

**TURKISH PERMANENT DELEGATION  
TO UNESCO**

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*Dear Ms. Rivière,*

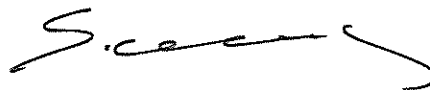
With reference to your letter dated 10 April 2008, Ref: CLT/CIH/ITH/08/119, regarding the Draft Operational Directives on the principles governing the use of the emblem of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, I have the pleasure to convey in the following, the comments of the Turkish side, as requested by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

- Paragraph 13-a-ii of the section "Criteria and conditions for the granting of patronage and use of the emblem" stipulates that "Adequate assurance should be obtained concerning those in charge (professional experience and reputation, references and recommendations, legal and financial guarantees) and the activities concerned (political, legal, financial and technical feasibility)." The paragraph should clarify the authority from which such assurance is to be obtained.
- Paragraph 13-b-i of the same section stipulates that "The Convention's patronage and use of the emblem must be requested at least three months prior to...". The authority to which the request will be submitted should be clearly indicated in this paragraph.
- An open competition was launched, with a view to design an emblem that best reflects the purposes and the spirit of the Convention. Should the selected emblem contain a certain phrase, an acronym or the name of the Convention, the States Parties should have the right to translate these into their official languages and use the emblem as such.

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Further views and proposals of the Turkish side particularly with regard to the commercial use of the emblem may be expressed by our Delegation during the forthcoming meetings, in the context of relevant discussions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Esra Cankorur', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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