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

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

**Fourteenth session**

**Bogotá, Republic of Colombia**

**9 to 14 December 2019**

**Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Observers**

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| **Decision required:** paragraph 8 |

1. In conformity with Rule 8 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure, States not party to the Convention which are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations, Associate Members of UNESCO, Permanent Observer Missions to UNESCO, representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system may attend the sessions of the Committee as observers (Rule 8.2), in addition to States Parties to the Convention which are not Members of the Committee (Rule 8.1).
2. The Committee may also authorize intergovernmental organizations other than those referred to in Rule 8.2, as well as public or private bodies and private persons, with recognized competence in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage, to attend its future sessions as observers, upon their written request (Rule 8.3).
3. The Committee decided, by its [Decision 10.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/10.COM/3), to authorize the participation of the International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages (CERDOTOLA) in its eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions as an observer.
4. Furthermore, the Committee decided, by its [Decision 11.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/11.COM/3), to authorize the participation of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) in its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions as an observer.
5. The Committee also decided, by its [Decision 12.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/12.COM/3), to authorize the participation of the African Trade Centre (ATC) in its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions as an observer.
6. The Committee further decided, by its [Decision 13.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/13.COM/3), to authorize the participation of the Centre for Black Culture and International Understanding (CBCIU) in its fourteenth session as an observer.
7. In conformity with Rule 8.3, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) has made a written request to attend, as an observer, the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Committee.
8. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/19/14.COM/3 Rev.,
2. Recalling Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Committee,
3. Further recalling its Decisions [10.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/10.COM/3), [11.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/11.COM/3), [12.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/12.COM/3) and [13.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/13.COM/3),
4. Takes note of the following observers authorized to participate in its fourteenth session, in conformity with its above-mentioned decisions:
* the International Centre for Research and Documentation on African Traditions and Languages (CERDOTOLA);
* the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC);
* the African Trade Centre (ATC);
* the Centre for Black Culture and International Understanding (CBCIU).
1. Authorizes the participation, as an observer, in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Committee, of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).