UNIT 41

Hand-out 6.b:

General assessment of the initial hana nomination

Use this hand-out together with the **‘**Instructions for completing nomination forms ICH-01 and ICH-02**’** (available at the webpage <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>) to analyse the initial nomination file. These questions can guide the discussion, but feel free to raise other issues and concerns.

* Has the element been described coherently and consistently?
* Is the town municipality the community concerned?
* Has the community been sufficiently described in its diversity?
* In Section 1, what kinds of information have been placed in the wrong sub-sections?
* In the nomination process, should the nomination file rely on expert or community definitions of what constitutes the element?
* What are the consequences of the imbalance between ‘formal’ and ‘traditional’ transmission mechanisms?
* Were the processions revived from nothing in the 1980s (which would not be in the spirit of the Convention) or simply revitalized?
* What is the approach of the Convention on the question of authenticity? How does that apply here?
* Is the economic viability of the Summer Festival the same as the viability of the element?
* If the sabres were placed in the Provincial Museum in Bromzha, how does this affect the element? Is the introduction of boys to play the knights’ roles a good idea?
* Which of the safeguarding measures will actually promote continued practice of the element? What would be the impact of introducing paid or professional performers?
* Has the community concerned and any other source of local or national expertise been mobilised to develop the plan and incorporated into its future implementation?
* How could the proposed State involvement in the implementation of the plan be more community-oriented?
* How should the townspeople of Zabra have participated in the nomination file? Where should this participation have been recorded?
* What is missing in the section on inclusion in an inventory?
* Have the photos been well chosen? If not, what could have been chosen instead?
* Is it acceptable for a Representative List nomination file to have no video?