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

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

**Electronic Bureau consultation**

**27 July to 7 August 2020**

**Item 1:**

**Change of dates and place of the fifteenth session of the Committee**

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| **Decision required:** paragraph 4 |

1. At its fourteenth session, by its [Decision 14.COM 20](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/20), the Committee decided to hold its fifteenth session in Kingston, Jamaica, from 30 November to 5 December 2020.
2. On 4 May 2020 the Secretariat received a letter from the national authorities of Jamaica stating that they would not be able to host the fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage due to the uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The Bureau is requested to approve the new dates (from 14 to 19 December 2020) and place (UNESCO Headquarters) for the session in question, in accordance with Rule 4.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage which provides that the Bureau may, if necessary, modify the date and/or place of the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee, in consultation with the Director-General.
4. The Bureau may wish to adopt the following decision:

**Draft Decision 15.COM 1.BUR 1**

The Bureau,

1. Having examined document LHE/20/15.COM 1.BUR/1,
2. Recalling Rule 4.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Committee,
3. Further recalling [Decision 14.COM 20](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/20), adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee at its fourteenth session in Bogotá, Colombia, from 9 to 14 December 2019,
4. Takes notes that the Secretariat has officially been informed that Jamaica is no longer able to host the fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
5. Decides to hold its fifteenth session in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters from 14 to 19 December 2020.