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

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

**Third session
Istanbul, Turkey, 4 to 8 November 2008**

Item 3 of the provisional agenda: Replacement of the Rapporteur

Decision required: paragraph 5

1. At the end of its second ordinary session, the Committee elected the members of the Bureau of the Committee (Decision [2.COM 16](#)) whose term of office will continue until the end of the next ordinary session ([Rule 13.1](#) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee). The Committee elected H.E. Mr Faruk Loğoğlu (Turkey) to the office of Chairperson, Ms Claudine-Augée Angoué (Gabon) to the office of Rapporteur and the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Hungary, India and Mexico to the offices of Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee. In electing the Bureau, the Committee had due regard to the need to ensure equitable geographical representation (Rule 13.4 of the Rules of Procedure).
2. In a letter dated 17 June 2008, the Gabonese authorities informed the Secretariat that the elected Rapporteur had ceased to represent the Member State and could no longer discharge her functions. [Rule 16.2](#) of the Rules of Procedure provides that if the Rapporteur ceases to represent a State Member of the Committee or if he is for any reason unable to complete his term of office, he shall be replaced by a Vice-Chairperson, after consultation within the Committee.
3. [Rule 12.1](#) of the Rules of Procedure provides that the Bureau of the Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, one or more Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, in conformity with the principle of equitable geographical representation, pursuant to [Article 6.1](#) rule of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.
4. If Rule 16.2 of the Rules of Procedure is applied, one of the electoral groups (Group V(a)) will not be represented on the Bureau, which would be contrary to the terms of Rule 12.1 of the Rules of Procedure.
5. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/08/3.COM/CONF.203/3;
2. Recalling Decision 2.COM 16;
3. Also recalling Article 6, paragraph 1, of the Convention;
4. Further recalling [Rule 49](#) of the Rules of Procedure;
5. Decides to suspend Rule 16 of its Rules of Procedure, and accepts the proposal of Gabon to designate Ms Hortense Nguema Okome (Gabon) as Rapporteur for this session.