

Information and Exchange session

on the provisional upstream dialogue for nominations to be examined in 2019 by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

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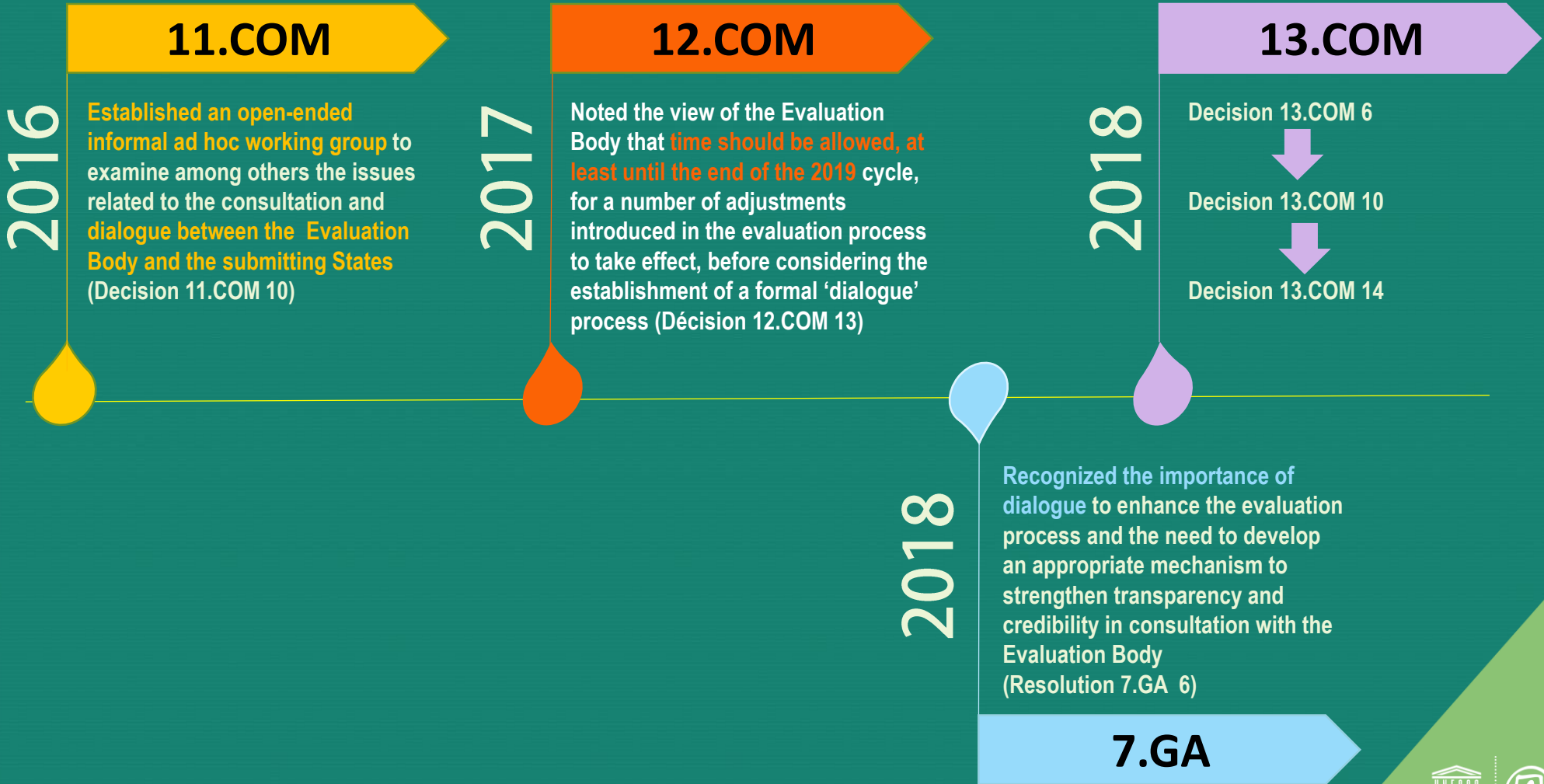
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Background

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Decision taken by 13.COM

2018

Decision 13.COM 6:
The Committee accepted the offer of Japan to support the global reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention.

- Organize experts meeting in September 2019; and
- support the convening an open-ended intergovernmental working group in 2021.

Decision 13.COM 10 Given the long-term timeframe, the Committee requested in parallel step towards an **'early harvest package'**.

This should include an **upstream dialogue mechanism between the Evaluation Body and the submitting States**, in order to submit draft Operational Directives for adoption by the General Assembly at its eighth session in 2020.

Decisions 13.COM 10 and 13.COM 14

Requested the Evaluation Body to conduct, on an experimental basis, a **provisional dialogue with submitting States Parties during the evaluation process of the 2019 cycle.**

13.COM

Compliance with the Operational Directives





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38 Operational Directives

30 June
Year 1 Deadline by which the Secretariat will have processed the files, including registration and acknowledgement of receipt. If a file is found incomplete, the State Party is invited to complete the file.

30 September
Year 1 Deadline by which missing information required to complete the files, if any, shall be submitted by the State Party to the Secretariat. Files that remain incomplete are returned to the States Parties that may complete them for a subsequent cycle. As files revised by submitting States reach the Secretariat following its requests for additional information, they are posted online and replace the original files received. Their translations into English or French are also posted online as they become available.

55. Phase 2: Evaluation
December Year 1 to May Year 2 Evaluation of the files by the Evaluation Body.

April – June
Year 2 Meeting for final evaluation by the Evaluation Body.

Four weeks prior to the session of the Committee The Secretariat transmits the evaluation reports to the members of the Committee and makes them available on-line for consultation.

56. Phase 3: Examination
November Year 2 The Committee examines the nominations, proposals and requests and makes its decisions.

1.16 Incorporation of items proclaimed 'Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity' in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

57. In conformity with Article 31.1 of the Convention, the Committee shall automatically incorporate in the List foreseen in Article 16 of the Convention all the items that had been



Basic Texts

of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

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Compliance with the Operational Directives

Bearing in mind the Operational Directives, in particular paragraph 55, as well as the provisional character of the upstream dialogue the Secretariat shared a proposed methodology with the Office of the International Standards and Legal Affairs of UNESCO who endorsed and gave its opinion.

Procedure and Timetable





Cases for dialogue

The process is initiated when the Evaluation Body considers that although the information included in a file is not sufficient to assess whether a criterion is satisfied (Referral), a short question and answer process with the submitting State(s) (the dialogue) could influence the result of its evaluation.

Timetable

**3 to 7
June 2019**

- Second meeting of the Evaluation Body

**10 to 14
June 2019**

- Questions sent to submitting States in English or French

**8 to 12
July 2019**

- Deadline for replies by submitting Parties in English and French

**18 to 20
September 2019**

- Third meeting of the Evaluation Body – collective opinion

11 November 2019

- Publication of the report of the Evaluation Body and opinion on dialogue

9 to 14 December 2019

- Committee decisions

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Opinion of the Evaluation Body

Provisional methodology within the limits of the Operational Directives:

- The Report will indicate files included in the dialogue process; however
- Body's opinion on dialogue will not form part of its report
- The question(s), the answer(s) and the opinion of the Body will be communicated separately on the webpage of the Convention together with the nomination file.



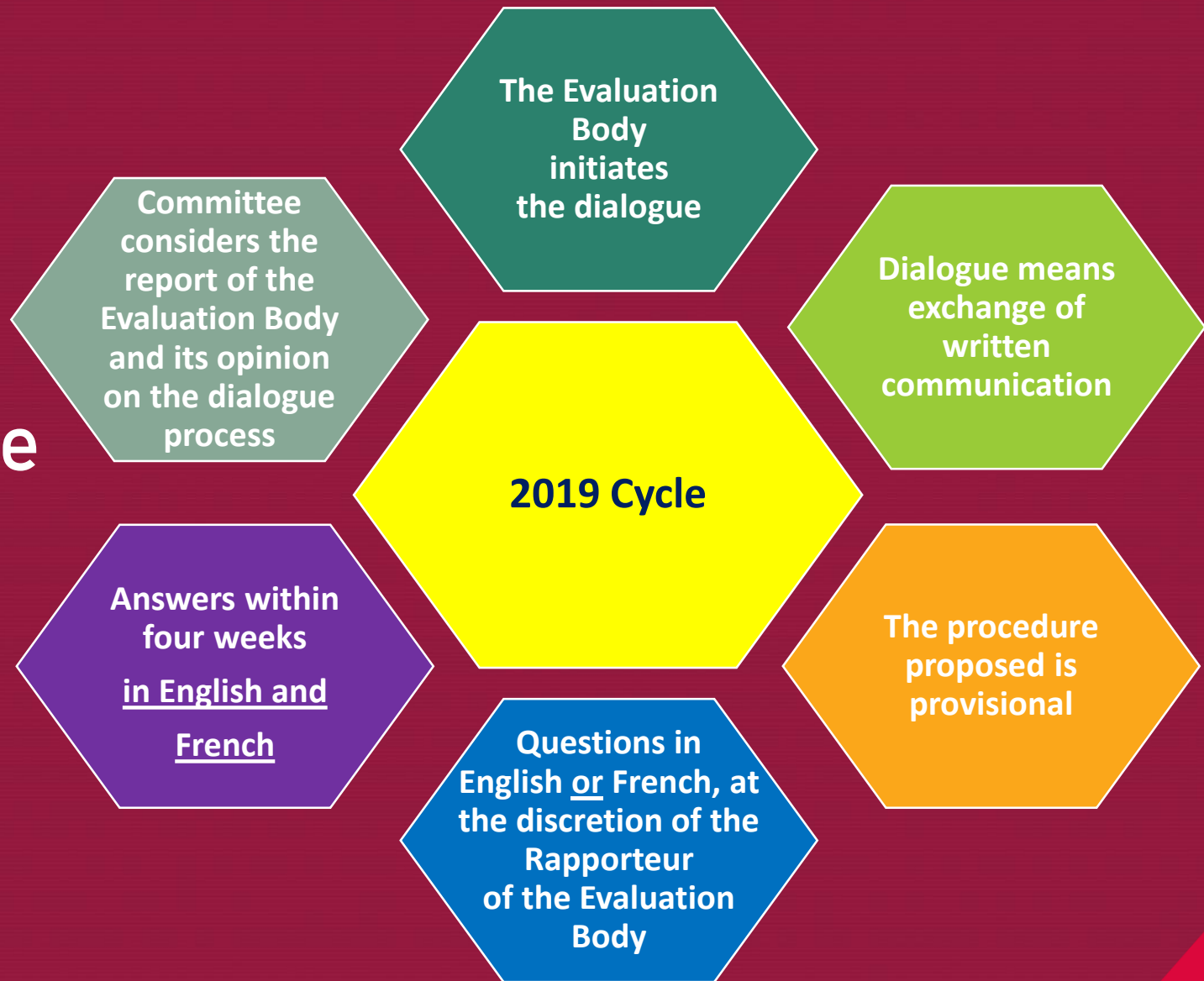


Opinion of the Evaluation Body and Decision by the Committee

Report of the
Evaluation Body

Opinion
following
dialogue
process

To note





Questions and answers