Item 4 of the provisional agenda: Date and venue of the sessions of the Conference of Parties

Decision required: paragraph 4

1. Article 22.2 of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions stipulates that the Conference of Parties shall meet in ordinary session every two years, as far as possible, in conjunction with the General Conference of UNESCO. It may meet in extraordinary session if it so decides or if the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions receives a request to that effect from at least one third of the Parties.

2. The Conference of Parties could therefore hold its ordinary sessions at UNESCO Headquarters in conjunction with the General Conference of UNESCO, in accordance with Article 22.2 of the Convention (option 1).

3. The Conference of Parties might however prefer to convene its ordinary sessions at another time of the year, every two years, some time around the month of June (option 2).
4. The Conference of Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution.

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Option 1:

The Conference of Parties,

1. Having examined document CE/07/1.CP/CONF/209/4,

2. Decides to convene the second ordinary session of the Conference of Parties in conjunction with the 35th session of the General Conference of UNESCO.

Option 2:

The Conference of Parties,

1. Having examined document CE/07/1.CP/CONF/209/4,

2. Decides to convene its ordinary sessions every two years around the month of June;

3. Decides consequently to convene the second ordinary session of the Conference of Parties in June 2009.