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INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF
GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO PREPARE A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION
TO MEMBER STATES ON THE SAFEGUARDING OF FOLKLORE

SUMMARY

Pursuant to resolution 15.3 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session and in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by Unesco, the Director-General is submitting proposals to the Executive Board concerning invitations to the above-mentioned meeting of the Special Committee of Governmental Experts.

Introduction

1. According to the terms of resolution 15.3 which it adopted at its twenty-fourth session, the General Conference:

- '1. Decides that the question of the safeguarding of folklore should be the subject of a recommendation to Member States;
2. Invites the Director-General to convene a special committee of technical and legal experts appointed by Member States to draw up the final draft for submission to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session in 1989.'

Purpose of the meeting

2. As stated in paragraph 2 of the aforementioned resolution 15.3, the purpose of the meeting of the Special Committee is to draw up a draft recommendation on the safeguarding of folklore for submission to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth session and to suggest steps to be taken at national and international level to ensure the inventory, collection, conservation, preservation, utilization and protection of folklore.

Category of the meeting

3. By virtue of the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by Unesco (hereinafter called 'the Regulations'), this meeting comes in the category of 'intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States' (category II) and consequently the chief participants will represent their governments.

Date and place of the meeting

4. The meeting will be held at Unesco Headquarters in Paris during the first half of 1989 for five working days.

Participants

5. In accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Regulations regarding category II meetings, it is for the Executive Board to take decisions on invitations to the meeting.

Member States and Associate Members (Article 21.1 of the Regulations)

6. Under the terms of Article 21, paragraph 1, of the Regulations, the Executive Board, on the Director-General's proposal and subject to the applicable regulations, decides on the Member States and Associate Members whose governments are to be invited to the meeting.

7. In accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned article, the Director-General proposes that all Member States and Associate Members should be invited to participate with the right to vote.

States not members of Unesco (Article 21.3 of the Regulations)

8. According to Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Regulations, the Executive Board may designate non-Member States to be invited to send observers to the meeting. At the time of drafting this document, and taking into account Resolution 22.1 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-fourth session, the list of States that are not members of Unesco but which are

members of at least one organization of the United Nations system is as follows: Brunei, Cook Islands, the Republic of Djibouti, the Holy See, Kiribati, Liechtenstein, Nauru, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island, United States of America and Vanuatu.

9. Moreover, the Director-General proposes that States which might become members of any one of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening of the meeting should be invited as observers.

African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (Article 7A of the Regulations)

10. Under the terms of Article 7A of the Regulations, the Executive Board decides which African liberation movements recognized by the OAU are to be invited to send observers to the meeting.

11. At the time of drafting this document, the liberation movements recognized by the OAU were as follows:

African National Congress (ANC)
Pan Africanist Congress (PAC)
South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)

The Palestine Liberation Organization recognized by the League of Arab States (Article 7B of the Regulations)

12. Under the terms of Article 7B of the Regulations, the Executive Board invites the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), recognized by the League of Arab States, to send observers to the meeting.

International organizations (Articles 21.4 and 21.5 of the Regulations)

(a) Organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has concluded mutual representation agreements (Article 21.4 of the Regulations)

13. The Director-General recalls that under Article 21.4 of the Regulations, the organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has concluded a mutual representation agreement, may send representatives to the meeting. These organizations are as follows:

United Nations
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
International Labour Organisation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
World Health Organization
International Atomic Energy Agency
World Intellectual Property Organization
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

(b) Other international organizations (Article 21.5 of the Regulations)

14. Under the terms of Article 21, paragraph 5, of the Regulations, the Board may decide that the following shall be invited to send observers to the meeting: (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has not concluded mutual representation agreements; (b) intergovernmental organizations; and (c) international non-governmental organizations, in

accordance with the Directives concerning Unesco's relations with international non-governmental organizations. In pursuance of this text, the Director-General proposes that in view of the subject dealt with, the following organizations should be invited to send observers to the meeting:

(i) Intergovernmental organizations

African, Caribbean and the Pacific Group of States
 African Cultural Institute
 African Intellectual Property Organization
 Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation
 Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States
 Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
 Arab States Broadcasting Union
 Arab Telecommunications Union
 Association of South-East Asian Nations
 Caribbean Community Secretariat
 Central American Educational and Cultural Co-ordination (CEC)
 Commission of the European Communities
 Commonwealth Secretariat
 Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
 Council of Arab Economic Unity
 Council of Europe
 Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries
 Ibero-American Bureau of Education
 International Centre for the Bantu Civilizations (CICIBA)
 International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration
 of Cultural Property
 International Institute for the Unification of Private Law
 Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 Islamic States Broadcasting Services Organization
 Italian-Latin American Institute
 Latin American Economic System
 Latin Union
 League of Arab States
 Nordic Council
 Organization of African Unity
 Organization of American States
 Organization of Central American States
 Organization of the Islamic Conference
 Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Convention
 Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American
 Economic Integration
 South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
 South Pacific Commission
 West African Economic Community (CEAO)
 World Tourism Organization

(ii) International non-governmental organizations in
 categories A, B and C

Category A (consultative and associate relations)

European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities
 International Association of Art
 International Co-operative Alliance
 International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, including its
 full member:

International Secretariat of Arts, Communications Media and
 Entertainment Trade Unions

International Council of Archives
International Federation for Documentation
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
International Federation of Translators
International Film and Television Council, including its
affiliated members:

International Federation of Film Distributors' Associations
International Federation of Film Producers' Associations
International Union of Cinematograph Exhibitors

International Music Council
International Theatre Institute
International Union of Architects
Society of African Culture
World Crafts Council
World Federation of Trade Unions

Category B (information and consultative relations)

Afro-Asian Writers' Association
Asian-Pacific Broadcasting Union
Broadcasting Organizations of the Non-Aligned Countries
European Society of Culture
Inter-American Association of Broadcasters
International African Institute
International Association of Conference Interpreters
International Association of Democratic Lawyers
International Catholic Organization for the Cinema and Audiovisuals
International Commission of Jurists
International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers
International Copyright Society
International Federation of Actors
International Federation of Journalists
International Federation of Musicians
International Federation of Newspaper Publishers
International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers
International Group of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers
International Institute for Audiovisual Communication and Cultural
Development
International Law Association
International Literary and Artistic Association
International Organization of Journalists
International PEN
International Publishers Association
International Radio and Television Organization
International Writers Guild
Union of National Radio and Television Organizations of Africa
World Council for the Welfare of the Blind

Category C (mutual information relationships)

Commonwealth Press Union
European Broadcasting Union
Ibero-American Television Organization
Inter-African Union of Lawyers
Inter-American Copyright Institute
International Association of Sound Archives
International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers
International Council of Reprography

International Council for Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Art
International Federation of Photographic Art
International Institute for Children's Literature and Reading Research
International Organization of Folk Art
Law Association for Asia and the Western Pacific
World Academy of Art and Science

15. The Executive Board may, in view of these considerations, wish to adopt the following decision:

'The Executive Board,

1. Having examined document 130 EX/13

2. Decides:

- (i) to invite all Member States and Associate Members of Unesco to take part in the meeting of the Special Committee of governmental experts to prepare a draft recommendation on the safeguarding of folklore;
- (ii) to invite States that are not members of Unesco but which are members of one at least of the organizations of the United Nations system listed in paragraph 8 of document 130 EX/13 or which might become members of one of those organizations before the opening of the meeting to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
- (iii) to invite the African liberation movements recognized by the OAU listed in paragraph 11 of 130 EX/13 to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
- (iv) to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization recognized by the League of Arab States to send observers to the meeting of the Committee;
- (v) to invite the organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has concluded a mutual representation agreement listed in paragraph 13 of document 130 EX/13 to send representatives to the meeting of the Committee;
- (vi) to invite the international organizations listed in paragraph 14 of document 130 EX/13 to send observers to the meeting of the Committee.'