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Item 13 of the provisional agenda: Future activities of the Committee

This document sets out the future activities of the Committee (2013-2015). They are mainly the continued implementation of the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD), the implementation of the fundraising strategy, the examination of the Parties' periodic reports and the implementation of Article 21.

Decision required: Paragraph 13

1. At its last ordinary session (June 2011), the Conference of Parties adopted Resolution 3.CP 11 setting out the Committee's future activities for 2011-2013. The resolution mandated the Committee:

- to continue its work on the implementation of the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) by:
 - formulating terms of reference for the evaluation of the IFCD pilot phase based on paragraph 4 of the Guidelines on the use of the resources of the IFCD;
 - examining the results of the evaluation of the pilot phase;
 - reviewing the IFCD Guidelines, taking into account the experience and the results of the evaluation of the pilot phase;
 - selecting projects for which IFCD funding applications were submitted in 2011 and 2012;
- to compile draft operational guidelines for the use of the emblem of the Convention;
- in the context of the implementation of Section V of the Convention on the relationship to other instruments, to submit the result of its work, in relation to Article 21, on the compendium of cases in which the Convention was invoked or used in other international fora;
- to continue its work on:
 - the Parties' quadrennial periodic reports and best practices;
 - the fundraising strategy;
 - the visibility of the Convention;
 - the ratification strategy.

2. Pursuant to Resolution 3.CP 11, the Committee completed a great deal of work at its last two sessions (December 2011 and 2012), as detailed in the Committee's report on its activities and decisions (document CE/13/4.CP/6). The report, adopted by the Committee at its last session in December 2012 and submitted to the Conference of Parties at this session, shows that, in regard to work on the IFCD, the Committee has formulated the terms of reference for the evaluation of the IFCD pilot phase, examined the IOS evaluation, revised the IFCD Guidelines, selected 17 projects in 2011 and 13 in 2012 and adopted the IFCD fundraising strategy. In its other activities, the Committee mainly considered the Parties' first quadrennial periodic reports, the implementation of Article 21, the adoption of draft operational guidelines for the use of the emblem of the Convention and the implementation of the ratification strategy and the related action plan.

3. Furthermore, at its sixth ordinary session, the Committee proposed that the inclusion of an item on the diversity of cultural expressions in the digital era (Decision 6.IGC 17) in the agenda of its seventh session, be submitted to the Conference of Parties for consideration at the fourth ordinary session. It invited the Parties that so wished, as well as civil society, to report to the Committee on aspects of the development of digital technologies that had an impact on the Convention and to make proposals for future action.

4. The Committee's future activities will include the continued implementation of the IFCD and its fundraising strategy, examination of the Parties' periodic reports, further action on the visibility and promotion of the Convention and implementation of the Convention at the national level. They will also include the initial findings on the implementation of Article 21 and its impact, the analysis

of the outcomes and impact of the ratification strategy (2009-2013) and the inception of work on a conceptual framework for the Convention and digital technology.

5. In regard to the IFCD, at its seventh session (December 2013), the Committee will adopt an action plan for the implementation of the IOS recommendations that it adopted after the evaluation of the IFCD pilot phase (Decision 6.IGC 7) and will renew the panel of experts established to assess applications for project funding (Decision 6.IGC 5). At the next two sessions, it will select projects for which IFCD funding applications were submitted in 2013 and 2014 and will continue to implement the fundraising strategy and the strategy on the use of innovative IFCD financial mechanisms.

6. As to quadrennial periodic reporting by the Parties to the Convention, the Committee will be required to examine the first series of reports by Parties that ratified the Convention in 2009 (December 2013) and by those that ratified the Convention in 2010 (December 2014), thus considering a total of 22 reports. The Committee requested the Conference of Parties to issue a mandate for it to re-examine and revise, if need be, the operational guidelines on Article 9 on the basis of experience gained and to submit the outcome at its fifth ordinary session in June 2015 (Decision 6.IGC 4). Furthermore, the Committee could examine the outcomes of the information meeting held before the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties in order to share experiential data obtained at that information meeting.

7. With reference to Article 21, the Committee will examine the initial results of the content and impact analysis of the documents listed in the compendium and will learn lessons therefrom. The Committee could draw on those results to make recommendations based on the implementation of Article 21 in the last four years (2011-2014) for submission to the Conference of Parties at its fifth session for consideration and decision.

8. Furthermore, the Committee could enquire into the desirability of developing a knowledge management system to meet the Parties' wish for much more information to be available on the implementation of the Convention. Such a system would enhance the sharing of best practices through the platform.

9. Furthermore, in implementing the Convention, the Committee supports activities designed to enhance the visibility and promotion of the Convention. In particular, it could devise a framework for the processing of requests to use the emblem of the Convention and, if need be, examine the first set of requests, pursuant to the resolution adopted thereon by the Conference of Parties.

10. The Committee will continue to implement the ratification strategy (2009-2013) and to evaluate its outcomes. It therefore requested the Secretariat to submit to it at its seventh session, in December 2013, a document on the outcomes of the Convention ratification strategy, on the steps taken and on action carried out in 2013 (Decision 6.IGC 10). In the light of the outcomes, the Committee could make recommendations on the implementation of the ratification strategy and submit them to the Conference of Parties for consideration and decision.

11. The Committee is also required to identify ways and means of effectively implementing the Convention nationally and internationally, in particular through capacity building, as under the UNESCO/EU project "Expert Facility to Strengthen the System of Governance for Culture in Developing Countries" (2010-2013), which is funded by the European Union and will be completed in November 2013. Accordingly, a debate should be held on the optimal conditions for implementing the Convention operationally, as this goal cannot be achieved by the International Fund for Cultural Diversity alone.

12. The Conference of Parties is invited at this session to examine the current status of implementation of the Convention. It may invite the Committee to pursue its work on the IFCD and its fundraising strategy, further analysis of the first round of quadrennial periodic reporting by the Parties, the initial findings on the implementation of Article 21, the preliminary outcomes of the

ratification strategy, the promotion and visibility of the Convention – in particular, use of the emblem – and the collection and dissemination of innovative examples of the Convention's implementation at the national level through the development of a knowledge management platform. Moreover, the Committee must continue its work to develop, implement and seek resources for a comprehensive capacity-building programme to meet needs identified by the Parties. Furthermore, the Committee could reflect on means of involving civil society in the work of the Convention's statutory bodies, drawing on its discussions on the subject at its sixth ordinary session and on paragraph 9 of the operational guidelines on Article 11.

13. The Conference of Parties may wish to adopt the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION 4.CP 13

The Conference of Parties,

1. *Having examined document CE/13/4.CP/13;*
2. *Takes note of information documents CE/13/4.CP/INF.4, CE/13/4.CP/INF.5 and CE/13/4.CP/INF.6;*
3. *Takes note also of Decision 6.IGC 4, Decision 6.IGC 5 and Decision 6.IGC 17 of the Committee;*
4. *Requests the Committee to continue its work and to submit to it, if need be, for approval at its next session the revised draft operational guidelines on Article 9 of the Convention on the basis of experience gained;*
5. *Requests the Committee to compile a report on aspects of the development of digital technology that have an impact on the Convention and make proposals for future action;*
6. *Invites the Committee to continue its work on:*
 - *the promotion and visibility of the Convention and, in particular, a framework for the processing of future requests for authorization to use the emblem;*
 - *the implementation of the IFCD, including implementation of the fundraising strategy and the action plan on the implementation of the IOS recommendations that it adopted after evaluation of the pilot phase;*
 - *the examination of the Parties' quadrennial periodic reports;*
 - *the outcomes of the ratification strategy;*
 - *the knowledge management system and the comprehensive capacity-building programme;*
 - *the involvement of civil society in the work of the Convention's statutory bodies.*