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INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF
GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE SAFEGUARDING OF FOLKLORE

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by Unesco, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board, proposals concerning invitations to the meeting of the above-mentioned Committee of Governmental Experts.

1. The General Conference at its twenty-first session adopted resolution 5/01 whereby:

"The General Conference,

Authorizes the Director-General to carry out activities contributing to the achievement of objective 9.2 (Promotion of Copyright and of Access to Copyrighted Works), in particular:

.....

(c) by contributing to the safeguard of the intellectual heritage of nations;

.....".

2. The General Conference also took note of the work plan relating to theme 5/9.2/02, paragraph 502⁴ of which provides that:

"Two committees of governmental experts (category II) will be convened. The first will be held with a view to defining measures to safeguard the existence, development and authenticity of folklore and to protect it against the risk of distortion".

Nature of the meeting

3. In view of the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by Unesco", adopted by the General Conference at its fourteenth session and modified at its eighteenth session, this meeting is to be considered as falling within category II, i.e. intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States. Under the terms of Article 21 of the Regulations, it is therefore for the Executive Board to decide on the participants in the meeting of this Committee.

Place and date of the meeting

4. According to Article 24 of the Regulations, the date and place of the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts will be fixed by the Director-General.

Participants

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

5. The Director-General proposes that all Member States and the Associate Member of Unesco be invited to participate in the meeting of the Committee.

(b) Non-Member States (Article 21.3 of the Regulations)

6. The Director-General proposes that States which are not members of Unesco but which are members of one or more organizations of the United Nations system be invited to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts. At the time of drawing up this document and taking into account resolution 10 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-first session, the list of such States was as follows: Bahamas, Bhutan, Republic of Djibouti, Fiji, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Nauru and Western Samoa.

Observers and representatives

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

7. Under the terms of Article 7A of the Regulations, the Executive Board shall decide upon the African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity which are to be invited to send observers to meetings in category II.

At the time of drawing up this document, the following African liberation movements were recognized by the OAU, and the Director-General proposes that they be invited to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts:

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

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

8. Under the terms of Article 7B of the Regulations, as adopted by the General Conference at its eighteenth session, the Executive Board shall invite the Palestine Liberation Organization, recognized by the League of Arab States, to send observers to the meeting of the Committee.

9. International organizations (Article 21 (4) and (5) of the Regulations)

(a) The Director-General recalls that under Article 21.4 of the Regulations, the following organizations of the United Nations system with which Unesco has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to the meeting of the Committee:

United Nations

United Nations Industrial Development Organization
United Nations Development Programme

International Labour Organisation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
World Health Organization
International Atomic Energy Agency
World Intellectual Property Organization

(b) In pursuance of Article 21.5 of the Regulations, the Director-General proposes that the following organizations be invited to send observers to the meeting of the Committee:

(i) Intergovernmental organizations

African Cultural Institute
Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation
Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
Arab States Broadcasting Union
Caribbean Community Secretariat
Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
Council of Europe
European Economic Community
Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics
International Centre for Scientific and Technical Information
Islamic States' Broadcasting Services Organization
Joint African and Mauritian Organization
Nordic Council
Organization of African Unity
Organization of American States
Organization of Central American States

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

Category A (consultative and associate relations)

International Association of Art
International Co-operative Alliance
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
including its full member:
International Secretariat of Entertainment Trade Unions
International Council of Archives
International Council of Museums
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 Federation for Documentation

International Federation of Translators
International Music Council
International Organization for Standardization
International Theatre Institute
Society of African Culture
World Confederation of Labour
World Crafts Council
World Federation of Trade Unions

Category B (information and consultative relations)

Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union
European Society of Culture
Inter-American Association of Broadcasters
International African Institute
International Association of Democratic Lawyers
International Commission of Jurists
International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers
International Copyright Society
International Dance Council
International Federation for Information Processing
International Federation of Actors
International Federation of Films Archives
International Federation of Journalists
International Federation of Musicians
International Federation of Newspaper Publishers
International Federation of Producers of Phonograms and Videograms
International Group of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers
International Institute for Audio-visual Communications and Cultural Development
International Institute of Communications
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

Category C (mutual information relationship)

European Broadcasting Union
Iberoamerican Television Organization
International Association of Sound Archives
International Catholic Film Organization
International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers
International Council of Reprography
International Federation of Photographic Art
International Institute for Children's Juvenile and Popular Literature
International Organization for the Protection of Works of Art
Organizations of Museums, Monuments and Sites in Africa

10. If the Executive Board approves the proposals contained in this document, it may wish to adopt the following resolution:

"The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts on the Safeguarding of Folklore,

2. Decides:

- (i) that invitations to participate in the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts shall be extended to all Member States and the Associate Member of Unesco mentioned in paragraph 5 of document 112 EX/11;
- (ii) that invitations to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts shall be extended to the States not members of Unesco listed in paragraph 6 of document 112 EX/11 and to any other State that becomes a member of one or more organizations of the United Nations system before the opening of the Committee's meeting;
- (iii) that invitations to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts shall be extended to the African liberation movements recognized by the OAU;
- (iv) that an invitation to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts shall be extended to the Palestine Liberation Organization recognized by the League of Arab States;
- (v) that an invitation to send observers to the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts shall be extended to the organizations listed in paragraph 9(a) and (b) of document 112 EX/11.