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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.

Fédération des associations de chasse et conservation de la faune sauvage de l'Union européenne

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

Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE)

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

NGO-90160

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

FACE, by nature, is an international NGO representing community of 7,000,000 hunters from national associations in 36 countries: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Therefore, we have good means and opportunity to contribute to the implementation of the Convention at the national level in various countries through our representatives and through our

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.

member organisations. In general, in countries that are States Parties to UNESCO ICH Convention, where possible and desirable, FACE members collaborated with national cultural authorities in favour of the implementation of the Convention by cultural, scientific as well as supportive political means. In certain countries (that are not States Parties yet), we try to encourage them to recognise the Convention.

- 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

For certain hunting practices, such as falconry, which was inscribed in the Representative List in 2010/2012, and certain cultural elements of "Myslivost" which are inscribed in the Czech national inventory list of intangible cultural heritage (Seznam statku tradicní a lidové kultury České republiky), FACE and its national members have assisted in relation to the competent governmental body for the safeguarding of ICH with information and advice.

- 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

So far, FACE has not been directly involved yet in the drafting the reports. We are looking forward to opportunity to contribute to drafting the periodic reports in the next few years.

- 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

Our organisation offered support to the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF) in preparation of nomination and encouraging State authorities and related NGOs on national and international levels towards the submission of Representative List file "Falconry, a living human heritage" inscribed in 2010 and extended in 2012 (decision 7.COM 11.33). 11 countries participated in this multinational nomination: Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. In addition, in 2012, the nomination was extended with two other States - Austria and Hungary. These States joined the original nomination resulting in the large 13-national nomination. In this regard, ICH committee mentioned in its report (ITH/10/5.COM/CONF.202/6) that this is: "an outstanding example of co-operation between States and the exemplary quality of the information provided was underlined".

FACE has moreover supported its member organisation, the Czech-Moravian Hunting Union (Ceskomoravská myslivecká jednota), towards the inclusion of the cultural element "Myslivost" in the Czech national inventory list of intangible cultural heritage (Seznam statku tradicní a lidové kultury České republiky). "Myslivost" is a unique cultural phenomenon and tradition in the region where it is practiced, which has been passed down from generation to generation over 1000 years. It represents a truly integrated blend of activities that bring together society and nature in a manner that allows for good conservation, which has contributed over the centuries to the Czech Republic maintaining its valuable nature.

- 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

FACE has promoted various hunting practices as intangible cultural heritage prior to the existence of the UNESCO ICH convention. Representatives of FACE in our member associations organised numerous activities related to the safeguarding of certain hunting practices as cultural heritage and remain dedicated to managing cultural heritage activities (e.g. different hunting methods - such as stalking, calling, hunting with hounds, falconry, hornblowing,

gastronomy, festive events, etc.). They regularly organise training (e.g. hunting courses, falconry, courses in taxidermy and the making of hunting artefacts) and events to keep the traditions alive. A part of showing hunting to the greater public is the organising of hunters' festivals: e.g. the annual Mednieku festivāls Minhauzens in Latvia, the annual Hunting Days in Levice in Slovakia, Chambourg in France, the annual game fair in Sweden, etc. Hunting as a intangible cultural heritage is being described by FACE members in books and films and this is strongly promoted by FACE.

FACE has a close collaboration with the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF), the secretariat of which is hosted in the FACE headquarters in Brussels. On 20 April 2015, FACE and IAF organised a reception to celebrate falconry, which was an opportunity for members from the falconry community to convey the cultural values of falconry to Members of the European Parliament, including Members of the Parliament's Intergroup "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside", for which FACE provides the secretariat.

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

FACE is ensuring an active membership community to promote and safeguard hunting cultures. It regularly convenes the member associations in various working groups, which discuss how to communicate hunting practices, including falconry. It organises an annual general meeting to discuss matters of the Federation. It provides a platform for contacts between its members and European decision-makers, inter alia in the framework of the Intergroup "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside", which meets regularly in the European Parliament and for which FACE is providing the secretariat. In addition, FACE and its members are organising events showcasing huntings' rich cultural heritage, such as the recent on "Hunting and Culture" exhibition in the European Parliament, held on 5 October 2016, where FACE and the Slovak Hunters Chamber showcased the historical and cultural values of sustainable wildlife management and conservation in the rural areas of Slovakia. We also organised a meeting on 2 April 2016 in Židlochovice chateau, Czech Republic to discuss UNESCO amongst our central European members.

In order to promote Falconry and ICH in a political environment, FACE co-organised the falconry inscription celebration event in the European Parliament in Strasbourg in France in January 2011, where representatives of 16 countries gathered with EU decision makers. Following this success, FACE co-organised a week long exhibition "Falconry: 4000 year hunting art that unites humankind" in European Parliament in Brussels in November 2012. According to the guests and visitors, this unique exhibition, presenting falconry as UNESCO ICH, was one of the most attractive exhibitions that the European Parliament has ever seen.

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

FACE has dedicated almost forty years to ensure greater recognition of and respect of hunting cultures as intangible cultural heritage. As a worldwide international NGO, we organise annual meetings for our members, every year in a different country, such as Malta (2011), Greece (2012), Ireland (2013), Sweden (2014), Switzerland (2015) and Serbia (2016). During our recent events, the UNESCO ICH topic has been discussed, and in Switzerland a special session was dedicated to UNESCO ICH to share experience and information among our members. We always pay attention to ensure publicity and media attention. We also use social networks, our website, our publications, our journal, newsletter and other channels to aim concerned communities as well as general public.

In many countries, our members support educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned and to people outside the hunting community, for example Lernort Natur, which is run by the German hunters and which educates children and young people in hunting, hunting cultures and conservation: <https://www.jagdverband.de/lernort-natur>

Since much of European hunting cultures cannot be learned from books, non-formal means of transmitting knowledge from generation to generation "from parent to child" are very close to the nature of the communities represented by our organisation.

Since the main domain of hunting is knowledge and practice concerning nature, activities of our organisation inherently promote education for the protection of natural spaces.

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

In certain countries, our organisation played a positive role in implementation and ratification of the ICH convention. E.g. in the Czech Republic our representatives encouraged members of Czech parliament to complete the ratification of the ICH convention in 2009. Following that, FACE supported our member organisation the Czech-Moravian Hunting Union (Ceskomoravská myslivecká jednota) towards the inclusion of the cultural element "Myslivost" in the Czech

national inventory list of intangible cultural heritage (Seznam statku tradicní a lidové kultury České republiky).

FACE gained experience during its support to IAF for the preparation of complex multinational nomination "Falconry, a living human heritage" inscribed in 2010/2012. Therefore, we have been serving as an information and knowledge database for related communities and NGOs, which have contacted FACE related to other hunting practices. We always provided and shared information and documentation examples equipped with description of our experience and practical hints. The advantage of such an informal approach is that interested partners obtain relevant information in a "friendly way" and much faster than sometimes from official authorities. Since hunting is an interdisciplinary multinational cultural heritage, FACE inherently participates, collaborates and contributes to development of networks of NGOs, communities, experts, museums, dedicated or general media, at (sub)regional, national as well as international levels.

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

So far, we have not participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly but we are ready to do so in the future.

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

So far, we have not been asked to serve as a member of Consultative/Evaluation Body. We have not been appointed to evaluate a nomination either.

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

Although we have not had any chance yet to provide advisory services to the Committee, we are ready to provide such services in the future, especially in the field related to our activities in the following domains: knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, festive events, social practices and oral traditions and expressions.

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

FACE is a pan-European INGO currently representing related communities in 36 states having not only a professional staff, but also a number voluntary experts among our members. A majority of our members demonstrate good English and French, some of them are native English or French speakers (such as the members in the UK, Ireland, France, Switzerland,

Belgium and Luxembourg). We have also members and experts that speak natively other languages e.g. Spanish, German, Italian, and others. Concerning English, we have 1 native English speaker among the professional full-time staff in our secretariat in Brussels and 8 other staff members with near-native English level. 4 of our professional staff members have French as their mother tongue and further 4 master French at a professional level.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

Yes, our organisation does have experience in working across several ICH domains, especially: knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe and festive events. We also have certain experience in social practices and oral traditions and expressions.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

Our organisation has many dozens of experts among our members that have a scientific background and degree (professors, doctors) in the field of natural science as well as culture. Such people are able to analyse proposals or applications. So far, we have also analysed internally (for our own purposes) several ICH Representative List applications as well as national inventory list documents.

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

Yes, our organisation has experience in drafting synthetic text in English and French since these are both official working languages of our international organisation. Our organisation and members of our organisation produce various policy, legal and scientific papers, we publish our own newsletter and other communication in English and French, we prepare English and French PR materials for exhibitions and events, we prepare various legislation drafts and statements, we also prepare various materials and documents for international conventions and conferences other than UNESCO.

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

Yes, our organisation has profound experience over several decades in working at an international level extrapolating local experience and applying it within a European and international context. Since we are the international NGO focused in a special domain and working with diverse communities, we have gained knowledge of how to work with local/regional/national experience within international context. Means, we have been using, to extrapolate local experience, from within our members in 36 countries, include social media, e-mail communication, word of mouth, annual members' meetings, seminars, conferences and internal surveys/forms we issue on various topics.

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

So far, we have not been directly involved in cooperation with UNESCO, however, we have autonomously carried out and participated in a number of national and international activities and events towards ensuring ICH visibility, rising awareness, ensuring recognition of, respect for, and enhancement of the intangible cultural heritage in society and encouraging dialogue between related communities.

G. Signature

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

Name: Ludwig Willnegger

Title: Secretary General

Date: 15 February 2017

Signature:

