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Members of the Advisory Body and Geographical Distribution

1. In accordance with Article 2 (a) of its Statutes, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (hereinafter the “**Advisory Body**”) comprises 12 members until 14 April 2013. On that date, the terms of six of its members ends, and an election must take place to fill the vacated posts. According to Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties, the Meeting shall elect the Advisory Body with due regard to the **principle of equitable geographical distribution, rotation and the desirability of a gender balance.**
2. Outgoing members of the Advisory Body are:
 - Ms Dolores Elkin (Argentina),
 - Ms Pilar Luna Erreguerena (Mexico),
 - Mr Constantin Chera (Romania),
 - Mr Andrej Gaspari (Slovenia)
 - Ms Carmen García Rivera (Spain),
 - Ms Ouafa Ben Slimane (Tunisia).

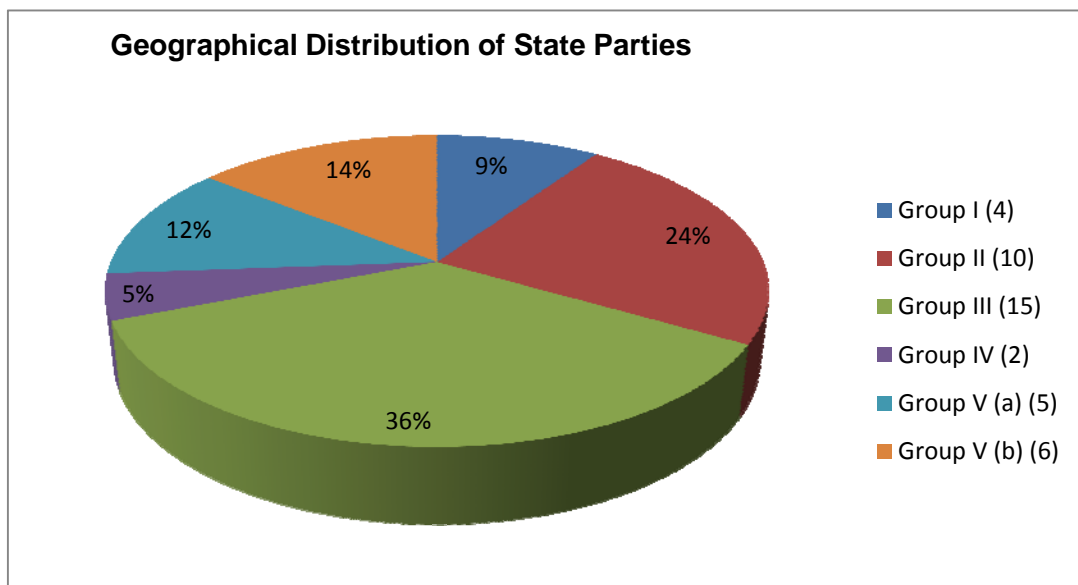
Members being elected for 4 year term (leaving in 2015) are:

- Mr Jasen Mesic (Croatia),
 - Mr Ovidio Juan Ortega Pereyra (Cuba),
 - Ms Annalisa Zarattini (Italy),
 - Mr Vladas Zulkus (Lithuania),
 - Mr Augustus Babajide Ajibola (Nigeria),
 - Mr Hugo Eliecer Bonilla Mendoza (Panama).
3. With regard to the principle of gender balance: The Advisory Body is comprised of 5 women and 7 men. On 14 April 2013, four of the five women will vacate their posts, and two of the seven men will vacate their posts.
 4. With regard to the balance of expertise, it can be said that most of the members of the Advisory Body are underwater archaeologists or heritage specialists, working, however, in different regions. One member is a lawyer and one member is an elected parliamentarian.

5. With regard to geographical distribution, Group I preserves one place, Group II two places, Group III two places, and Group V (a) retains one place.

6. To obtain an equitable geographical distribution in the upcoming election of the 6 members, it is necessary to know the number of seats to be claimed by each electoral group. The calculation to be made is the number of States Parties per electoral group divided by the total number of States Parties to the Convention and multiplied by the 12 seats in the Advisory Body. The resulting claim has to be diminished by the number of members from a region that continue to sit as members in the Advisory Body.

$$\frac{\text{States Parties per electoral group}}{\text{States Parties to the Convention (42)}} \times \text{seats in the Advisory Body (12)} = \text{claim} - \text{sitting members}$$



- Group I:** France, Italy, Portugal, Spain
- Group II:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
- Group III:** Argentina, Barbados, Cuba, Ecuador, Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago
- Group IV:** Cambodia, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Group V (a):** Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Nigeria, Benin, Namibia
- Group V (b):** Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia

7. The resulting proportional distribution of seats in the Body is illustrated below. This calculation is provided by the Secretariat on request of the States Parties (made in MSP 3), and is **not binding***.

Distribution of the 6 seats among the six electoral groups							
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V(a)	Group V(b)	TOTAL
Total of States in elect. group	4	10	15	2	5	6	42
Seats in the Advisory Body	$4 / 42 \times 12 = 1,14$	$10 / 42 \times 12 = 2,85$	$15 / 42 \times 12 = 4,28$	$2 / 42 \times 12 = 0,57$	$5 / 42 \times 12 = 1,43$	$6 / 42 \times 12 = 1,71$	12
Seats held by sitting members	1	2	2	0	1	0	6
Seats to potentially be attributed	0,14	0,85	2,28	0,57	0,43	1,71	

Currently the following candidates have been proposed by the different electoral groups:

Distribution of actual candidates over the six electoral groups							
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V(a)	Group V(b)	TOTAL
Candidates proposed:	1	3	2	1	/	1	8

LIST OF PROPOSED CANDIDATES

	Proposing State Party (by Electoral Group)	Name and background of candidate (Detailed CVs have been circulated to the States Parties and are available from the Secretariat)
	Group I	
1.	France	Michel L'Hour Director of the French department for underwater archaeological research DRASSM Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
	Group II	
1.	Romania	Constantin Chera Function: Department leader, Museum for National History and Archaeology Constanta, Romania Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist

2.	Slovenia	Andrej Gaspari Function: Undersecretary at the Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture Professional Background: Archaeologist
3.	Ukraine	Viktor Vakoniiev Function: Head of the Department of Underwater Archaeology of the "Black Sea Underwater Research Center" Professional Background: PhD, Underwater Archaeologist
Group III		
1.	Mexico	Maria Elena Barba Meinecke Function: Responsible for underwater cultural heritage in Yucatan at the National Institute for Anthropology and History Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
2.	Argentina	Dolores Elkin Function: Director, Underwater Archaeology Programme, National Institute of Anthropology, Argentina Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
Group IV		
1.	Iran	Seyed Hossein Sadat Meidani Function: Legal Expert at the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Professional Background: Specialist of Public International Law
Group V (a)		
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Group V (b)		
1.	Tunisia	Ouafa Ben Slimane Function: Attachée de Recherches, National Institut for Heritage Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist