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

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Item 6A of the Provisional Agenda: Distribution among electoral groups of membership of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

SUMMARY

Article 5 of the Convention establishes an Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage which is to be composed of representatives of States Parties to the Convention and which is to be elected by the States Parties meeting in General Assembly. This document contains a proposal for the distribution among electoral groups of membership of the Committee.

Decision required: paragraph 5

1. Pursuant to Article 5.1 of the Convention, the General Assembly shall elect an Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, which will be composed of representatives of 18 States Parties.

2. As of 27 June 2006, the Convention is in force among the following 45 States:

	States	Date of deposit of instrument		States	Date of deposit of instrument
1	Algeria	15/03/2004	23	Peru	23/09/2005
2	Mauritius	04/06/2004	24	Pakistan	07/10/2005
3	Japan	15/06/2004	25	Bhutan	12/10/2005
4	Gabon	18/06/2004	26	Nigeria	21/10/2005
5	Panama	20/08/2004	27	Iceland	23/11/2005
6	China	02/12/2004	28	Mexico	14/12/2005
7	Central African Republic	07/12/2004	29	Senegal	05/01/2006
8	Latvia	14/01/2005	30	Romania	20/01/2006
9	Lithuania	21/01/2005	31	Estonia	27/01/2006
10	Belarus	03/02/2005	32	Luxembourg	31/01/2006
11	Republic of Korea	09/02/2005	33	Nicaragua	14/02/2006
12	Seychelles	15/02/2005	34	Cyprus	24/02/2006
13	Syrian Arab Republic	11/03/2005	35	Ethiopia	24/02/2006
14	United Arab Emirates	02/05/2005	36	Bolivia	28/02/2006
15	Mali	03/06/2005	37	Brazil	01/03/2006
16	Mongolia	29/06/2005	38	Bulgaria	10/03/2006
17	Croatia	28/07/2005	39	Hungary	17/03/2006
18	Egypt	03/08/2005	40	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	23/03/2006
19	Oman	04/08/2005	41	Belgium	24/03/2006
20	Dominica	05/09/2005	42	Jordan	24/03/2006
21	India	09/09/2005	43	Slovakia	24/03/2006
22	Viet Nam	20/09/2005	44	Republic of Moldova	24/03/2006
			45	Turkey	27/03/2006

3. Article 5.2 of the Convention also provides that the number of States Members of the Committee is to be increased to 24 once the number of the States Parties to the Convention reaches 50. If that number is reached before the first Committee meeting, it is desirable that the General Assembly convenes an extraordinary session in order to elect six additional Committee Members.

4. Pursuant to Rule 13 of the provisional Rules of Procedure for the purpose of the election at the 1st ordinary session of the General Assembly, the distribution of the 18 seats among the six electoral groups would be as follows:

Distribution of 18 seats among 45 States Parties in 6 electoral groups							
Group	I	II	III	IV	V(a)	V(b)	TOTAL
1	Iceland	Belarus	Panama	Bhutan	Mauritius	Algeria	
2	Luxembourg	Croatia	Dominica	China	Gabon	Syria	
3	Cyprus	Latvia	Peru	Rep. of Korea	Central African Rep.	Egypt	
4	Belgium	Lithuania	Mexico	India	Seychelles	Oman	
5	Turkey	Estonia	Nicaragua	Japan	Mali	United Arab Emirates	
6		Romania	Brazil	Mongolia	Nigeria	Jordan	
7		Bulgaria	Bolivia	Pakistan	Senegal		
8		Hungary		Vietnam	Ethiopia		
9		Slovakia		Iran			
10		Moldova					
Total (%)	5 (11.11%)	10 (22.22%)	7 (15.55%)	9 (20%)	8 (17.77%)	6 (13.33%)	45 (100%)
Seats	18 x 0,1111 = 1,9998	18 x 0,2222 = 3,9996	18 x 0,1555 = 2,799	18 x 0,2 = 3,6	18 x 0,1777 = 3,1986	18 x 0,1333 = 2,3994	18
Total	2	4	3	4	3	2	18

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION 1.GA 6A

The General Assembly,

1. *Having examined document ITH/06/1.GA/CONF.201/6A,*
2. *Decides that, for the purpose of the election of the members of the Committee at this session, membership in the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups in accordance with paragraph 4 of document ITH/06/1.GA/CONF.201/6A.*