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

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

**Seventh session**

**UNESCO Headquarters, Room II**

**4 to 6 June 2018**

**LIST OF CANDIDATE STATES PARTIES FOR ELECTION
TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Article 14.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, States Parties are requested to send their candidatures to the Committee at least six weeks prior to the opening of the Assembly, that is by 23 April 2018.
2. Furthermore, in accordance with Rule 14.2, at least four weeks prior to the opening of the General Assembly the Secretariat shall send all States Parties the provisional list of candidate States Parties, indicating the electoral group to which they belong and the number of seats to be filled in each electoral group. The Secretariat shall also provide 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. This document will be revised as necessary, and in accordance with Rule 14.4 the list of candidatures shall be finalized three working days prior to the opening of the General Assembly, that is by 30 May 2018.

**List of candidates:**

| **Electoral Group** | **States Parties**  | **Total %** | **Total seats per group**  | **Outgoing members** | **Number of seats to be filled** | **State Party candidate** | **Contributions fully paid for 2017-2018** | **Date of last payment** | **Date of receipt of candidature by the Secretariat** |
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| **2017** | **2018** |
| **I** | 22 | 12.43% | 3 | 1 | 1 | Netherlands | YES | YES | April 2018 | 14 December 2017 |
| **II** | 24 | 13.56% | 3 | 2 | 2 | Azerbaijan | YES | YES | February 2018 | 30 January 2018 |
| Belarus | YES | YES | January 2018 | 20 April 2018 |
| Georgia | YES | YES | May 2018 | 16 February 2017 |
| Poland | YES | YES | February 2018 | 22 February 2017 |
| Romania | YES | YES | March 2018 | 11 April 2017 |
| Slovakia | YES | YES | February 2018 | 29 January 2018 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | YES | YES | April 2018 | 25 April 2018 |
| **III** | 32 | 18.08% | 4 | 1 | 1 | Jamaica | YES | YES | February 2018 | 26 March 2018 |
| **IV** | 39 | 22.03% | 5 | 4 | 4 | Bangladesh | YES | YES | May 2018 | 18 April 2018 |
| China | YES | YES | April 2018 | 21 March 2018 |
| Japan | YES | NO | December 2017 | 22 February 2018 |
| Kazakhstan | YES | YES | April 2018 | 1 March 2018 |
| Malaysia | YES | NO | December 2017 | 24 April 2018 |
| Sri Lanka | YES | YES | February 2018 | 14 December 2017 |
| Thailand | YES | YES | January 2018 | 14 March 2018 |
| **V(a)** | 42 | 23.73% | 6 | 3 | 3 | Cameroon | YES | NO | September 2017 | 7 May 2018 |
| Djibouti | YES | YES | January 2018 | 13 March 2018 |
| Togo | YES | YES | April 2018 | 10 April 2018 |
| **V(b)** | 18 | 10.17% | 3 | 1 | 1 | Kuwait | YES | YES | May 2018 | 13 April 2018 |
| **Total** | **177** | **100.00** | **24** | **12** | **12** |  |  |  |  |  |