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# Code of Conduct of the Antiquities Dealers Association

## 1 The Aims of the Association

- a. To represent the views of the Membership to the various government and archaeological bodies, the press and public.
- b. To act as a link between dealers, collectors, archaeologists, museums, and the appropriate government bodies.
- c. To protect the interests of the Trade by negotiation, supply of information and any other appropriate means.
- d. To promote and protect the image and good name of the Trade.
- e. To act as a clearing house for complaints, and as an arbiter in any dispute between the public and A. D. A. members.
- f. To keep a check on illegal activities in the field of antiquities, such as on objects stolen or forged, and archaeological objects illegally obtained.
- g. To gather information of importance to the Trade and to collectors, and to make it available to Members and Associate Members.

## 2 Code of Conduct

Members undertake:

1. To ensure to the best of their knowledge that all objects sold are genuine and are accompanied by maximum information relating to them.
2. To use their best endeavours to ascertain that no piece sold has been acquired in any illegal or illicit way.
3. To endeavour to maintain an adequate supply of antiquities to meet the need of collectors and to foster interest in antiquity.
4. To ensure that the activities of Members are in no way responsible for the destruction of information or possible information regarding antiquities including damage to sites, falsifying or concealing information about the provenance of pieces.
5. To ensure that to the best of the Member's knowledge antiquities are not sold to persons who may use them in any irresponsible way or for any illicit or illegal purpose.
6. To reasonably make available information about pieces sold by Members to interested parties with genuine concern and to act as

an intermediary between such parties and owners, with the latter's permission, in instances where further research on a piece or its recording could be of value.

7. To ensure that customers have reasonable recourse for complaints (excluding valuations) connected with any purchase from individual Members and that should the customer not be satisfied with the handling of the complaint the matter should be referred for arbitration to the Committee of the Association.