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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

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<u>Item 7A of the Provisional Agenda</u>: Date and venue of the first session of the intergovernmental Committee meeting

Decision required: paragraph 3

- 1. The periodicity and venue of the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage are not determined in the Convention. The fast pace at which the Convention has been ratified bears witness to the importance attached worldwide to the intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding. The Assembly might therefore recommend that the Committee meet once a year in ordinary session.
- 2. Since the implementation of the Convention will be facilitated by the elaboration of the documents referred to in Article 7 (c) (e) and (g) and in Article 9 of the Convention and their approval by the General Assembly, the General Assembly may wish to request the Committee to submit these documents for approval to its second ordinary session, and to recommend to the Committee to convene, if necessary, a number of extraordinary sessions or to establish a working group in order to further its work.
- 3. The Assembly may wish to adopt the following resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION 1.GA 7A

The General Assembly,

- 1. <u>Noting</u> that the fast ratification process of the Convention bears witness to the importance attached to the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage worldwide,
- 2. <u>Considering</u> the importance of implementing the Convention at the international level as soon as possible for the benefit of effectively safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage, in particular the intangible cultural heritage in need of urgent safeguarding,
- 3. <u>Decides</u> to convene the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in (***) on (***);
- 4. Requests the Committee to submit to it at its second ordinary session for approval the draft plan, the operational directives and the selection criteria respectively referred to in Article 7 (c), (e) and (g), as well as the proposal concerning accreditation of advisory organizations referred to in Article 9 of the Convention.