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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 3 of the Provisional Agenda:  
Observers**

**Decision required:** paragraph 7

1. In conformity with Rule 8 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, States not party to the Convention which are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations, Associate Members of UNESCO, Permanent Observer Missions to UNESCO, representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system may attend the sessions of the Committee as observers (Rule 8.2), in addition to States Parties to the Convention which are not Members of the Committee (Rule 8.1).
2. The Committee may also authorize intergovernmental organizations other than those referred to in Rule 8.2, as well as public or private bodies and private persons, with recognized competence in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage, to attend its future sessions as observers, upon their written request (Rule 8.3).
3. The Committee decided, by its [Decision 10.COM 3](#), to authorize the participation, as observers, of the following two organizations:
  - Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) in its eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth sessions;
  - The International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages (CERDOTOLA) in its eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions.
4. Furthermore, the Committee decided, by its [Decision 11.COM 3](#), to authorize the participation, as an observer, of the following organization:
  - The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) in its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions.
5. The Committee also decided, by its [Decision 12.COM 3](#), to authorize the participation, as an observer, of the following organization:
  - The African Trade Centre (ATC) in its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions.
6. In conformity with Rule 8.3, the Centre for Black Culture and International Understanding (CBCIU) has made a written request to attend, as an observer, the fourteenth session of the Committee.
7. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

### **DRAFT DECISION 13.COM 3**

The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/18/13.COM/3,
2. Recalling Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Committee,
3. Further recalling its Decisions [10.COM 3](#), [11.COM 3](#) and [12.COM 3](#),
4. Takes note of the observers authorized to participate at its thirteenth session in conformity with its above-mentioned decisions:
  - the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO);
  - the International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages (CERDOTOLA);
  - the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC);
  - the African Trade Centre (ATC);
5. Authorizes the participation, as an observer, in the fourteenth session of the Committee, of the Centre for Black Culture and International Understanding (CBCIU).