

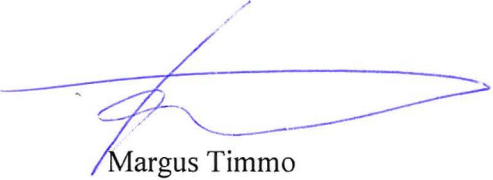
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Nomination of Seto leelo for inscription on the Representative List

Union of Rural Municipalities of Setomaa is an NGO created by four Seto municipalities with the purpose to represent and defend common interests of Seto community in all spheres of life and to develop relevant cooperation. One of the key objectives is to safeguard, develop and present the rich intangible cultural heritage of the Setos.

Union of Rural Municipalities of Setomaa as the representative of Seto community expresses its free, prior and informed consent to the nomination of Seto leelo for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The idea of nomination was first proposed by Seto community representatives themselves, the community members have actively participated in the nomination process at all stages and fully agree to the content of the nomination file.

Seto community believes that the inscription will contribute to ensuring visibility and will raise awareness of the importance of intangible cultural heritage. Union of Rural Municipalities of Setomaa will spare no efforts to continue the protection and promotion of Seto leelo.


Margus Timmo
Head of Board

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Community Consent

15 September 2008

The Seto Assembly of Leelo Masters was created in 2008, uniting Seto singers and choirs. The aim is to provide the holders and transmitters of Seto leelo with ample opportunities to discuss the issues related to leelo and to sing together. The outcomes of these discussions have served as a basis for the present application for nomination and proposed safeguarding measures.

The Seto Assembly of Leelo Masters as the representative of Seto leelo community expresses its full consent to the nomination of Seto leelo for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The members of the Assembly have actively participated in drafting the nomination and express their agreement with the content of the nomination file.

Seto leelo community believes that the inscription contributes to further enhancing the pride of the local population in their own cultural heritage, which is a prerequisite for ensuring the viability of leelo.

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Chairperson of the Seto Assembly of Leelo Masters