



Comments on the Draft Operational Directives on the principles governing the use of the emblem of the convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Under “Authorization” 11.

The text makes reference to the resolutions and decisions that will be taken especially for those which the Director-General decides to put them before the governing bodies. The text should further elaborate on this. We suggest the amendment of the text by clarifying which the governing bodies are.

Under “Criteria and conditions for the granting of patronage and use of the emblem” b. Conditions : i

Moreover, the text makes reference to the time of decision making. We suggest that the time limits should be stated by the committee. Alternatively it could be specified that the request of the use of the emblem will be taken twice a year or at the General Assembly.

Under “Commercial Use” 22.

The article stipulates that States parties are responsible for any consequences arising out of their use of the emblem. However, the procedure to follow when a violation of the use of the emblem is unveiled is not described in detail.

At a first stage the violation should be investigated by the local UNESCO Office and more serious offences should be reported to the UNESCO Headquarters. Degrees of abuse/violation should be defined.