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

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

**Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda: Procedure for examination of nominations
for the Urgent Safeguarding List and requests for international assistance**

Summary

The Operational Directives require that nominations for the Urgent Safeguarding List and requests for international assistance greater than USD 25,000 be examined before they are evaluated by the Committee. This document proposes a procedure for the identification of examiners for a given nomination or request.

Decision required: paragraph 5

1. At its second session, the General Assembly adopted the Operational Directives of the Convention (Resolution [2.GA 5](#)), which provide, inter alia, that nominations for inscription on the Urgent Safeguarding List shall be examined by preferably one or more examiners, and that the Secretariat seek examination for requests for international assistance over USD 25,000. The reports of these examinations will be provided to the Committee.
2. For each complete nomination to the Urgent Safeguarding List and for each International Assistance request of more than USD 25,000, the Committee will hence need to identify appropriate examiners. The Operational Directives do not, however, lay out a procedure by which the Committee shall do so. The Secretariat proposes that it provide the names of several possible examiners for each nomination or request, and that the Committee designate preferably more than one examiner, also designating one as an alternate in the event that the selected examiner(s) is(are) unavailable or unable to do so in a timely manner.
3. The regular timetable for nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List provides for the Committee to select examiners during its annual session, for nominations to be evaluated by the Committee 12 months later. For the exceptional timetable adopted for the first 2009 evaluations, and for International Assistance requests of more than USD 25,000, the Committee may wish to delegate the authority to select examiners to its Bureau, to avoid the necessity of convening an extraordinary session of the Committee for that purpose.
4. By its Resolution [2.GA 6](#), the General Assembly authorized the Committee, *“on an exceptional basis, to call upon the advisory services of any of the non-governmental organizations that it will have recommended for accreditation, as provided above, in the period prior to the Assembly’s third session”*.
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.203/10;
2. Recalling Resolution 2.GA 5, by which the General Assembly adopted the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention, and Resolution 2.GA 6, by which the General Assembly authorized the Committee to call upon the advisory services of non-governmental organizations it will have recommended for accreditation;
3. Decides to select preferably more than one examiner to examine each nomination to the Urgent Safeguarding List or International assistance request, and at least one alternate in the event that the preferred examiner(s) is(are) unavailable or unable to complete the examination;
4. Requests the Secretariat to propose to it or to the body delegated by it, for each nomination to the Urgent Safeguarding List or International Assistance request greater than USD 25,000, the names of at least two examiners with relevant competence to examine that nomination or request. Until the third

session of the General Assembly, and in conformity with Resolution [2.GA.6](#), non-governmental organizations that the Committee will have recommended for accreditation shall be considered for this purpose;

5. Delegates to the Bureau of the Committee, until its next session, the authority to designate examiners for Urgent Safeguarding List nominations for the accelerated timetable for 2009 inscriptions, and for International Assistance requests greater than USD 25,000, in accordance with the procedures laid out in this decision.