United Arab Emirates Ministry of Culture & Knowledge Development

Ministerial Resolution No.(8) of 2020 on the Mechanism of Objection to Granting Immunity to The Foreign Cultural Objects (Properties) Against Seizure or Confiscating

Minister of Culture & Knowledge Development,

- Upon perusal of the federal law No. (1) of 1972 on functions of the ministries and powers of the ministers, as amended,
- The Federal decree-law No.(2) of 2017 on immunity of the foreign cultural objects against seizure or confiscating,
- And for the requirements of work progress at the Ministry,

Decides as follows:

(ARTICLE ONE)

Whoever is grieved by granting immunity to a foreign cultural object pursuant to the aforementioned Federal decree-law No.(2) of 2017, or has found out inaccuracy of the information and data based on which the immunity was granted , may submit an objection against granting such immunity , subject to the following conditions and procedures:

- 1. The objection should be grounded on serious reasons justifying it.
- 2. The objector should have sustained damage due to the granted immunity, regardless whether the damage is moral or material.
- 3. The objection shall be submitted to the Ministry attached with all the supporting papers, documents and data.
- 4. The objection shall be submitted within (10 ten) business days from date of publishing the immunity decision in the official gazette.
- 5. The objection shall be submitted by the grieved person, personally or by his legal attorney, either by hand or sent by ordinary /electronic mail designated for this purpose.

(ARTICLE TWO)

The objections to granting immunity to the foreign cultural objects shall be recorded in a special register intended for this purpose. The record shall include name of the objector, nationality and data of the foreign object subject of the objection grounds, specifying the damage sustained due to granting the immunity, and name of the entity organizing the museum or exhibition.

(ARTICLE THREE)

The concerned department at the Ministry is required to refer the objection, as soon as it is received, to the entity organizing the museum or exhibition to give its reply thereto, attached with all the papers, documents and data submitted by the objector.

(ARTICLE FOUR)

The entity organizing the museum or exhibition, in coordination with the party lending the object subject of the objection, shall reply to the objection grounds within (5 five) business days from date of its submission.

(ARTICLE FIVE)

The objection shall be resolved by a conclusive, non-appealable resolution by the Minister, provided that the objector is notified of the resolution by any suitable means.

(ARTICLE SIX)

This resolution shall be published in the official gazette and shall come in force effective from the next day after its publication.

Noura Bint Mohammed Al Kaabi Minister of Culture & Knowledge Development (Signature & seal)

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