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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

First session
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room XII
27-29 June 2006

<u>Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda</u>: Date and venue of the sessions of the General Assembly

Decision required: paragraph 3

1.   The Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage stipulates in Article 4.2 that the General Assembly shall meet in ordinary session every two years, and that it may meet in extraordinary session if it so decides, or at the request either of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, or of at least one third of the States Parties.

2.   The venue of the sessions of the General Assembly is not specified in the Convention. Considering that most Member States of UNESCO send delegations to the sessions of the General Conference, and that the financial resources to be allocated for the organization of meetings should be kept to a minimum, the General Assembly may wish to convene its sessions at UNESCO Headquarters immediately following the ordinary sessions of the General Conference of UNESCO.

3.   The General Assembly may wish to adopt the following resolution.

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The General Assembly,

1.   *Having examined* document ITH/06/1.GA/CONF.201/5,

2.   *Decides to convene its ordinary sessions every second year at UNESCO Headquarters immediately following the ordinary sessions of the General Conference of UNESCO.*