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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Director-General of UNESCO, I have the honour to invite you to participate, as observers, in the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage that will take place at UNESCO Headquarters (7, place de Fontenoy, Paris 75007, room XII), from 3 to 7 December 2012.

Please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the session. Documents corresponding to items inscribed on this agenda will be published on the website of the Convention (http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/7COM/) at the latest four weeks before the beginning of the session and in the two working languages of the Committee — English and French (Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedures of the Intergovernmental Committee). Out of concern for the environment and in order to cut costs, we will not send hard copies of the documents unless requested to do so by you. Therefore in the event you are unable to download the documents, please send an e-mail to the Secretariat of the Convention in the Culture Sector, at ichmeetings@unesco.org.

I should be grateful if you would confirm your participation at this Committee session, by registering online as soon as possible on the Convention's web page at the above-mentioned address. In the event you encounter technical difficulties, kindly send an e-mail to ichmeetings@unesco.org.

Kindly note that all expenses incurred by participants will be borne by the Government they represent.

You may wish to know that, as is customary, the NGO Forum will take place on the eve of the opening session, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 2 December. Further information on the agenda is available on the following website: http://ngoforum.pbworks.com/.

Yours sincerely,

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