**CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE  
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Tenth session**

**Windhoek, Namibia**

**30 November to 4 December 2015**

**Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Modification of the name of an inscribed element**

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| **Summary**  In accordance with paragraph 41 of the Operational Directives, the Committee is asked to change the name of the Paach ceremony inscribed in 2013 on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, at the request of the Guatemalan authorities.  **Decision required:** paragraph 4 |

1. At its eight session in 2013, the Committee inscribed the Paach ceremony on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding based on information included in the file No. 00863 submitted by Guatemala (Decision 8.COM 7.a.5).
2. On 3 November 2014, the Vice-Ministry of Cultural and Natural Heritage of Guatemala informed the Secretariat of its wish to change the name of the element, as inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding. At the request of the authorities of San Pedro Sacatepéquez in the San Marcos department, who provided their free, prior and informed consent to the nomination examined by the Committee and following consultations with the Academy of Mayan Languages, the Vice-Ministry of Cultural and Natural Heritage of Guatemala wishes that the element is inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding under the name of ‘**Nan Pa’ch ceremony**’ instead of ‘Paach ceremony’.
3. Following the submission to the Secretariat within the deadline of three months before the present session of the Committee, in conformity with paragraph 41 of the Operational Directives, the Committee is asked to examine this request.
4. The Committee may, therefore, wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 10.COM 11

The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/15/10.COM/11,
2. Recalling Decision 8.COM 7.a.5 and Chapter I.12 of the Operational Directives,
3. Takes note of Guatemala’s request to modify the name of the element currently inscribed in 2013 on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding under the name ‘Paach ceremony’;
4. Approves the change of name as proposed by the Guatemalan authorities, decides that the name of the element becomes **Nan Pa’ch ceremony** in English and  
   **La cérémonie de la Nan Pa’ch** in French and requests the Secretariat to incorporate this change in all its communications with respect to that element.