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INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING OF THE SECOND 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. In pursuance of resolution 5/03 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-first session, a preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects of the safeguarding of folklore, prepared in the light of the findings of the two committees of governmental experts (viz. one on the 'Safeguarding of Folklore' held under the auspices of Unesco alone in February 1982 and the other on the 'Intellectual Property Aspects of the Protection of Expressions of Folklore' held under joint sponsorship of Unesco and WIPO) was submitted by the Director-General to the Executive Board at its 116th session (116 EX/26).
2. Having examined the preliminary study, the Executive Board adopted decision 5.6.2, which consists of two parts containing inter alia the following paragraphs:
under part A:
 - '3. Invites the Director-General to pursue, bearing in mind the observations and opinions expressed during the examination of this matter by the Executive Board, the preliminary study on the technical, legal and administrative aspects of general regulations concerning the preservation of folklore;
 4. Decides to this end, in accordance with Article 4 (2) of the above-mentioned Rules of Procedure, that a committee of experts should carry

out during the 1984-1985 biennium a thorough study of the possible range and scope of such regulations;'

under part B:

'7. Recommends the General Conference to invite the Director-General to take, jointly with the Director-General of WIPO, the requisite measures to look into the need for specific regulations of this kind and to prepare such regulations.'

3. The Director-General submitted to the General Conference, at its twenty-second session, a report on the 'Safeguarding of Folklore' (document 22 C/28), which gave an account of the work carried out by the Secretariat in pursuance of 21 C/Resolution 5/03 and referred to the decision adopted by the Executive Board.

4. The General Conference took note of the Executive Board's decision, as well as of paragraph 15115 of the work plan relating to 22 C/Resolution 15.1, which reads as follows:

'(b) Protection of folklore - In the light of the views expressed by the Executive Board at its 116th session, the interdisciplinary examination of ways and means of safeguarding folklore will be pursued in conjunction with the activities envisaged under Programme XI.2 (Culture and the future). A committee (category II) of governmental experts set up to make an in-depth study of the possible range and scope of general regulations concerning the safeguarding of folklore will meet in 1985. A report on the proceedings of that committee and on the results of the activities carried out in accordance with the terms of the following paragraphs will be made to the Executive Board at its 121st session and the question of the desirability of adopting general regulations in this field may be included in the agenda of the twenty-third session of the General Conference.'

5. In conformity with paragraph 4 of part A of the Executive Board's decision and with paragraph 15115 of the work plan relating to 22 C/Resolution 15.1, the Director-General proposes to convene a meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts on the Safeguarding of Folklore.

Nature of the meeting

6. In accordance with 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 for the Executive Board to decide on the participants in the meeting of this Committee.

Place and date of the meeting

7. 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)

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

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

9. 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 18 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-second session, the list of such states was as follows: Brunei, Republic of Djibouti, Holy See, Kiribati, Liechtenstein, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Observers and representatives(a) 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 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 Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)

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

11. 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.

12. 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
World Intellectual Property Organization
International Atomic Energy Agency

(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, Caribbean and 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 Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
Arab Gulf States Folklore Centre
Arab States Broadcasting Union
Association of South-East Asian Nations
Caribbean Community Secretariat
Central American Educational and Cultural Co-ordination System (CECC)
Commonwealth Secretariat
Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
Council of Europe
Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African
National Languages
European Economic Community
Ibero-American Bureau of Education
Islamic States' Broadcasting Services Organization
Italian-Latin American Institute
Joint African and Mauritanian Organization
Latin Union
League of Arab States
Council of Nordic Ministers of Education and Culture
Organization of African Unity
Organization of American States
Organization of the Islamic Conference
South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
World Tourism Organization

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

Category A (consultative and associate relations)

International Association of Art
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

including its full member:

International Secretariat of Entertainment Trade Unions
International Co-operative Alliance
International Council of Archives
International Council of Monuments and Sites
International Council of Museums
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

including its affiliated member:

International Council of Folklore Festivals
International Theatre Institute
International Union for Conservation of Nature
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
Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union
Broadcasting Organizations of the Non-Aligned Countries
European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities
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 of Actors
International Federation of Films Archives
International Federation of Journalists
International Federation of Musicians
International Federation of Newspaper Publishers
International Federation of the Periodical Press
International Federation of Popular Travel Organizations
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
World Federation of Travel Writers and Journalists

Category C (mutual information relationship)

Caribbean Conservation Association
Commonwealth Press Union
European Broadcasting Union
Ibero-American Television Organization
Interafrican Union of Lawyers
Interamerican Copyright Institute
International Association for Cultural Freedom
International Association of Sound Archives
International Catholic Film Organization
International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers
International Federation of Photographic Art
International Federation of Sound Hunters
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
The International Organization of Folk Art
World Academy of Art and Science

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

'The Executive Board,

1. Having considered the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to the meeting of the second 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 Members of Unesco mentioned in paragraph 8 of document 119 EX/13;
 - (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 9 of document 119 EX/13 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 be represented at the meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts or to send observers shall be extended to the organizations listed in paragraph 12 (a) and (b) of document 119 EX/13'.