

and regulations in force in their territories, the officials of the Customs administration of a Contracting Party shall, at the request of another Contracting Party, participate in investigations carried out in the territory of that other Contracting Party.

Pooling of information

9. The Customs administrations of Contracting Parties shall communicate to the Secretary General of the Council, to the extent that such information is of international interest, the information specified hereafter.

10. The Secretary General of the Council shall institute and keep up-to-date a central index of information communicated to him by Contracting Parties and shall use information from it to prepare summaries and studies of new and recurring trends in the smuggling of works of art, antiques or other cultural property. He shall periodically review the index to eliminate information which, in his opinion, has outlived its utility or become out-of-date.

11. The Customs administrations of the Contracting Parties shall, upon request by the Secretary General of the Council and subject to the other provisions of the Convention and this Annex, provide the Secretary General with such complementary information as may be necessary to prepare the summaries and studies referred to in paragraph 10 of this Annex.

12. The Secretary General of the Council shall circulate to the services or officials named by the Customs administrations of the Contracting Parties specific information contained in the central index, to the extent that he deems such circulation useful, and any summaries and studies referred to in paragraph 10 of this Annex.

13. The Secretary General of the Council shall, unless advised to the contrary by the Contracting Party furnishing the information, also circulate to Unesco and to the