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REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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Please provide only the information requested below. Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.

A. Identification of the organization

A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report

A.1.a. Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.

世界中医药学会联合会

A.1.b. Name of the organization in English and/or French.

World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS)

A.1.c. Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated on all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)

NGO-90239

A.2. Address of the organization

Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone, e-mail address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.

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A.3. Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this report.

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B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (Chapter III of the Convention)¹

Distinguish completed activities and ongoing activities. If you have not contributed, so indicate. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

- B.1.** *Describe your organization's participation in State efforts to develop and implement measures to strengthen institutional capacities for safeguarding ICH (Article 13 and OD 154), e.g. in the drafting of ICH related policies or legislation, in the establishment of national ICH committees or in other government-led processes.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS engages in regulation construction of TCM intangible culture heritage safeguarding led by the State Council: providing suggestions on Law of the P.R.C on Intangible Cultural Heritage from TCM safeguarding perspective; participating in drafting laws and regulations including Law of the P.R.C on Chinese Medicine, Several Proposals of State Council on Supporting and Promoting TCM Industry, and Strategic Plan for Chinese Medicine Development 2016-2030. The president of Specialty Committee of Research on Traditional Knowledge Protection of WFCMS

¹. In case your organization operates in several States, please clearly indicate which State or States are concerned by your answers when filling in parts B, C and E.

was designated to serving for National Intangible Cultural Heritage Safeguarding Committee and participating in consultation, argumentation, evaluation and professional direction.

- B.2.** Describe your organization's cooperation with competent governmental bodies for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage (Article 13), including existing institutions for training and documentation of intangible cultural heritage (OD 154).

Not to exceed 250 words

Cooperation between WFCMS and Department of Intangible Culture Heritage of Ministry of Culture of the P.R.C was made in 2012 and 2013. The training on inheritor of traditional medicine of ICH was carried out twice in Xiangxi, Hunan province and Huhhot, Inner Mongolia, enhancing knowledge on traditional Chinese medicine protection for over 200 inheritors. WFCMS still serves as consultative agency for institutions including Department of ICH of Ministry of Culture of P.R.C and Protection Centre for ICH.

- B.3.** Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the State's Periodic Report (OD 152).

Not to exceed 250 words

None

- B.4.** Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Best Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS participated in notification materials drafting, revising and argumentation for inscribing "traditional Chinese medicine" on Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2008 and 2009; and engaged in notification materials revising and argumentation for inscribing "acupuncture" on the List.

- B.5.** Describe your organization's participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventorying of ICH (Article 12, OD 80 and OD 153). Explain in particular how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS is an international organization which dedicates to the wellbeing of Traditional Chinese Medicine. At present, the organization has 251 member societies from 67 countries and regions, 132 specialty committees. WFCMS unites ICH groups of TCM to engage in ICH protection project and investigation led by Ministry of Culture of the P.R.C. By far, 130 TCM programs are recommended to be inscribed in National Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, 83 inheritors are designated as National Representative Inheritors. For better TCM products, technology and service development, since 2015, WFCMS has made cooperation with related experts and enterprises and has founded TCM Intangible Cultural Heritage Industrial Alliance, Genuine Herbs Organic Cultivation International Alliance, Eaglewood International Alliance and Herbal Decoction Apparatus International Alliance.

- B.6.** Describe your organization's participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:

- a. promoting the function of intangible cultural heritage in society;
- b. fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;
- c. facilitating, to the extent possible, access to information relating to intangible cultural heritage while respecting customary practices governing access to specific aspects of it.

Explain in particular how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS dedicates to TCM standardization. As an A-liaison organization of TC249 of

International Organization for Standardization (ISO), WFCMS provide services for TCM trade and support TCM enterprises to use the platform to submit proposal to ISO, this includes TCM Herbal Decoction program accepted in 2015 and Quality Standard of Radix Puerariae Powder put forward in 2016. WFCMS launched 17 TCM International Organizational Standard, including International Standard Chinese-English Basic Nomenclature of Chinese Medicine, World Standard of Establishment and Service of CM (Incl. Acupuncture) Clinic, Classification Standard for Professional Titles of International Chinese Medicine, The International Catalogue of Chinese Medicine discipline, etc. The Issue of International Standard Chinese-English Basic Nomenclature of Chinese Medicine has great influence on international TCM community. Ninety-five industry bodies signed to adopt the Standard. The Standard has been proposed to ISO.

At the 136th session of the 14th conference in January 2015, the WHO Executive Board decided to admit WFCMS into official relations with the WHO. Entrusted by WHO, Specialty Committee of Chinese Medicine Manipulations of WFCMS formulated the WHO Benchmarks for Practicing Techniques in Tuina.

B.7. *Describe your organization's involvement in measures to ensure greater recognition of, respect for and enhancement of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those referred to in Article 14 and ODs 105 to 109 and OD 155:*

- a. *educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular at young people;*
- b. *educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;*
- c. *capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage;*
- d. *non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;*
- e. *education for the protection of natural spaces and places of memory whose existence is necessary for expressing the intangible cultural heritage.*

Explain in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS pays much attention on TCM training, especially on training cooperation with global TCM inheritors. Recently more than 10 international professional training was organized, including training program of TCM clinical internship for Spanish practitioner and symposium on skin diseases and metabolic syndrome in Japan. WFCMS also provide international TCM qualification examination and international assessment on TCM senior professional title. By 2015, the international examinations have attracted over 4000 participants from more than 20 countries including USA, UK, and France. Over 100 examinees have got senior titles including chief physician and professor.

C. Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation

Report on activities carried out by your organization at the bilateral, sub-regional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives, as referred to in Article 19 and OD 156. You may, for example, consider the following issues:

- a. *sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);*
- b. *participating in regional cooperation activities including for example those of category 2 centres for intangible cultural heritage established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);*
- c. *developing networks of NGOs, communities, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes at sub-regional and regional levels to develop joint and interdisciplinary approaches concerning shared ICH (OD 86).*

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS dedicates to promoting communication and cooperation globally among TCM societies, exchange among TCM discipline and all kinds of medicine. Since 2004, WFCMS holds World

Congress of Chinese Medicine. It has been organized for 13 years, respectively in Beijing, Paris, Toronto, Singapore, Macao, Melbourne, the Hague, London, Kuching, San Francisco, St. Petersburg, Barcelona and Auckland. The Congress attracts roughly 800-1200 attendees to participate every year. WFCMS also holds regional TCM forum in Asia, Europe, America, Africa and Oceania to accelerate TCM development among continents.

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 *Has your organization participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly? If yes, please indicate which meetings you attended and describe the nature of your contribution to the Committee's work.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS participated in the 8th, the 9th and the 10th session of Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. During the conference, WFCMS delivered report on the Position and Role of World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies in the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Ms. Ochs Shelley, vice secretariat-general of WFCMS specialty committee of Research on Traditional Knowledge Protection, was invited to join editorial board of "Heritage Alive" and to provide report on safeguarding TCM intangible cultural heritage.

D.2 *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (OD 26 to 31), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012-2014)? If yes, please indicate the period.*

Not to exceed 100 words

Yes, WFCMS was a member of the Consultative Body from 2012-2016.

D.3 *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (OD 96) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

Not to exceed 500 words

WFCMS is willing to provide advisory service for Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage from traditional medicine aspect. WFCMS has united a team of experts of ICH to found TCM Intangible Cultural Heritage Industrial Alliance, they would provide advisory service by participating event of the intergovernmental committees.

E. Capacities of your organization for evaluation of nominations, proposals and requests (as described in OD 27 and OD 96):

E.1. *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff demonstrate a very good command of English or French? If yes, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

English is one of the office languages of WFCMS. The secretariat of WFCMS has 60 staffs; most of them are capable of working in English environment.

E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.*

Not to exceed 250 words

None

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS led a team of TCM experts, contribute to international standard evaluation, including: The International Standard Chinese-French Basic Nomenclature of Chinese Medicine, Test and Assessment Procedures of International Chinese Medicine Doctors, The International Catalogue of Chinese Medicine discipline. WFCMS is also A-liaison organization of ISO and NGO member of the WHO.

E.4. *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The secretariat of WFCMS has about 60 staffs capable of English. They are responsible for drafting notification materials for applying ICH consultative agency, A-liaison organization of ISO and NGO member of the WHO.

E.5. *Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to extrapolate from local experience to apply it within an international context? Please describe such experience.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WFCMS dedicates to intensifying communication and cooperation globally among TCM societies, exchange among TCM discipline and all kinds of medicine. Annually, WFCMS organizes many international conferences and symposiums for TCM culture promotion. WFCMS also leads a team of experts to write TCM textbook of foreign languages; issues 17 TCM international organizational standards; carries out TCM international qualification examinations, 293 TCM practitioners from 6 countries including Japan, Mexico and USA participated; and offers international assessment on TCM senior professional title for practitioners from 9 countries including USA, Singapore and Brazil.

F. Cooperation with UNESCO

Report on activities carried out by your organization in cooperation with UNESCO (both direct cooperation with UNESCO as well as activities carried out under the auspices of UNESCO or for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention, or financial support, such as e.g. funding from the Participation Program).

Not to exceed 250 words

None

G. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.

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Not to exceed 250 words

None

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The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.

Name: Sang Binsheng

Title: Secretariat-general

Date: 2017/2/15

Signature:

