The *Saeima*1 has adopted and

the President has proclaimed the following law:

**On the Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property**

**Section 1.** The Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property of 19 May 2017 (hereinafter – the Convention) is adopted and approved by this Law.

**Section 2.** The fulfilment of the commitments provided for in the Convention shall be coordinated by the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Culture.

**Section 3.** The fulfilment of the commitments provided for in Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention shall be coordinated by the Ministry of Culture.

**Section 4.** In accordance with Article 5(2) of the Convention, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that for the conducts described in Article 5(1) of the Convention the Republic of Latvia reserves the right to provide for non-criminal sanctions if the imported cultural object or archival record, record with archival value, or substituting copies of such records are not of criminal origin and the import thereof has not caused any substantial harm.

**Section 5.** In accordance with Article 10(2) of the Convention, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that for the conducts described in Article 10(1) of the Convention the Republic of Latvia reserves the right to provide for non-criminal sanctions if no substantial harm has been caused due to destruction, damaging or removal of an archival record, record with archival value or, substituting copies of such records, and also due to removal of a cultural object, and also if a cultural object is destroyed or damaged due to violation of various regulations for the protection, maintenance, renovation, repairs, or use governed by special laws and Cabinet regulations.

**Section 6.** The Convention shall come into force at the time and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 27 thereof and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall notify thereof in the official gazette *Latvijas* *Vēstnesis*.

**Section 7.** Together with this Law, the Convention in the English language and translation thereof in the Latvian language shall be proclaimed.

The Law has been adopted by the *Saeima* on 5 November 2020.

President E. Levits

Rīga, 17 November 2020