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To: Mrs Cecile Duvelle  
Chief of Section of Intangible Cultural  
Heritage

Dear Madam,

On the question of the modalities and methods of facilitating the contribution of NGOs from developing countries to the implementation of the Intangible Heritage Convention, we are in favor of a definition for NGOs from developing countries which clearly requires that the established domicile of such an NGO would be in a developing country.

We would like to draw your attention to article 88 e ii of the Operational Guidelines of the Convention on Intangible Heritage which attributes a particular significance to the question of an established domicile for NGOs.

We are concerned that an NGO with an established domicile in a developed country will be more open to influence by the general interests of the developed society. It might also be less in contact with the needs of the developing country and its orientations on where its projects should take place, even if the origin of the majority of the NGO's experts is from developing countries

The Permanent Delegate

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