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### INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

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**Item 14 of the provisional agenda:** Report of the Committee on its activities and decisions to the Conference of Parties

According to Rule 45.1 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, this document presents in Annex the Report of the Committee on its activities and decisions, to be submitted to the Conference of Parties at its fourth ordinary session (June 2013).

Decision required: paragraph 2

1. Rule 45.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereafter the “Committee”) provides that it shall submit a report of its activities and decisions to the Conference of Parties. This document presents in Annex the report.

2. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

**DRAFT DECISION 6.IGC 14**

*The Committee,*

1. *Having examined document CE/12/6.IGC/14 and its Annex;*
2. *Adopts the report on its activities since the third ordinary session of the Conference of Parties as annexed to this decision;*
3. *Submits the report to the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties.*

**ANNEX****Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions on its activities and decisions to the Conference of Parties****1. Composition of the Committee**

1. Article 23 of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Convention”) provides for the establishment of an Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Committee”). According to this provision, the Members of the Committee shall be elected for four years and their election shall be based on the principles of equitable geographical representation as well as rotation. In conformity with Rule 15.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties, the election of the Members of the Committee shall be conducted on the basis of the composition of the electoral groups of UNESCO, as determined by the UNESCO General Conference, it being understood that ‘Group V’ shall consist of two separate electoral groups: V(a) (African States) and V(b) (Arab States).

2. At its third ordinary session, on 17 June 2011, the Conference of Parties elected 12 Members of the Committee in accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties.

3. The 24 States members of the Committee and the duration of their term of office are as follows:

<b>Group I</b>			
Canada	2009-2013	Sweden	2011-2015
France	2009-2013	Switzerland	2011-2015
<b>Group II</b>			
Albania	2009-2013	Bulgaria	2009-2013
Armenia	2011-2015	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2011-2015
<b>Group III</b>			
Argentina	2011-2015	Honduras	2011-2015
Brazil	2009-2013	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2011-2015
Cuba	2009-2013		
<b>Group IV</b>			
China	2009-2013	Viet Nam	2011-2015
Lao People’s Democratic Republic	2009-2013		
<b>Group V(a)</b>			
Cameroon	2009-2013	Kenya	2009-2013
Congo	2011-2015	Zimbabwe	2011-2015
Guinea	2011-2015		
<b>Group V(b)</b>			
Jordan	2009-2013	Tunisia	2009-2013
Kuwait	2011-2015		

**2. Meetings of the Committee since the third ordinary session of the Conference of Parties (14-15 June 2011)**

4. Since the third ordinary session of the Conference of Parties, the Committee has met twice in ordinary session. Those meetings were held as follows:

Sessions	Dates
Fifth ordinary session, Paris, France (5.IGC)	5-7 December 2011
Sixth ordinary session, Paris, France (6.IGC)	10-14 December 2012

5. According to Rule 12.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall elect a Bureau at the end of each ordinary session whose mandate continues until the next ordinary session. At its fourth and fifth ordinary sessions, the Committee suspended the application of Rule 12.1 of its Rules of Procedure in order to elect the Chairperson of the Committee (Decision 4.IGC 15) and two of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee (Decision 5.IGC 11).

Sessions	Members of the Bureau	Dates
Fifth ordinary session Paris (France)	Chairperson: Mr Zhi Yang (China)  Rapporteur: Ms Dominique Levasseur (Canada)  Vice-Chairpersons: Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Tunisia	5-7 December 2011
Sixth ordinary session Paris (France)	Chairperson: Mr Paul Damasane (Zimbabwe)  Rapporteur: Mr Artashes Arakelyan (Armenia)  Vice-Chairpersons: Brazil, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Switzerland, Tunisia	10-14 December 2012

**3. Activities of the Committee since the third ordinary session of the Conference of Parties (14-15 June 2011)**

6. Since the third ordinary session of the Conference of Parties, the main activities and decisions of the Committee, in conformity with Article 23.6 (b), (e) and (f) of the Convention, refer to the following:

- implementation of the pilot phase of the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD);
- adoption of the terms of reference for evaluating the pilot phase of the IFCD;
- revision of the Guidelines on the use of the resources of the IFCD;

- development of a fundraising strategy for the IFCD;
- draft operational guidelines for the use of the emblem of the Convention and selection of an emblem;
- first quadrennial periodic reports of the Parties and examination of the Secretariat's strategic and action-oriented analytical summary;
- examination of information obtained during consultations on the implementation of Article 21 on international consultation and coordination;
- progress on the number of ratifications to the Convention and implementation of the ratification strategy.

### ***Implementation of the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)***

7. The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session (December 2011), approved projects to be funded by the IFCD during the second year of the pilot phase. The Committee further decided to issue a new appeal for project applications in 2012 and to dedicate 70% of the funds available on 30 June 2012 for the third year of the pilot phase (2012) (Decision 5.IGC 6). The Committee also decided to renew, for a period of one year from the date of that session, the membership of the expert panel charged with drawing up recommendations for the sixth ordinary session of the Committee with a view to its examination of requests for the funding of programmes/projects during the third year of the implementation of the Fund. The Committee requested the Secretariat to invite the coordinator of the expert panel to participate in the sixth ordinary session of the Committee (Decision 5.IGC 5). Finally, the Committee requested the Secretariat to make available online within the statutory deadlines all project files as well as their evaluation (Decision 5.IGC 7).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Evaluation of the pilot phase of the IFCD***

8. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, requested the Committee to draw up the terms of reference for an evaluation of the pilot phase of the Fund (Resolution 3.CP 11). The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, examined and adopted the terms of reference for an evaluation of the pilot phase of the IFCD (Decision 5.IGC 7).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Revision of the Guidelines on the use of the resources of the IFCD***

9. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, invited the Committee to examine the Guidelines on the use of the resources of the Fund, taking account of the results of the evaluation of the pilot phase of the IFCD, and to submit the results of its work on the matter to the Conference of Parties at its fourth ordinary session (Resolution 3.CP 11). The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, therefore requested the Secretariat to prepare preliminary draft revisions to the Guidelines on the use of the resources of the Fund for consideration at the sixth ordinary session of the Committee (Decision 5.IGC 6).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Fundraising strategy***

10. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, took note of different approaches and modalities that exist at national and international levels and of issues that should be addressed in developing a future fundraising strategy for the IFCD (Resolution 3.CP 9). The Conference of Parties further took note of the terms of reference for the future fundraising strategy for the IFCD and requested the Committee to continue its work on the matter and identify the resources to be used for this initiative (Resolution 3.CP 9). The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, decided to allocate, in addition, under fixed costs a maximum amount of US\$200,000 for fundraising activities from unassigned funds of the IFCD, and requested the Secretariat to identify appropriate means or mechanisms to facilitate the payment of contributions to the IFCD (Decision 5.IGC 6). The Committee further decided to include the item on fundraising activities in the agenda of the sixth ordinary session of the Committee and requested the Secretariat to submit to it a detailed report on the use of funds intended for fundraising activities (Decision 5.IGC 6).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Emblem of the Convention***

11. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, approved the principle of creating an emblem in a cost-efficient manner, and requested the Committee to develop operational guidelines for the use of the emblem (Resolution 3.CP 11). The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, discussed the issue so as to decide whether the emblem of the Convention should be used with or without the UNESCO logo. The Committee subsequently requested the Secretariat to draw up preliminary draft operational guidelines on the use of the emblem, taking account of the principle of flexibility, that is, the use of the emblem with or without the UNESCO logo, and to submit them to the Committee for consideration at its sixth ordinary session. The Committee further requested the Secretariat to submit at that session proposals for an emblem, taking into consideration the Convention's existing visual identity (5.IGC 9).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### **Strategic and action-oriented analytical summary of the quadrennial periodic reports**

12. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, approved the operational guidelines on information sharing and transparency (Article 9 of the Convention) as well as the framework applicable to the quadrennial periodic reports on measures to protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions (Resolution 3.CP 7). The Conference of Parties adopted the timetable for the submission of the quadrennial periodic reports (Resolution 3.CP 10). According to the timetable, 94 Parties were due to submit their quadrennial periodic report in 2012. The Conference of Parties further decided that the quadrennial periodic reports would be made available to Parties for information before the Committee session at which the reports were to be considered, and that the reports would be made available to the public after the session of the Committee at which they had been considered (Resolution 3.CP 10). The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, decided that only the summaries of the quadrennial periodic reports would be translated into English and French. The Committee invited Parties to submit, to the extent possible, their quadrennial periodic reports in both working languages of the Committee, and further invited Parties in a position to do so to also submit their reports in other languages for the purposes of information sharing (Decision 5.IGC 4).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Implementation of Article 21 – International consultation and coordination***

13. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, and the Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, requested the Secretariat, in the context of the implementation of Section V of the Convention on the relationship to other instruments, to present on an annual basis, in relation to Article 21, cases where the Convention had been invoked or utilized in other international fora (Resolution 3.CP 11 and Decision 5.IGC 8). The Committee, at its fifth ordinary session, took note of the information obtained during the first consultation, and requested the Secretariat to pursue its efforts in that regard and to submit its findings to the Committee for consideration at its sixth ordinary session (Decision 5.IGC 8).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Strategy for encouraging ratifications of the Convention***

14. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, invited the Committee to continue its work on the ratification strategy (Resolution 3.CP 11). The Committee requested the Secretariat to submit to it at its sixth ordinary session a document reporting on the progress of ratifications of the Convention as well as on steps taken and actions carried out in 2011-2012 (Decision 4.IGC 4).

To be completed during 6.IGC

### ***Promotion and visibility of the Convention***

15. The Conference of Parties, at its third ordinary session, invited the Committee to continue its work on the promotion and visibility of the Convention (Resolution 3.CP 11). The Committee has pursued the promotion and visibility of the Convention by means of various activities relating to the International Fund for Cultural Diversity, the fundraising strategy and the ratification strategy. This has been made possible with extrabudgetary funds provided by the government of Spain.

#### **4. Information meeting**

16. A meeting to discuss the participation of civil society in the preparation of quadrennial periodic reports was held on 5 December 2011 in advance of the fifth ordinary session of the Committee. The meeting provided an opportunity for Parties and representatives of civil society to share their experiences with the aim of increasing the involvement of civil society in the preparation of the quadrennial periodic reports, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention and its operational guidelines.

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