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

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

**Thirteenth session
Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius
26 November to 1 December 2018**

**Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda:
Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2019 cycle**

Summary

In conformity with Paragraph 27 of the Operational Directives, the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US\$100,000 shall be accomplished by an Evaluation Body. The present document proposes the establishment of such an Evaluation Body for the 2019 cycle.

Decision required: paragraph 9

1. Article 8.3 of the Convention provides that '[t]he Committee may establish, on a temporary basis, whatever ad hoc consultative bodies it deems necessary to carry out its task'. The Operational Directives further provide, in Paragraph 27, that '[o]n an experimental basis, the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US\$100,000 shall be accomplished by a consultative body of the Committee established in accordance with Article 8.3 of the Convention, to be known as the "Evaluation Body".'
2. Pursuant to Rule 20.2 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall define the composition and terms of reference (including mandate and duration of office) of such ad hoc consultative bodies at the time of their establishment. Annex 1 to the present document accordingly proposes, for decision by the Committee, a set of terms of reference for the Evaluation Body, including its mandate and duration.
3. In conformity with Paragraph 27 of the Operational Directives, '[t]he Evaluation Body shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage'. Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives further specifies that '[o]nce appointed by the Committee, the members of the Evaluation Body shall act impartially in the interests of all the States Parties and the Convention'.
4. Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives also stipulates that '[t]he duration of office of a member of the Evaluation Body shall not exceed four years' and that '[e]very year, the Committee shall renew one quarter of the members of the Evaluation Body'. The purpose of that system is to balance the need for continuity and institutional memory, on the one hand, and the need for reinvigoration and fresh inputs, on the other; the principle of equitable geographical representation shall also be strictly respected.
5. The Committee at its ninth session by [Decision 9.COM 11](#) established the first Evaluation Body and decided on a system of rotation when appointing new members to the Body. Such a system determines which three seats shall be replaced each year. According to that decision, the following three seats should be newly elected by the present session of the Committee to start serving from the 2019 cycle:
 - Electoral Group I – expert
 - Electoral Group II – expert
 - Electoral Group V(a) – non-governmental organization
6. In conformity with Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives, in August 2018 the Secretariat informed the States Parties of the vacant seats to be filled from each Electoral Group. The Chairperson of each Electoral Group concerned has, thereafter, sent up to three candidatures to the Secretariat. Annex 2 to this document provides the names of two candidate experts from Electoral Group I, three candidate experts from Electoral Group II and three candidate non-governmental organizations from Electoral Group V(a), together with a link to the website and the request for accreditation in the case of non-governmental organizations, and to the *curriculum vitae* in the case of experts.
7. The Committee is, therefore, asked to name three new members, as determined by the system of rotation it adopted and in accordance with Rule 39.B (Rules 39.7 – 39.16), and to renew the appointments of the nine remaining incumbent members.
8. It is to be noted that, for future cycles, the Evaluation Body shall continue to be renewed according to paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives, whereby three seats are replaced annually as they become available. According to such system, twelve new members shall be elected over the next four years.

9. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/18/13.COM/14,
2. Recalling Article 8.3 of the Convention, Paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Operational Directives and Rules 20 and 39 of its Rules of Procedure,
3. Further recalling its [Decision 9.COM 11](#),
4. Establishes a consultative body to be known as the 'Evaluation Body' for the evaluation in 2019 of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US\$100,000, and adopts its terms of reference as annexed to this Decision;
5. Notes that for the purpose of the election at its future sessions, the twelve seats of the Evaluation Body shall be filled as follows:

Seats to be filled for the 2020 – 2023 cycles:

EG I NGO

EG II NGO

EG V(a) Expert

Seats to be filled for the 2021 – 2024 cycles:

EG III Expert

EG IV Expert

EG V(b) NGO

Seats to be filled for the 2022 – 2025 cycles:

EG III NGO

EG IV NGO

EG V(b) Expert

Seats to be filled for the 2023 – 2026 cycles:

EG I Expert

EG II Expert

EG V(a) NGO

6. Appoints the following individual experts and accredited non-governmental organizations as members of the Evaluation Body for 2019:

Expert representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee

1. EG I: XXX

2. EG II: XXX

3. EG III: Ms Sonia Montecino Aguirre (Chile)

4. EG IV: Ms Hien Thi Nguyen (Viet Nam)

5. EG V(a): Mr John Moogi Omare (Kenya)

6. EG V(b): Mr Saeed Al Busaidi (Oman)

Accredited non-governmental organizations

1. EG I: Norsk Håndverksinstitutt / Norwegian Crafts Institute
2. EG II: Czech Ethnographical Society
3. EG III: Erigaie Foundation
4. EG IV: Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation (CHF)
5. EG V(a): XXX
6. EG V(b): Egyptian Society for Folk Tradition

Annex 1: Terms of Reference of the Evaluation Body for the 2019 cycle

The Evaluation Body	
1.	shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage representative of States Parties non-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage;
2.	shall elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur;
3.	shall hold private meetings in accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee;
4.	shall be responsible for the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US\$100,000, in conformity with the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention. It shall, in particular, include in its evaluation:
	a. an assessment of the conformity of nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding with the inscription criteria as provided in Chapter I.1 of the Operational Directives, including an assessment of the viability of the element and the feasibility and sufficiency of the safeguarding plan, and an assessment of the risks of it disappearing, as provided in Paragraph 29 of the Operational Directives;
	b. an assessment of the conformity of nominations to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity with the inscription criteria, as provided in Chapter I.2 of the Operational Directives;
	c. an assessment of the conformity of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention with the selection criteria, as provided in Chapter I.3 of the Operational Directives;
	d. an assessment of the conformity of International Assistance requests greater than US\$100,000 with the selection criteria, as provided in Chapter I.4 of the Operational Directives;
	e. recommendations to the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to inscribe or not to inscribe the nominated elements on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, or to refer the nominations to the submitting State(s) for additional information; - to select or not to select the proposed programmes, projects or activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention, or to refer the proposals to the submitting State(s) for additional information; - to approve or not to approve the International Assistance requests greater than US\$100,000, or to refer the requests to the submitting State(s) for additional information;
5.	shall provide the Committee with an overview of all files and a report of its evaluation;

6.	shall cease to exist following submission to the fourteenth session of the Committee of the report on its evaluation of files to be examined by the Committee in 2019.
Once appointed by the Committee, the members of the Evaluation Body shall act impartially in the interests of all States Parties and the Convention.	

Annex 2: List of candidates

Electoral Group I**Experts**

Stavroula FOTOPOULOU	Greece	CV
Pier Luigi PETRILLO	Italy	CV

Electoral Group II**Experts**

Donatas BRANDIŠAUSKAS	Lithuania	CV
Milica NIKOLIĆ	Montenegro	CV
Ľubica VOĽANSKÁ	Slovakia	CV

Electoral Group V(a)**Accredited Non-Governmental Organizations**

Amis du Patrimoine de Madagascar (APM) - APM	Accredited in 2012 (Accreditation form) Renewed in 2017 (Activity report)
Association pour la sauvegarde des masques (ASAMA) - ASAMA	Accredited in 2012 (Accreditation form) Renewed in 2017 (Activity report) Website
Mali Cultural Heritage Agency	Accredited in 2018 (Accreditation form)