

**Recommendations of the Asian Regional Meeting for the Promotion of the
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage,
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We, the participants in the Asian Regional Meeting for the Promotion of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage,

- Having considered the text of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
- Having taken notice of the clarifications given by the secretariat of UNESCO and other invited experts;
- Acknowledging that this is the first binding international instrument addressing specifically the safeguarding of the ICH;
- Taking into account the urgency of the safeguarding of the ICH;

recommend to the UNESCO Member States of the Asian region:

- to ensure a prompt ratification of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
- to start or reinforce safeguarding actions as of now pending or regardless such ratification;
- to co-operate at the regional level in order to exchange experiences and formulate where possible common positions for the sake of an efficient safeguarding of the ICH.