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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE
DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

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Item 14 of the provisional agenda: Elections of the Members of the Committee

Pursuant to Rule 16 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference of Parties elects half of the States Members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions every two years.

Decision required: paragraph 10

1. In accordance with paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 23 of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, the Conference of Parties elected, at its first session, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Committee”) composed of 24 Members. Since then, seven elections have been held. An overview of the results is provided in Annex I.
2. In accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties, the Secretariat requested all States Parties, three months before the opening of the present session, whether they intended to stand for election to the Committee. The provisional list of candidates is contained in document DCE/21/8.CP/INF.14. At the seventh session of the Conference of Parties, having examined the implementation status of the Recommendations of the Open-Ended Working Group on Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO ([39 C/Resolution 87](#)), Parties decided to implement recommendation 65¹ and to revise Rule 17.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties ([Resolution 7.CP 10, paragraph 6 bis](#)) accordingly, in order to ensure that the list of candidates is finalized seven days before the opening of the Conference, instead of 48 hours, as had previously been the case. In accordance with the current Rule 17.3, the list of candidates will be finalized on 25 May 2021, and no additional candidature will be accepted after this date.
3. Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties stipulates that the **term of office** of States Members of the Committee is four years, in accordance with Article 23.1 of the Convention, and that a “Member cannot be elected to two consecutive mandates unless [...] a regional group presents a ‘clean slate’”. The term “clean slate” refers to a situation in which the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats available.
4. Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties provides for a **voting system based on the composition of UNESCO's electoral groups**, as established by the General Conference of UNESCO. In accordance with the practice of the General Conference, Group V is composed of two sub-groups: one, V(a), for the African States, and the other, V(b), for the Arab States.
5. The voting system is based on the **pro rata principle**; that is to say, the number of Parties in each electoral group is divided by the number of States Parties to the Convention and then multiplied by the number of seats available. As of 1 June 2021, the Convention will be in force in 148 States Parties and one regional economic integration organization (the full list is contained in Annex II).
6. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure, for the purposes of the election of the Members of the Committee at the eighth session of the Conference of Parties, the **24 seats shall be distributed pro rata** among the six electoral groups. Given the regional grouping of the 148 States Parties, this *pro rata* calculation of the number of States Parties in each group would allocate between 2.270 and 6.324 seats per electoral group. However, with regards to the distribution of seats on the Committee, **Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure** of the Conference of Parties provides for a **minimum of three seats** and a maximum of six seats per electoral group. For the purposes of this election, the distribution of the 24 seats, by electoral group and in accordance with the *pro rata* principle, can be found in Annex III.
7. At its second session, the Conference of Parties indicated that, when electing Members of the Committee, Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure must be applied to allocate a minimum of three seats to each electoral group. The remaining seats are then to be distributed among the other electoral groups *pro rata* (see summary record of the second session of the Conference of Parties, document [CE/11/3.CP/209/4](#), paragraph 110). The Conference of Parties has used

1. Recommendation 65: It is recommended that the Rules of Procedure of the IIBs be amended, when relevant, to advance the deadline for submission of candidatures to their subsidiary bodies from 48 hours to seven days before elections. ([Document 39 C/20](#))

this method for the election of the Members of the Committee since the third session of the Conference of Parties².

8. For the election of the Members of the Committee at its eighth session, the Conference of Parties may wish, in accordance with Rule 15.2 of its Rules of Procedure, to distribute the remaining six seats *pro rata* as follows:

Table: *Pro rata* allocation of seats by electoral group

Calculation method pursuant to Rule 15.2

| | GROUPS | | | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------|------------------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V(a) | V(b) | |
| Minimum number of seats per electoral group (pursuant to Rule 15.2) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 18 |
| <i>Pro rata</i> calculation for the allocation of the remaining six seats | 24 SPs (= 20.17%) | 24 SPs (= 20.17%) | 32 SPs (= 26.89%) | N/A | 39 SPs (= 32.77%) | N/A | 119 SPs (= 100%) |
| Number of seats to be allocated <i>pro rata</i>** | 6 seats x 20.17% = 1.210 seats | 6 seats x 20.17% = 1.210 seats | 6 seats x 26.89% = 1.613 seats | N/A | 6 seats x 32.77% = 1.966 seats | N/A | 6 |
| Total number of seats to be allocated per electoral group*** | 3 + 1.210 = 4.210 | 3 + 1.210 = 4.210 | 3 + 1.613 = 4.613 | 3 | 3 + 1.966 = 4.966 | 3 | 24 |

* *Total number of States Parties (SPs) per electoral group ÷ Total number of States Parties in the electoral groups concerned = Proportion of States Parties in each electoral group (pro rata)*

** *Maximum number of seats (6) to be allocated to electoral groups X Proportion of States Parties in each electoral group (pro rata) = Number of additional seats to be allocated pro rata*

*** *Minimum number of seats per electoral group + Number of additional seats to be allocated pro rata = Total number of seats to be allocated to each electoral group*

9. The Conference of Parties will have to agree on the distribution of vacant seats by electoral group. To do this, it may wish to take into account Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure and, where appropriate, the calculations presented in the table in paragraph 8.

2. See: the summary record of the third session of the Conference of Parties, [CE/13/4.CP/4](#), paragraph 152; the summary record of the fourth session, [CE/15/5.CP/4](#), paragraph 303; the summary record of the fifth session, [DCE/17/6.CP/4](#), paragraph 272; the draft summary record of the sixth session, [DCE/19/7.CP/4](#); and the draft summary record of the seventh session, DCE/21/8.CP/4, paragraph 179.

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

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The Conference of Parties,

1. *Having examined document DCE/21/8.CP/14, its annexes and information document DCE/21/8.CP/INF.14,*
2. *Decides that, for the election of the Members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions at the present session, the 12 seats shall be distributed among the electoral groups as follows: Group I (...); Group II (...); Group III (...); Group IV (...); Group V(a) (...); Group V(b) (...).*

ANNEX I

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

| | 2007-2009 | 2007-2011 | 2009-2013 | 2011-2015 | 2013-2017 | 2015-2019 | 2017-2021 | 2019-2023 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Group I | | | | | | | | |
| Germany | | x | | | | x | | |
| Austria | x | | | | x | | | x |
| Canada | x | | x | | | | x | |
| Denmark | | | | | | | | x |
| Finland | x | | | | | | x | |
| France | x | | x | | | x | | |
| Greece | | x | | | | | | |
| Luxembourg | | x | | | | | | |
| Sweden | | | | x | | | | |
| Switzerland | | | | x | | | | |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | | | | x | | | |
| Group II | | | | | | | | |
| Albania | x | | x | | | | | |
| Armenia | | | | x | | | | x |
| Azerbaijan | | | | | | | | x |
| Belarus | | | | | x | | | |
| Bulgaria | | | x | | | | | |
| Croatia | | x | | | | | x | |
| Latvia | | | | | | | x | |
| Lithuania | | x | | | x | | | |
| North Macedonia | | | | x | | | | |
| Slovakia | | | | | | x | | |
| Slovenia | x | | | | | | | |
| Czechia | | | | | | x | | |
| Group III | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | x | | | x | |
| Brazil | x | | x | | | x | | x |
| Colombia | | | | | | | x | |
| Cuba | | | x | | | | | |
| Ecuador | | | | | | | | x |
| Guatemala | x | | | | | | | |

| | 2007-2009 | 2007-2011 | 2009-2013 | 2011-2015 | 2013-2017 | 2015-2019 | 2017-2021 | 2019-2023 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Honduras | | | | x | | | | |
| Mexico | | x | | | | | | |
| Paraguay | | | | | | x | | |
| Peru | | | | | | x | | |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | | | x | | | | x |
| Saint Lucia | | x | | | x | | | |
| Uruguay | | | | | x | | | |
| Group IV | | | | | | | | |
| Afghanistan | | | | | x | | | |
| Australia | | | | | x | | | |
| China | x | | x | | | | x | |
| India | | x | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | | | | | | x | | |
| Mongolia | | | | | | | | x |
| Republic of Korea | | | | | | | x | |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | | | x | | | | | |
| Viet Nam | | | | x | | | | |
| Group V(a) | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | x | | | | | | |
| Burkina Faso | x | | | | | | | x |
| Cameroon | | | x | | | | | |
| Congo | | | | x | | | | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | | | | | | x | | |
| Ethiopia | | | | | x | | | x |
| Guinea | | | | x | | | | |
| Kenya | | | x | | | | x | |
| Madagascar | | | | | x | | | |
| Mali | x | | | | | | x | |
| Mauritius | | x | | | | | | |
| Nigeria | | | | | | x | | |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | | | | | | x | | |
| Senegal | | x | | | | | | x |
| Zimbabwe | | | | x | | | | |

| | 2007-2009 | 2007-2011 | 2009-2013 | 2011-2015 | 2013-2017 | 2015-2019 | 2017-2021 | 2019-2023 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Group V(b) | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | | | | | | | x | |
| United Arab Emirates | | | | | x | | | |
| Iraq | | | | | | | x | |
| Jordan | | | x | | | | | |
| Kuwait | | | | x | | | | |
| Morocco | | | | | | x | | |
| Oman | | x | | | | | | |
| Qatar | | | | | | | | x |
| Tunisia ³ | x | | x | | x | | | |

3. The fourth session of the Conference of Parties suspended Rule 16 to allow Tunisia to run for a second consecutive term.

ANNEX II

STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

| | States | Date of deposit of the instrument |
|----|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Canada | 28 November 2005 |
| 2 | Mauritius | 29 March 2006 |
| 3 | Mexico | 5 July 2006 |
| 4 | Romania | 20 July 2006 |
| 5 | Monaco | 31 July 2006 |
| 6 | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 4 August 2006 |
| 7 | Djibouti | 9 August 2006 |
| 8 | Croatia | 31 August 2006 |
| 9 | Togo | 5 September 2006 |
| 10 | Belarus | 6 September 2006 |
| 11 | Madagascar | 11 September 2006 |
| 12 | Burkina Faso | 15 September 2006 |
| 13 | Republic of Moldova | 5 October 2006 |
| 14 | Peru | 16 October 2006 |
| 15 | Guatemala | 25 October 2006 |
| 16 | Senegal | 7 November 2006 |
| 17 | Ecuador | 8 November 2006 |
| 18 | Mali | 9 November 2006 |
| 19 | Albania | 17 November 2006 |
| 20 | Cameroon | 22 November 2006 |
| 21 | Namibia | 29 November 2006 |
| 22 | India | 15 December 2006 |
| 23 | Finland | 18 December 2006 |
| 24 | Austria | 18 December 2006 |
| 25 | France | 18 December 2006 |
| 26 | Spain | 18 December 2006 |
| 27 | Sweden | 18 December 2006 |
| 28 | Denmark | 18 December 2006 |
| 29 | Slovenia | 18 December 2006 |
| 30 | Estonia | 18 December 2006 |
| 31 | Slovakia | 18 December 2006 |
| 32 | Luxembourg | 18 December 2006 |
| 33 | Lithuania | 18 December 2006 |
| 34 | Malta | 18 December 2006 |
| 35 | Bulgaria | 18 December 2006 |
| 36 | Cyprus | 19 December 2006 |
| 37 | South Africa | 21 December 2006 |
| 38 | Ireland | 22 December 2006 |

| | States | Date of deposit of the instrument |
|----|--|--|
| 39 | Greece | 3 January 2007 |
| 40 | Brazil | 16 January 2007 |
| 41 | Norway | 17 January 2007 |
| 42 | Uruguay | 18 January 2007 |
| 43 | Panama | 22 January 2007 |
| 44 | China | 30 January 2007 |
| 45 | Saint Lucia | 1 February 2007 |
| 46 | Iceland | 1 February 2007 |
| 47 | Andorra | 6 February 2007 |
| 48 | Tunisia | 15 February 2007 |
| 49 | Jordan | 16 February 2007 |
| 50 | Italy | 19 February 2007 |
| 51 | Armenia | 27 February 2007 |
| 52 | Germany | 12 March 2007 |
| 53 | Chile | 13 March 2007 |
| 54 | Niger | 14 March 2007 |
| 55 | Portugal | 16 March 2007 |
| 56 | Oman | 16 March 2007 |
| 57 | Côte d'Ivoire | 16 April 2007 |
| 58 | Jamaica | 4 May 2007 |
| 59 | Gabon | 15 May 2007 |
| 60 | North Macedonia | 22 May 2007 |
| 61 | Cuba | 29 May 2007 |
| 62 | Bangladesh | 31 May 2007 |
| 63 | Latvia | 6 July 2007 |
| 64 | Kuwait | 3 August 2007 |
| 65 | Viet Nam | 7 August 2007 |
| 66 | Poland | 17 August 2007 |
| 67 | Egypt | 23 August 2007 |
| 68 | Cambodia | 19 September 2007 |
| 69 | New Zealand | 5 October 2007 |
| 70 | Mongolia | 15 October 2007 |
| 71 | Mozambique | 18 October 2007 |
| 72 | Tajikistan | 24 October 2007 |
| 73 | Kenya | 24 October 2007 |
| 74 | Paraguay | 30 October 2007 |
| 75 | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 5 November 2007 |
| 76 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 7 December 2007 |
| 77 | Benin | 20 December 2007 |
| 78 | Nigeria | 21 January 2008 |
| 79 | Syrian Arab Republic | 5 February 2008 |
| 80 | Guinea | 20 February 2008 |

| | States | Date of deposit of the instrument |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|
| 81 | Argentina | 7 May 2008 |
| 82 | Hungary | 9 May 2008 |
| 83 | Zimbabwe | 15 May 2008 |
| 84 | Chad | 17 June 2008 |
| 85 | Sudan | 19 June 2008 |
| 86 | Seychelles | 20 June 2008 |
| 87 | Montenegro | 24 June 2008 |
| 88 | Georgia | 1 July 2008 |
| 89 | Switzerland | 16 July 2008 |
| 90 | Ethiopia | 2 September 2008 |
| 91 | Barbados | 2 October 2008 |
| 92 | Burundi | 14 October 2008 |
| 93 | Congo | 22 October 2008 |
| 94 | Grenada | 15 January 2009 |
| 95 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 27 January 2009 |
| 96 | Nicaragua | 5 March 2009 |
| 97 | Afghanistan | 30 March 2009 |
| 98 | Qatar | 21 April 2009 |
| 99 | Serbia | 2 July 2009 |
| 100 | Australia | 18 September 2009 |
| 101 | Dominican Republic | 24 September 2009 |
| 102 | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 25 September 2009 |
| 103 | Netherlands | 9 October 2009 |
| 104 | Guyana | 14 December 2009 |
| 105 | Haiti | 8 February 2010 |
| 106 | Azerbaijan | 15 February 2010 |
| 107 | Lesotho | 18 February 2010 |
| 108 | Ukraine | 10 March 2010 |
| 109 | Malawi | 16 March 2010 |
| 110 | Republic of Korea | 1 April 2010 |
| 111 | Equatorial Guinea | 17 June 2010 |
| 112 | Trinidad and Tobago | 26 July 2010 |
| 113 | Czechia | 12 August 2010 |
| 114 | Honduras | 31 August 2010 |
| 115 | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 28 September 2010 |
| 116 | Costa Rica | 15 March 2011 |
| 117 | Gambia | 26 May 2011 |
| 118 | United Republic of Tanzania | 18 October 2011 |
| 119 | Palestine | 8 December 2011 |
| 120 | Indonesia | 12 January 2012 |
| 121 | Angola | 7 February 2012 |
| 122 | Central African Republic | 11 May 2012 |
| 123 | United Arab Emirates | 6 June 2012 |

| | States | Date of deposit of the instrument |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| 124 | Rwanda | 16 July 2012 |
| 125 | Eswatini | 30 October 2012 |
| 126 | Colombia | 19 March 2013 |
| 127 | Antigua and Barbuda | 25 April 2013 |
| 128 | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 28 May 2013 |
| 129 | Morocco | 4 June 2013 |
| 130 | El Salvador | 2 July 2013 |
| 131 | Iraq | 22 July 2013 |
| 132 | Belgium | 9 August 2013 |
| 133 | Comoros | 20 November 2013 |
| 134 | Bahamas | 29 December 2014 |
| 135 | Algeria | 26 February 2015 |
| 136 | Belize | 24 March 2015 |
| 137 | Mauritania | 24 March 2015 |
| 138 | Uganda | 8 April 2015 |
| 139 | Dominica | 7 August 2015 |
| 140 | Samoa | 23 October 2015 |
| 141 | Ghana | 20 January 2016 |
| 142 | South Sudan | 9 March 2016 |
| 143 | Saint Kitts and Nevis | 26 April 2016 |
| 144 | Timor-Leste | 31 October 2016 |
| 145 | Turkey | 2 November 2017 |
| 146 | Uzbekistan | 15 November 2019 |
| 147 | Niue | 15 November 2019 |
| 148 | Botswana | 7 January 2020 |

ANNEX III

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE 24 SEATS AMONG THE 148 STATES PARTIES,
BY ELECTORAL GROUP, ACCORDING TO THE *PRO RATA* PRINCIPLE**

| | GROUPS | | | | | |
|----|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V(a) | V(b) |
| 1 | Germany | Albania | Antigua and Barbuda | Afghanistan | South Africa | Algeria |
| 2 | Andorra | Armenia | Argentina | Australia | Angola | Egypt |
| 3 | Austria | Azerbaijan | Bahamas | Bangladesh | Benin | United Arab Emirates |
| 4 | Belgium | Belarus | Barbados | Cambodia | Botswana | Iraq |
| 5 | Canada | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Belize | China | Burkina Faso | Jordan |
| 6 | Cyprus | Bulgaria | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | India | Burundi | Kuwait |
| 7 | Denmark | Croatia | Brazil | Indonesia | Cameroon | Morocco |
| 8 | Spain | Estonia | Chile | Mongolia | Comoros | Mauritania |
| 9 | Finland | Georgia | Colombia | Niue | Congo | Oman |
| 10 | France | Hungary | Costa Rica | New Zealand | Côte d'Ivoire | Palestine |
| 11 | Greece | Latvia | Cuba | Republic of Korea | Djibouti | Qatar |
| 12 | Ireland | Lithuania | Dominica | Lao People's Democratic Republic | Eswatini | Syrian Arab Republic |
| 13 | Iceland | North Macedonia | Ecuador | Samoa | Ethiopia | Sudan |
| 14 | Italy | Montenegro | El Salvador | Timor-Leste | Gabon | Tunisia |
| 15 | Luxembourg | Uzbekistan | Grenada | Viet Nam | Gambia | |
| 16 | Malta | Poland | Guatemala | | Ghana | |
| 17 | Monaco | Republic of Moldova | Guyana | | Guinea | |
| 18 | Norway | Romania | Haiti | | Equatorial Guinea | |
| 19 | Netherlands | Serbia | Honduras | | Kenya | |
| 20 | Portugal | Slovakia | Jamaica | | Lesotho | |
| 21 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Slovenia | Mexico | | Madagascar | |
| 22 | Sweden | Tajikistan | Nicaragua | | Malawi | |
| 23 | Switzerland | Czechia | Panama | | Mali | |
| 24 | Turkey | Ukraine | Paraguay | | Mauritius | |
| 25 | | | Peru | | Mozambique | |

| | GROUPS | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V(a) | V(b) |
| 26 | | | Dominican Republic | | Namibia | |
| 27 | | | Saint Lucia | | Niger | |
| 28 | | | Saint Kitts and Nevis | | Nigeria | |
| 29 | | | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Uganda | |
| 30 | | | Trinidad and Tobago | | Central African Republic | |
| 31 | | | Uruguay | | Democratic Republic of the Congo | |
| 32 | | | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | | United Republic of Tanzania | |
| 33 | | | | | Rwanda | |
| 34 | | | | | Senegal | |
| 35 | | | | | Seychelles | |
| 36 | | | | | South Sudan | |
| 37 | | | | | Chad | |
| 38 | | | | | Togo | |
| 39 | | | | | Zimbabwe | |
| Total (148) | 24 | 24 | 32 | 15 | 39 | 14 |
| %(100) | 16.21 | 16.21 | 21.62 | 10.14 | 26.35 | 9.46 |
| Seats (24) | 3.890 | 3.890 | 5.188 | 2.433 | 6.324 | 2.270 |