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INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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**Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Accreditation of non-governmental organizations**

**to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee**

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| **Summary**  Article 9 of the Convention requires that the Committee propose to the General Assembly the accreditation of non-governmental organizations with recognized competence in the field of intangible cultural heritage to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee. The present document proposes thirty-six such organizations.  **Decision required:** paragraph 8 |

A. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

1. Article 9 of the Convention requires that the Committee propose to the General Assembly the accreditation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with recognized competence in the field of intangible cultural heritage to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee. The criteria for, and modalities of, such accreditation were adopted by the General Assembly at its second session and are included in Chapter III.2.2 of the Operational Directives (paragraphs 91-99). To date, the General Assembly has accredited 231 such organizations (97 by [Resolution 3.GA 7](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/3.GA/7), 59 by [Resolution 4.GA 6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/4.GA/6), 22 by [Resolution 5.GA 6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/5.GA/6), 24 by [Resolution 6.GA 8](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/6.GA/8) and 29 by [Resolution 7.GA 11](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/7.GA/11)).
2. Based on the modalities and procedures of the review process determined in Chapter III.2.2 of the Operational Directives (paragraphs 92-99), the Committee ‘reviews the contribution and the commitment of the advisory organization, and its relations with it, every four years following accreditation, taking into account the perspective of the non-governmental organization concerned’. On the basis of recommendations made by the Secretariat, which reviews the quadrennial reports submitted by accredited NGOs, the Committee may decide to maintain or terminate relations with the NGOs concerned. The decisions of the Committee in this regard were as follows:

* At its tenth session in 2015, the Committee decided to maintain the accreditation of fifty-nine out of the ninety-seven NGOs accredited by the third session of the General Assembly in 2010. At the same time, the Committee also decided to terminate the accreditation of thirty-eight organizations ([Decision 10.COM 16](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/10.COM/16)).
* At its twelfth session in 2017, the Committee decided to maintain the accreditation of forty-two out of the fifty-nine NGOs accredited by the fourth session of the General Assembly in 2012. At the same time, the Committee also decided to terminate the accreditation of seventeen organizations ([Decision 12.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/12.COM/17)).
* At its fourteenth session in 2019, the Committee decided to maintain the accreditation of sixty-two out of the eighty-one NGOs accredited by the third session of the General Assembly in 2010 and maintained by the Committee at its tenth session in 2015, as well as the NGOs accredited by the fifth session of the General Assembly in 2014. At the same time, the Committee also decided to terminate the accreditation of nineteen organizations ([Decision 14.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/17)).

1. As a result, there are currently 157 NGOs accredited to perform advisory functions for the Committee. The geographical representation of these NGOs is as follows: Group I: 85; Group II: 16; Group III: 8; Group IV: 23; Group V(a): 19, and Group V(b): 5; as also illustrated below:

1. Furthermore, at its fourteenth session in 2019, the Committee examined sixty-three new accreditation requests received from NGOs, and consequently recommended that the General Assembly accredit thirty-five of them ([Decision 14.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/17)). These thirty-five organizations are listed in the Annex to the draft resolution below. The website of the Convention makes all of the requests available that were completed in time to be examined by the Committee in the language in which they were submitted, namely the standard Form ICH-09 filled by each organization, together with the pertinent supplementary documents regarding items 8.a, 8.b and 8.c of that form.
2. At its seventh session, the General Assembly encouraged NGOs that meet the criteria for accreditation to submit their requests for accreditation at the earliest opportunity, especially those from countries and regions that have less representation. The Committee, at its fourteenth session, also emphasized the importance of the broadest possible participation of NGOs from under-represented Electoral Groups.

**B. Accreditation of an NGO reviewed by the Committee at its fourteenth session**

1. Of the nineteen NGOs for which the Committee decided not to maintain accreditation at its fourteenth session in 2019 (see paragraph 2 above), fourteen did not return their quadrennial report. The Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation (PIOP) NGO-90287, accredited by the General Assembly in 2012, was included in the list of these fourteen NGOs.
2. Following the publication of [Decision 14.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/17), the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports brought to the attention of the Secretariat that PIOP had in fact submitted its report by the deadline of 15 February 2019. Following investigations, the emails that this NGO addressed to the Secretariat, including the one with the NGO’s quadrennial report, were found in the spam folder of the Secretariat. This may have happened because of the word ‘bank’ in the NGO’s address. Having carefully examined the quadrennial report, the Secretariat considers that the report would have allowed the Committee to appreciate positively the contribution and commitment of this organization to its work. Since the problem was of clerical nature, the Secretariat proposes to the General Assembly to reaccredit the PIOP without additional documentation. In this regard, the Annex to this document includes the PIOP as one of the thirty-six organizations that may be accredited by the General Assembly at the present session.
3. The General Assembly may wish to adopt the following resolution:

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The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document LHE/20/8.GA/13,
2. Recalling Article 9 of the Convention and paragraphs 91–99 of the Operational Directives,
3. Further recalling [Decision 14.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/d%C3%A9cisions/14.COM/17?dec=decisions&ref_decision=14.COM),
4. Accredits the thirty-six NGOs listed in the Annex to this resolution to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee;
5. Encourages NGOs from under-represented Electoral Groups that meet the criteria for accreditation to submit their requests for accreditation at the earliest opportunity so as to improve the geographical distribution of accredited NGOs and invites States Parties from those Electoral Groups to make this call widely known among NGOs operating within their territories;
6. Invites the NGOs accredited in 2012 and 2016 to submit to the Secretariat their quadrennial report for the deadline of 15 February 2021 so that the Committee can review at its sixteenth session the contribution and commitment of each advisory organization.

**ANNEX**

**Non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation**

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| **Name of organization** | **Country of headquarters** | **Request number** |
| ABAIM | Mauritius | [NGO-90443](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45486.pdf) |
| Association Culturelle Passate | Burkina Faso | [NGO-90450](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45490-FR.pdf) |
| Association House of Batana | Croatia | [NGO-90457](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45491-EN.pdf) |
| Association Mamelomaso (MM) | Madagascar | [NGO-90419](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/42674-FR.pdf) |
| Association Recherche Histoire et Patrimoine de l’Oriental Marocain (ARHPOM) | Morocco | [NGO-90470](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45495.pdf) |
| Bavarian association for cultural heritage | Germany | [NGO-90438](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45499.pdf) |
| Bonairean Historical Cultural Foundation FUHIKUBO | Netherlands  (Bonaire) | [NGO-90466](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45510.pdf) |
| Carrefour mondial de l’accordéon | Canada | [NGO-90439](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45512-FR.pdf) |
| Centre for Black Culture and International Understanding, Osogbo | Nigeria | [NGO-90423](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45513-EN.pdf) |
| Crafts of Chile Foundation | Chile | [NGO-90458](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45514.pdf) |
| Cultural and Community Organization NAKS | Suriname | [NGO-90444](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45515-EN.pdf) |
| Culture – Développement (CUL.DEV) | Togo | [NGO-90454](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45516-FR.pdf) |
| Development Centre ‘Democracy through culture’ | Ukraine | [NGO-90421](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/42681.pdf) |
| Ethnographic Centre of the Campane Islands | Italy | [NGO-90462](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45518.pdf) |
| Finnish Crafts Organization Taito | Finland | [NGO-90436](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45519.pdf) |
| Foundation Museum Tula | Curaçao | [NGO-90460](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45520.pdf) |
| Hazarashen – Armenian Centre for Ethnological Studies | Armenia | [NGO-90431](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/43083.pdf) |
| Heritage Saskatchewan Alliance Inc. | Canada | [NGO-90437](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45521-EN.pdf) |
| Institut Tshakapesh | Canada | [NGO-90474](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45522-FR.pdf) |
| Les Forges de Montréal | Canada | [NGO-90472](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45523-FR.pdf) |
| Maison de la Culture Yiddish – Bibliothèque MEDEM | France | [NGO-90451](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45524-FR.pdf) |
| Norwegian Ship Preservation Association | Norway | [NGO-90448](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45525.pdf) |
| Nubian Heritage Society | Egypt | [NGO-90446](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45571.pdf) |
| Pacific Traditions Society | United States of America | [NGO-90425](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/42711-EN.pdf) |
| Persian Garden Institute for Living Heritage (PGILH) | Islamic Republic of Iran | [NGO-90433](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/43093.pdf) |
| Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation (PIOP) | Greece | [NGO-90287](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/48726-EN.pdf) |
| Portuguese Folklore Federation | Portugal | [NGO-90447](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45527.pdf) |
| Public Found ‘Rural Development Found’ (RDF) | Kyrgyzstan | [NGO-90441](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45528.pdf) |
| Rupayan Sansthan (Rajasthan Institute of Folklore) | India | [NGO-90459](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45529.pdf) |
| Saudi Heritage Preservation Society (SHPS) | Saudi Arabia | [NGO-90473](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45530.pdf) |
| Sadhona – Center for Advancement of Southasian Culture | Bangladesh | [NGO-90420](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/42676.pdf) |
| The Association for Cultural Equity | United States of America | [NGO-90455](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45531-EN.pdf) |
| The Eel Coast Cultural Heritage NGO | Sweden | [NGO-90428](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/42719-EN.pdf) |
| Uly Taghzym Public Fund | Kazakhstan | [NGO-90434](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45532.pdf) |
| World Crafts Council AISBL | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | [NGO-90435](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45533-EN.pdf) |
| World Ethnosport Society | Latvia | [NGO-90478](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/45534-EN.pdf) |