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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 11 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of a subsidiary body for the examination of nominations for the Representative List**

**Summary**

The examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List shall be accomplished by a subsidiary body of the Committee to be established in accordance with [Rule 21](#) of its Rules of Procedure. This document proposes the establishment of such a subsidiary body.

**Decision required:** paragraph 5

1. By virtue of paragraph [23](#) of the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention, which were approved by the General Assembly at its second session (Resolution [2.GA 5](#)), the examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List referred to in [Article 16](#) of the Convention shall be accomplished by a subsidiary body of the Committee to be established in accordance with [Rule 21](#) of its Rules of Procedure.
2. The Operational Directives further provide that the examination by the subsidiary body shall include assessment of the nomination's conformity with the inscription criteria, and that the examination report shall include a recommendation to the Committee to inscribe, or not to inscribe, the nominated element (paragraphs [24](#) and [25](#)). The subsidiary body will further provide the Committee an overview of all nomination files and a report of their examination (paragraph [26](#)).
3. According to the timetable provided in paragraph [33](#) of the Operational Directives, the subsidiary body will examine the nominations in May. Not later than 1 August, the Secretariat will transmit the examination reports by the subsidiary body to the Committee, which will evaluate the nominations and make its decisions in September. Considering that the General Assembly renews half of the Members of the Committee every two years in June, the Committee may wish to elect the members of the subsidiary body for a duration of office of two years.
4. Rule 21 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure provides that the Committee shall define the composition and the terms of reference (including mandate and duration of office) of a subsidiary body at the time of its establishment. A subsidiary body may only be composed of States Members of the Committee. When appointing its members, due regard shall be given to the need to ensure an equitable geographical representation.
5. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

### **DECISION 3.COM 11**

The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/08/3.COM/CONF.203/11;
2. Recalling Article 16 of the Convention;
3. Further recalling chapter 1.2 of the Operational Directives related to the inscription of intangible cultural heritage elements on the Representative List;
4. Establishes a subsidiary body for the examination of nominations for the Representative List and adopts its terms of reference as presented in the annex to this Decision, in accordance with Rule 21 of its Rules of Procedure;
5. Decides that the subsidiary body shall consist of [State, Group I], [State, Group II], [State, Group III], [State, Group IV], [State, Group V(a)] and [State, Group V(b)].

**Terms of Reference of the  
Subsidiary Body on the examination of nominations to the Representative List**

The subsidiary body,

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| 1. | Shall be composed of a State Member of each electoral group;   |
| 2. | Shall elect its Chairperson and, if necessary, its Vice-Chairperson(s) and its Rapporteur;   |
| 3. | Shall hold private meetings in accordance with <a href="#">Rule 19</a> of the Rules of Procedure;  |
| 4. | Shall be responsible for the examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List in 2009 and 2010, in conformity with the relevant paragraphs of the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention; It shall, in particular, include in its examination: |
|    | a. an assessment of the nomination's conformity with the inscription criteria as provided in paragraph <a href="#">19</a> of the Operational Directives;   |
|    | b. a recommendation to the Committee to inscribe, or not to inscribe, the nominated element;   |
| 5. | Shall provide the Committee with an overview of all nomination files and a report of their examination;  |
| 6. | Shall cease to exist following submission to the fifth session of the Committee of an overview of nomination files to be evaluated by the Committee in 2010 and a report of their examination.   |