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

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION**

**Eighth session**

**UNESCO Headquarters, Room I**

**8 to 10 September 2020**

**List of candidate States Parties for election
to the Intergovernmental Committee**

1. In accordance with Rule 14.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, three months prior to the date of the election, States Parties were requested to manifest whether they intend to stand for election to the Committee, and if so to send their candidature to the Secretariat at least six weeks prior to the opening of the Assembly (28 July 2020).
2. This information document is provided to complement the working document [LHE/20/8.GA/14](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-20-8.GA-14-EN.docx) and in fulfilment of Rule 14.2 which requires the Secretariat to send all States Parties the provisional list of candidate States Parties at least four weeks prior to the opening of the General Assembly (11 August 2020). The table below reflects the situation as of 9 September 2020, indicating the electoral group to which candidate States Parties belong and the number of seats to be filled in each electoral group. In addition, the table provides information on the status of all compulsory and voluntary contributions made to the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by each of the candidates.
3. Furthermore, Article 26.5 of the Convention provides that any State Party to this Convention which is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year (2020) and the calendar year immediately preceding it (2019) shall not be eligible as a Member of the Committee. In other words, it is necessary to fully settle the contribution at least for 2019 to be eligible for the election.

**List of candidates:**

| **Electoral group** | **States Parties**  | **Total %** | **Total seats per group**  | **Outgoing members** | **Number of seats to be filled** | **State Party candidates** | **Contributions fully paid for 2019-2020** | **Date of last payment** | **Date of receipt of candidature by the Secretariat** |
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| **2019** | **2020** |
| **I** | 22 | 12.36% | 3 | 2 | 2 | Sweden | YES | YES | 28 August 2020 | 16 April 2018 |
| Switzerland | YES | YES | 21 February 2020 | 19 March 2019 |
| **II** | 24 | 13.48% | 3 | 1 | 1 | Albania | YES | NO | 24 May 2019 | 24 April 2019 |
| Czechia | YES | YES | 13 February 2020 | 24 June 2019 |
| **III** | 32 | 17.98% | 4 | 3 | 3 | Brazil | YES | NO | 25 August 2020 | 2 June 2020 |
| Panama | YES | YES | 18 August 2020 | 26 March 2020 |
| Peru | YES | NO | 29 January 2020 | 16 July 2019 |
| **IV** | 40 | 22.47% | 5 | 1 | 1 | India | YES | YES | 7 August 2020 | 11 June 2020 |
| Republic of Korea | YES | YES | 23 July 2020 | 7 February 2020 |
| **V(a)** | 42 | 23.60% | 6 | 3 | 3 | Botswana | YES | YES | 6 April 2020 | 10 December 2019 |
| Côte d’Ivoire | YES | YES | 3 August 2020 | 4 August 2020 |
| Rwanda | YES | YES | 21 August 2020 | 5 August 2020 |
| **V(b)** | 18 | 10.11% | 3 | 2 | 2 | Morocco | YES | YES | 13 March 2020 | 10 December 2019 |
| Saudi Arabia | YES | NO | 25 October 2019 | 7 June 2018 |
| **Total** | **178** | **100%** | **24** | **12** | **12** |  |  |  |  |  |