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Addendum

NETHERLANDS: EUROPEAN PART OF THE KINGDOM

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Right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application

390. Few developments have taken place since the previous report. Central Government now funds the Central Laboratory for Research into Objects of Artistic and Scientific Interest, which conducts research on the preservation of cultural objects and disseminates knowledge about them to all interested parties. This keeps the financial barriers to obtaining information about them as low as possible. In addition, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science occasionally commissions research from third parties such as universities.