Agreement before the expiration of the five (5)-year period in order to determine whether this Agreement should be extended.
4. Either Government may notify the other, in writing through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Agreement prior to its date of expiry. In such a case, the termination shall come into effect six (6) months after the date of notification.
5. Any differences or disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be settled by the two Governments through mutual consultation through diplomatic channels without reference to any third-party adjudicating forum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Islamabad, this 30th of January 2024, in duplicate in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN:

