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Identifying and Recovering Stolen Assets: Advancements and Remaining Challenges

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The Asset Recovery Process

- **Identification of cases**
 - How do we identify/initiate cases?
- **Tracing**
 - How and where to find the assets?
- **Seizure**
 - How to obtain the evidence?
 - How and why seize the assets?
- **Confiscation**
 - Requirements
- **Return of assets**
 - Whom do the assets belong to?

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Advancements

- International Level
 - Asset Recovery under UNCAC
 - Proactive approach to combating corruption
- European Level
 - Framework Decisions pertaining to the asset recovery process

Challenges

- Burden of proof
- Immunities
- PEP listings
- Understanding of international co-operation
- Management of seized assets
- Burden of proof
- Determining the cost of corruption
- Identification and confiscation of the proceeds of crime
- Final destination of confiscated assets

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