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

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

**Sixth session**

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**30 May to 1 June 2016**

**Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee
for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

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| **Summary**Article 5 of the Convention provides that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage is established, consisting of representatives of 24 States Parties to the Convention. Article 6 states that the General Assembly shall renew half of the States Members of the Committee every two years.**Decision required:** paragraph 7 |

1. Article 5 of the Convention provides that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage shall consist of 24 States Members elected by the General Assembly of the States Parties.
2. In conformity with Article 6 of the Convention, States Members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of four years. The election shall obey the principles of equitable geographical representation and rotation. Every two years, the General Assembly shall renew half of the States Members of the Committee. It shall also elect as many States Members of the Committee as required to fill vacancies. A State Member of the Committee may not be elected for two consecutive terms.
3. Furthermore, as stipulated in the Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedures of the General Assembly, the election of Members of the Committee shall be conducted on the basis of the electoral groups of UNESCO, it being understood that ‘Group V’ shall consist of two separate groups for the African and Arab States. The seats in the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups in proportion to the number of States Parties from each group, provided that, after such distribution, at least three seats would be attributed to each group
4. In accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, three months before the opening of the sixth session of the General Assembly, the Secretariat asked all States Parties whether they wished to stand for election to the Committee. The provisional list of candidate States Parties is included in document ITH/16/6.GA/INF.10.
5. According to Article 26.5 of the Convention, ‘[a]ny State Party to this Convention which is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year and the calendar year immediately preceding it shall not be eligible as a Member of the Committee’; and ‘[t]he term of office of any such State which is already a Member of the Committee shall come to an end at the time of the elections’.
6. The election of Members of the Committee is conducted in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, and in particular with Rule 15.1: ‘The election of Members of the Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot except that, where the number of candidates within geographical distribution is the same as or less than the number of seats to be filled, the candidates shall be declared elected without the need to hold a ballot’.
7. The General Assembly may wish to adopt the following resolution:

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 6.GA 10**

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document ITH/16/6.GA/10,

2. Recalling Articles 5, 6 and 26.5 of the Convention and Rules 13, 14 and 15 of its Rules of Procedure,

3. Further recalling Resolution 6.GA 4,

4. Elects the following 12 States Parties to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for a term of four years from the date of election:

Group I:

Group II:

Group III:

Group IV:

Group V(a):

Group V(b):