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Comments, which are awaited before 31/01/2007, can be sent electronically at r.smeets@unesco.org and/or in hard copy to the Section ITH.

Comments by	Turkey
Date	24/ 01 / 2007

1. Outline for Operational Directives (see Decision 1.COM 5 and working document ITH/06/1 COM/CONF.204/5)

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Taking into account the decisions of the first General Assembly of the State Parties, the suggestions and decisions of the first Intergovernmental Committee meeting, and the proposal texts of the Secretariat, Turkey is agreeable for the text to be prepared by the Secretariat through consensus for the second ordinary session.

2. Advisory assistance to the Committee (see Decision 1.COM 6 and working document ITH/06/1.COM/CONF.204/6)

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1. support and enhance the unity of the country and contribute to peace there by discouraging violence in the community,
2. contribute to the collective cultural memory,
3. improve the quality of life of individuals, groups and communities,
4. help develop cognitive, emotional and creative capacities of individuals, groups and communities,
5. have an economic value and increase employment,
6. work in the fields proper to the definitions and the purposes of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage,
7. make scientific and academic studies on intangible cultural heritage.

**Comments solicited by the 1st Intangible Heritage Committee:
TURKEY**

3. Criteria for inscription (see Decision 1.COM 7 and working document ITH/06/1.COM/CONF.204/7)

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Taking into account the suggestions and recommendations of the experts at the “Inventorying Intangible Cultural Heritage” meeting in Paris on 17-18 March 2005 and their adoption by the Intergovernmental Committee with a view to their maximum employment, Turkish National Commission for UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage Expert Committee proposes the following criteria in determining inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage:

1. support and enhance the unity of the country and contribute to peace there by discouraging violence in the community,
2. contribute to collective cultural memory,
3. improve the quality of life of individuals, groups and communities,
4. help develop cognitive, emotional and creative capacities of individuals, groups and communities,
5. have an economic value and increase employment,
6. serve as an example by representing specific structures and contexts in terms of actors, rules, performances and productions.