

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION
OF THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS**

**Fifteenth Session
Online
8 – 11 February 2022**

Item 13 of the provisional agenda: Date of the sixteenth session of the Committee

Decision required: paragraph 5

1. Article 23.2 of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Convention”) stipulates that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Committee”) shall meet annually.
2. At its first session, the Conference of Parties decided that, as a general rule, the Committee would meet at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris ([Resolution 1.CP 6, paragraph 3](#)).
3. At its twelfth session, the Committee took into account Recommendations 79 of the Open-ended Working Group on the Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of UNESCO’s Governing Bodies, which states that “IIBs and their Secretariats are requested to enhance coordination in scheduling of meetings to avoid overlap.” (See Document 39 C/20 Annex I – Part 2, paragraph 79), and proposed to hold its annual meetings in February.
4. In June 2019, the seventh session of the Conference of Parties approved the recommendation to hold future sessions of the Committee in February ([Resolution 7.CP 10 paragraph 7](#)).
5. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision

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The Committee,

1. *Having examined Document DCE/22/15.IGC/13,*
2. *Decides to convene its sixteenth session at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 7 to 10 February 2023.*