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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

Second session
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV
1 to 3 December 2009

Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda:

Election of the Members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body

Decision required : paragraph 7

1. In its first session and by its Resolution 5/MSP 1, the Meeting of States Parties established a Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (hereinafter referred to as “the Advisory Body”) according to Article 23.4 of the Convention. In the same Resolution, the Meeting of States Parties adopted the Statutes of the Advisory Body.
2. In accordance with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (hereinafter referred to as “the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting”), a State Party may nominate an expert for elections to represent it in the Advisory Body.
3. According to Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting, the election of members of the Advisory Body shall be conducted with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the desirability of a gender balance as well as a balance of domains of expertise. Experts shall have a scientific, professional and ethical background at the national and/or international level adequate to the task, in conformity with the objective and purpose of the Convention.
4. In accordance with Article 2 (a) of its Statutes, the Advisory Body shall be composed of twelve Members. The Meeting of Parties may increase this number to up to twenty four depending on the number of States Parties. They shall have a scientific, professional and ethical background at the national and/or international level, in particular, in the field of underwater archaeology, international law, materials science (metallurgy, archaeo-biology, geology), and conservation of underwater cultural heritage sites and/or archaeological underwater artefacts.
5. With the invitations to the second session of the Meeting of States Parties, each State Party had been asked to nominate a candidate for elections to represent it in the Advisory Body, in

compliance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting. The provisional list of candidates and the background information required is to be found in document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/INF. 4.

6. A repartition of States, which are at the moment of the second session of the Meeting States Parties to the Convention, within electoral groups appears in Annex of the present document.
7. The Meeting of States Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution :

DRAFT RESOLUTION 7/MSP 2:

The Meeting of States Parties,

1. Having examined document UCH/09/2.MSP/220/7,
2. Decides that, for the purpose of the elections of the Members to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, the 12 seats will be distributed among the electoral groups as follows :

Group I (...);

Group II (...);

Group III (...);

Group IV (...);

Group V (a) (...);

Group V (b).

ANNEX:

Repartition of States Parties to the to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage within Electoral Groups

Number of States Parties at the opening of the 2nd session of the Meeting of States Parties: 26

Group I

Portugal
Spain

Group II

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Lithuania
Montenegro
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Ukraine

Group III

Barbados
Cuba
Ecuador
Grenada
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Saint Lucia

Group IV

Cambodia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Group V (a)

Nigeria

Group V (b)

Lebanon
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Tunisia