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The Rt Hon Lord Richard Inglewood DL is reappointed as Chair of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art & Objects of Cultural Interest

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that the Rt Hon Lord Richard Inglewood DL has been reappointed as Chair of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art & Objects of Cultural Interest. His term of appointment will run from 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2011.

Biographical notes

Since 1999, an elected member of House of Lords where he is a member of the Communications Committee, his current commitments include chairing the CN Group and Carr's Milling Industries, as well as serving as President of the Cumbria Tourist Board (2004 to date). As an active member of the House of Lords, he served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of National Heritage (1995 to 1997), and then as Opposition Spokesman on the Environment (1997 to 1998). During this period, he served as a Member of the sub-committee of the European Communities Committee of House of Lords. Between 1989 to 1994 and 1999 to 2004, he served as an MEP for Cumbria/the North West. During this time, he was Conservative spokesman on legal affairs and then on constitutional issues. He is a Barrister (non-practising), called to the English Bar.

Background

The Reviewing Committee is a non statutory, independent advisory body whose main role is to advise the Secretary of State whether a cultural object which is the subject of an export licence is of national importance under the 'Waverley criteria':

- Waverley One: Is it so closely connected with our history and national life that its departure would be a misfortune?
- Waverley two: Is it of outstanding aesthetic importance?
- Waverley three: Is it of outstanding significance for the study of some branch of art, learning or history?

RCEWA members give their services on an honorary basis but may claim reasonable travel and subsistence.

This reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.
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