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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Council
Subject: How to deal with colonial context in European collections
- Information from the German delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the German delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 26 and 27 November 2018.

How to deal with colonial context in European collections

Dealing with colonial context in European collections is a challenge and responsibility that concern numerous Member States from different perspectives. In numerous collections throughout the EU – not only in collection of Member States with colonial history – there are ethnological and natural historic objects as well as human remains, which might have been acquired during the colonial era – either directly or through trade and thereby found their way into collections in Europe. Therefore many Member States are currently concerned with provenance research of collections and working on solutions for further handling with as well as appropriate access to these objects.
