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**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL  
HERITAGE**

**MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL  
HERITAGE**

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

**Information Document:**

**Provisional List of Candidates to the  
Scientific and Technical Advisory Body**

1. A Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (hereinafter “**the Advisory Body**”) has been established in conformity with Article 23.4 of the Convention by resolution 5 / MSP 1 of the first session of the Meeting. As regulated by the Rules of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting, it elects the twelve members of this Advisory Body (Rule 3 (b) and 22).
2. Each State Party may nominate an expert for election to represent it (Rule 21). These candidates should 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 (Rule 22.1). The election will 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.
3. The Secretariat asked the States Parties prior to the Meeting, whether they intended to nominate a candidate and a first provisional list of candidates was sent to States Parties three weeks prior to the opening of the reunion.
4. The present document lists the whole of the candidatures received up to the moment of the publication of the present document per electoral group as well as the scientific, professional and ethical background of the candidates. Their *curriculum vitae* are available from the Secretariat.

	<b>Proposing State Party (by Electoral Group)</b>	<b>Name and background of candidate</b> (Detailed CVs available from the Secretariat)
	<b>Group I</b>	
1.	<b>Portugal</b>	<p><b>Francisco Alves</b></p> <p>Function: Chef of the Nautical Archaeology Department (DANS) of IGESPAR (Institute for the Management of the Architectural and Archaeological Heritage)</p> <p>Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist, Professor for Underwater Archaeology</p>
2.	<b>Spain</b>	<p><b>Carmen García Rivera</b></p> <p>Function: Director of the Centre for Underwater Cultural Heritage of Cadiz, Andalucía, Spain</p> <p>Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist</p>
	<b>Group II</b>	
1.	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<p><b>Kalin Stoynev Porozhnov</b></p> <p>Function: Head of History Department, Research Secretary « Prof. Alexander Fol” Institute of Thracology Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)</p> <p>Professional Background: Historian (Thracology, Ancient History, Underwater Archaeology, Maritime History and Culture)</p>
2.	<b>Croatia</b>	<p><b>Jasen Mesic</b></p> <p>Function: Secretary of State Ministry of Culture of Croatia</p> <p>Professional Background: Underwater archaeologist and Historian, Master in Culture Management, Diplomat</p>

3.	Lithuania	<p><b>Vladas Zulkus</b></p> <p>Function: Rector of the Klaipeda University, Lithuania</p> <p>Professional Background: Archaeologists, Underwater Archaeologist, Professor</p>
4.	Slovenia	<p><b>Andrej Gaspari</b></p> <p>Function: Curator at the Military museum of the Slovenian Armed Forces</p> <p>Professional Background: Archaeologist</p>
5.	Ukraine	<p><b>Serhiy Oleksandrovykh Voronov</b></p> <p>Function: Director of the cross-laboratory of historical research in the Institute of archaeology of National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine</p> <p>Professional Background: Archaeologist, higher education in history and geography</p>
<b>Group III</b>		
1.	Mexico	<p><b>Pilar Luna Erreguerena</b></p> <p>Function: Director of the Subdirección de Arqueología Subacuática, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH), México</p> <p>Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist</p>
2.	Panama	<p><b>Hugo Eliecer Bonilla Mendoza</b></p> <p>Function: Director Nacional de Asesoría Jurídica in the Dirección General of the Instituto Nacional de Cultura (INAC), Panama</p> <p>Professional Background: Jurist</p>

3.	<b>Saint Lucia</b>	<p><b>Milton Eric Branford</b></p> <p>Function: Secretary of the Archeological and Historical Society, President of the OECS and French DOM Regional Heritage Association, St. Lucia</p> <p>Professional Background: Historian, Archaeologist, Environmental Field Survey &amp; Planning, Art and Cultural Activist</p>
<b>Group IV</b>		
1.	<b>Iran (Islamic Republic of)</b>	<p><b>Hossein Tofighian</b></p> <p>Function: Research Fellow in the Iranian Centre for Archaeological Research of the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization</p> <p>Professional Background: Archaeologist</p>
<b>Group V (a)</b>		
		No candidate
<b>Group V (b)</b>		
		No candidate