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

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SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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**Item 16 of the Provisional Agenda:
Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2022 cycle**

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| **Summary**The present document proposes the establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2022 cycle in conformity with Article 8.3 of the Convention as well as Paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Operational Directives.**Decision required:** paragraph 11 |

1. Article 8.3 of the Convention provides that ‘[t]he Committee may establish, on a temporary basis, whatever *ad hoc* consultative bodies it deems necessary to carry out its task’. The Operational Directives further provide, in Paragraph 27, that ‘[o]n an experimental basis, the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000 shall be accomplished by a consultative body of the Committee established in accordance with Article 8.3 of the Convention, to be known as the ‘Evaluation Body’.
2. Pursuant to Rule 20.2 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall define the composition and terms of reference (including the mandate and duration of office) of such ad hoc consultative bodies at the time of their establishment. A set of terms of reference for the Evaluation Body for the 2022 cycle, including its mandate and duration, is proposed in Annex 1 to the present document, for decision by the Committee. It is to be noted that the proposed terms of reference include provisions for conducting an additional intermediary dialogue process between the Evaluation Body and submitting States in the nomination cycle, as approved by the eighth session of the General Assembly in 2020 (Resolution [8.GA 10](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/8.GA/10)).
3. In conformity with Paragraph 27 of the Operational Directives, ‘[t]he Evaluation Body shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage’. Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives further specifies that ‘[o]nce appointed by the Committee, the members of the Evaluation Body shall act impartially in the interests of all the States Parties and the Convention’.
4. Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives also stipulates that ‘[t]he duration of office of a member of the Evaluation Body shall not exceed four years’ and that ‘[e]very year, the Committee shall renew one quarter of the members of the Evaluation Body’. The purpose of this system is to balance the need for continuity and institutional memory on the one hand, and the need for reinvigoration and fresh inputs on the other; the principle of equitable geographic representation shall also be strictly respected.
5. Pursuant to the Committee’s Decision [15.COM 10](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/15.COM/10), the following three seats are to be newly elected by the present session of the Committee, to begin serving from the 2022 cycle, while the nine other members will remain in office in order to complete their terms between 2022 and 2024:
* Electoral Group III – non-governmental organization
* Electoral Group IV – non-governmental organization
* Electoral Group V(b) – Expert
1. In conformity with Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives, the Secretariat informed the States Parties on 15 September 2021 of the vacant seats to be filled from each Electoral Group. It must be recalled that the Committee encouraged States Parties, by its Decision [9.COM 11](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/9.COM/11), to ensure that at least two candidates for both experts and accredited non-governmental organizations for each Electoral Group are sent to the Secretariat by the Chairperson of the Electoral Group concerned.
2. The Chairperson of each Electoral Group concerned sent up to three candidacies to the Secretariat. Annex 2 to this document provides the names of one candidate non-governmental organization from Electoral Group III, three candidate non-governmental organizations from Electoral Group IV, and three expert names from Electoral Group V(b), together with a link to the website and the request for accreditation in the case of non-governmental organizations, and to the curriculum vitae in the case of experts.
3. The Committee is therefore asked to name three new members in accordance with section B of Rule 39 (Rules 39.7 – 39.16) of the Rules of Procedures of the Committee, and to renew the appointments of the nine remaining incumbent members.
4. It is to be noted that, for future cycles, the Evaluation Body shall continue to be renewed according to Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives, whereby three seats are replaced annually as they become available. According to this system, twelve new members shall be elected over the next four years.

**Sequence in evaluating and examining files**

1. At the fourteenth session of the Committee (Bogotá, Republic of Colombia, from 9 to 14 December 2019), a new practice was introduced to determine the sequence in which the files were evaluated. Instead of following the same order and always beginning by examining the files of those States whose names fall at the beginning of the English alphabet, the Committee decided that, for the 2020 cycle, files would be evaluated by the Evaluation Body and subsequently examined by the Committee in an alphabetical order starting with the files of States whose names begin with ‘Q’ ( Decision [14.COM 18](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/18)). The fifteenth session of the Committee (online, from 14 – 18 December 2020) decided to continue this practice for the evaluation and examination of files in the 2021 cycle, with the letter ‘X’ randomly selected from a lot ([Decision 15.COM 10](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/15.COM/10)). Were this process to be continued, the present session of the Committee would need to select the first letter for the order in which the files would be examined for the 2022 cycle.
2. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 16.COM 16

The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/21/16.COM/16 Rev.3 and its annexes,
2. Recalling Article 8.3 of the Convention, Paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Operational Directives and Rules 20 and 39 of its Rules of Procedure,
3. Further recalling its Decisions [9.COM 11](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/9.COM/11) and [14.COM 18](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/18) as well as Resolution [8.GA 10](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/8.GA/10),
4. Establishes a consultative body to be known as the ‘Evaluation Body’ for the evaluation in 2022 of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000, and adopts its terms of reference as annexed to this Decision;
5. Appoints the following individual experts and accredited non-governmental organizations as members of the Evaluation Body for 2022:

**Experts representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee**

1. EG I: Mr Pier Luigi Petrillo (Italy)
2. EG II: Ms Ľubica Voľanská (Slovakia)
3. EG III: Mr Nigel Encalada (Belize)
4. EG IV: Mr Kirk Siang Yeo (Singapore)
5. EG V(a): Mr Limeneh Getachew Senishaw (Ethiopia)
6. EG V(b): \*\*\* (Name/State Party)

**Accredited non-governmental organizations**

1. EG I: Workshop intangible heritage Flanders
2. EG II: European Association of Folklore Festivals
3. EG III: \*\*\* (NGO)
4. EG IV: \*\*\* (NGO)
5. EG V(a): Association pour la sauvegarde des masques (ASAMA)
6. EG V(b): Syria Trust for Development
7. Notes that for the purpose of the election at its future sessions, the twelve seats of the Evaluation Body shall be filled as follows:

Seats to be filled for the 2023–2026 cycles:

EG I Expert

EG II Expert

EG V(a) NGO

Seats to be filled for the 2024–2027 cycles:

EG I NGO

EG II NGO

EG V(a) Expert

Seats to be filled for the 2025–2028 cycles:

EG III Expert

EG IV Expert

EG V(b) NGO

Seats to be filled for the 2026–2029 cycles:

EG III NGO

EG IV NGO

EG V(b) Expert

1. Decides to examine the 2022 cycle files in alphabetical order, starting with the files of States whose names begin with the letter XX in the English alphabet, and requests that the Evaluation Body follow the same order when evaluating the files and that it presents its report in that order.

**Annex 1: Terms of Reference of the Evaluation Body for the 2022 cycle**

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| The Evaluation Body |
| 1. | shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage representative of States Partiesnon-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage; |
| 2. | shall elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur; |
| 3. | shall hold private meetings in accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee; |
| 4. | shall be responsible for the evaluation in 2022 of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000, in conformity with the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention. In particular, it shall include in its evaluation: |
|  | a. | an assessment of the conformity of nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding with the inscription criteria, as provided in Chapter I.1 of the Operational Directives, including an assessment of the viability of the element and the feasibility and sufficiency of the safeguarding plan, and an assessment of the risks of it disappearing, as provided in Paragraph 29 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | b. | an assessment of the conformity of nominations to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity with the inscription criteria, as provided in Chapter I.2 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | c. | an assessment of the conformity of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention with the selection criteria, as provided in Chapter I.3 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | d. | an assessment of the conformity of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000 with the selection criteria, as provided in Chapter I.4 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | e. | recommendations to the Committee:- to inscribe or not to inscribe the nominated elements on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, or to refer the nominations to the submitting State(s) for additional information;- to select or not to select the proposed programmes, projects or activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention, or to refer the proposals to the submitting State(s) for additional information;- to approve or not to approve the International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000, or to refer the requests to the submitting State(s) for additional information; |
| 5. | shall provide the Committee with an overview of all files and a report on its evaluation; |
| 6. | shall conduct a dialogue process with submitting States Parties during the evaluation process, as provided in Chapter I.15 of the Operational Directives; |
| 7. | shall cease to exist following the submission and presentation to the seventeenth session of the Committee of the report on its evaluation of the files to be examined by the Committee in 2022 and with the establishment of the next Evaluation Body. |
| Once appointed by the Committee, the members of the Evaluation Body shall act impartially in the interests of all States Parties and the Convention. |

**Annex 2: List of candidates**

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| **Electoral Group III** |
| **Accredited non-governmental organization** |
| Daniel Rubin de la Borbolla Center, a.c. | Accredited in 2010([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90023-ICH-09.pdf))Renewed in 2019([Activity Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/29922-EN.docx))[Website](http://www.centrodanielrubindelaborbolla.org.mx/) |
| **Electoral Group IV** |
| **Accredited non-governmental organizations**  |
| Aigine Cultural Research Center - Aigine CRC | Accredited in 2016([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90335-10.COM-ICH-09.pdf))Ongoing review of accreditation in 2021([Activity Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/52859-EN.pdf))[Website](https://aigine.kg/?page_id=11262&lang=en) |
| China Folklore Society - CFS | Accredited in 2012([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90089-ICH-09.pdf))Renewed in 2017([Activity Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/36075-EN.docx))Ongoing review of accreditation in 2021([Activity Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/52809-EN.docx))[Website](https://www.chinafolklore.org/) |
| Indonesian National Wayang Secretariat - SENA WANGI | Accredited in 2014([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90297-ICH-09.pdf))Renewed in 2019([Activity Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/43071-EN.docx))[Website](https://senawangi.org/) |
| **Electoral Group V(b)** |
| **Experts** |
| Mr Farid KHERBOUCHE | Algeria | [CV](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/16COM_EB_CV_KHERBOUCHE.pdf) |
| Ms Nahla ABDALLAH EMAM | Egypt | [CV](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/16COM_EB_CV_ABDALLAH_EMAM.pdf)  |
| Mr Imed BEN SOULA | Tunisia | [CV](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/16COM_EB_CV_BEN_SOULA.pdf) |