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Dear Mr Smeets,

Further to our letter 182/08 dated 30 May 2008 and in reference to Ms Rivière's letter CLT/CIH/IHT/08/119 of 10 April 2008, I have the honour to forward you the attached Additional Opinion of Japan regarding the emblem of the Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage. This opinion outlines the Government of Japan's comments on and proposals for amendments of the Draft Operational Directives on the principals governing the use of the emblem of the Convention (ITH/08/2.EXTCOM/CONF.201/13), which was discussed in general during the second extraordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage held last February.

Yours sincerely,

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Additional opinion regarding the emblem of the Convention on the Safeguarding of
Intangible Cultural Heritage

Opinion:

The OD Draft Annex 13, b. ii. should be amended as follows:

In the case of national activities, the decision regarding the granting of the Convention's patronage and use of the emblem is made on the basis of obligatory consultations with the State Party in which the activity held and the State Party in which the body responsible for the activity is domiciled, if different.

Reason:

There is sure to be high risk of national communities and groups directly or indirectly related to ICH having to wait the grant to use the emblem from UNSECO side for a long time, which will consequently give serious disadvantage to the Convention. It is because; it may be quite enormous workload for UNESCO secretariat if many national activities from many State Parties ask the authorization of use of the emblem. For example, in the case of Japan, we have so many communities and groups related to ICH. If most of them ask the permission, UNESCO secretariat will shoulder so heavy burden to handle.

Therefore, we suggest the use of emblem will be handled in the same way as the Convention's patronage. This is the reason we'll submit such an opinion.



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1. As noted by Japanese specialist Professor Kono at the 2. Extraordinary meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee held in Bulgaria in February, the current OD draft Annex Principles contain the following problems, which we believe need to be corrected:

2. In the current OD draft,

(1) When the convention emblem is used together with the UNESCO logo, Resolution 86 adopted at the 34th General Conference of UNESCO last year applies. According to Resolution 86,

① the UNESCO General Conference, Executive Board, Secretariat and National Commissions for UNESCO have the right to use the logo without prior authorization

② the UNESCO General Conference and Executive Board have the right to authorize use; the DG and the National Commissions for UNESCO may be empowered to authorize such use. The power to authorize may not be granted to other bodies.

(2) If the Convention logo is used alone,

① the General Assembly of the Convention, the Intergovernmental Committee and DG have the right to use the logo without prior authorization

② the General Assembly of the Convention and the Intergovernmental Committee have the right to authorize use. The DG may be empowered to authorize such use. The power to authorize may not be granted to other bodies.

As a result, when the Convention emblem is used together with the UNESCO logo, the situation is that the National Commissions for UNESCO which have no right under the Convention are given the right to use, and the Statutory Organs of the Convention have no rights to control.

3. Therefore, the OD Draft Annex 1 should be amended as follows:

1. The Convention's emblem shall normally be accompanied with UNESCO's emblem, acronym, logo, and/or internet domain names. For the UNESCO's emblem, In that case, the criteria for its use and the authorization thereof shall be governed by the Directives concerning the Use of the Name, Acronym, Logo, and Internet Domain Names of UNESCO, which were adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO (Resolution 34 C/86). For In the event where the Convention's emblem is used alone, the following provisions shall apply.