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WASHINGTON, October 26: John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, speaking on behalf of the Gallery and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, stated today the decision regarding the shipment of Italian Renaissance pictures and sculpture from Italy to the United States was, of course, a domestic concern of the Italian Government. Since the initiative for the exhibition came from the Italian Government, the National Gallery and The Metropolitan Museum of Art acquiesce in the decision of the Italian Government to suspend the shipment.

It is naturally a great disappointment to the National Gallery of Art and The Metropolitan Museum that the exhibition will not be coming to America at this time. We hope that the many Americans who will be traveling in Europe will avail themselves of the opportunity to see these magnificent works in their home settings.