

Proposal “Mexico Principles” (Inspired by The Copenhagen Principles)

Established during the General Assembly of Association of Latin-American Archivists (ALA)

Principle 1

The representatives of the national archives and archival institutions present agree to establish a security network for regional cooperation between the archival institutions in order to prevent unlawful removal and to combat criminal offences against significant archival collections.

Principle 2

The representatives accept that each national archive or archival institution is responsible for setting up its own security policies and security systems.

Principle 3

The representatives agree to inform and assist one another in a secure network when an archive is subject to potential or actual criminal attacks or unlawful removal.

Principle 4

The representatives agree to commit themselves to the common ethical code, as established by the ICA in 1996, and to share security information handled and exchanged among archives and to take care for the embedding in the organization.

Principle 5

The representatives encourage <ICA> to enhance cooperation on security issues with the trade organizations in archival material and with other memory institutions.

Principle 6

The network will cooperate with the law enforcement agencies (police, customs) at an international level as well as with the relevant international organizations (UNESCO, WCO and Interpol).

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