Cultural goods: exportation (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 3911/92)

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The Council heard from Commissioner REDING on the follow-up given to the Commission's report on the implementation of Regulation 3911/92/EC on the export of cultural goods and Directive 93/7/EEC on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of the Member States. The Commission has set up a working group which should elaborate guidelines on administrative co-operation in order to strengthen this co-operation. Furthermore, a study has been launched to inquire on possibilities for improving traceability of cultural goods. Ministers stressed the importance of intensifying cooperation between police and customs' authorities in different Member States, and the relevance of this subject in the context of enlargement.