Return of Objects
The National Museums of World Culture

Subject: Return of objects
Date for transfer: June 3, 2022
Museum: The Ethnographic Museum, National Museums of World Culture
Items: 1935.47.0001-0017, 1937.19.0113-0118 and 1941.25.0001
Transferred to: Yaqui in Mexico

At the request of the Government of Mexico and with the consent of the Government of Sweden, the National Museums of World Culture hereby returns 24 objects to the Yaqui indigenous people of Mexico. The objects are handed over to the Ambassador of Mexico in Stockholm, who will in turn hand them over to representatives of the Yaqui indigenous people in Mexico. The items are made and/or used by the indigenous Yaqui people. They were acquired during scientific fieldwork in Mexico between 1934 and 1935 and have been part of three different collections at the Ethnographic Museum in Stockholm, one of the National Museums of World Culture.

The return is made in accordance with Article 15 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention and Article 12 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Stockholm, June 3, 2022

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