

Comment received in response to Decision 3.COM 9 from: Mongolia

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To: ICH NGO
Subject: Comments on the modalities and methods of facilitating the contribution of NGOs from developing countries

Dear Cecile Duvelle,

At its 3rd session (Istanbul, Turkey 4 to 8 November 2008), the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage decided "to examine at its next session modalities and methods of facilitating the contribution of NGOs from developing countries, in accordance with the Operational Directives concerning advisory assistance to the Committee".

Having available to it a roster of accredited NGOs that respects the principle of equitable geographic representation, includes those from developing countries is a high of importance on not only taking effort for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in different countries, but also on maintaining the equity on the diverse cultures to be peacefully coexist.

Geographic representation is inevitably linked with the cultural diversity. Thus, taking them into the through consideration is crucial for accrediting the NGOs.

When choosing the NGOs that shall have advisory functions to the Committee, this is also important to take some other issues linked to the specificities and features of the activity of the NGO into consideration, while considering the required criteria information of it.

Number issue of the NGO to be accredited from each country each time could be in the center of attention, regarding whether there should be limit or not. Following this issue, there can also be issues derive I regards with the periods of time.

I deeply hope that we, the State Parties of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, altogether in close cooperation, can designate applicable framework for achieving the goals associated to the modalities and methods of facilitating the contribution of NGOs from developing countries.

Yours Sincerely,

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