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MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

Fifth session
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room XI
28-29 April 2015

Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda:

Election of 6 members of the Advisory Body

This document contains guidance for the election of six new members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body. According to Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties, half of the seats of the Advisory Body are to be filled at each session of the Meeting.

Decision required: paragraph 5

1. According to Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties, the members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (hereinafter the “**STAB**”) shall be elected for a term of office of four years. In accordance with Article 2 (a) of its Statutes, the STAB shall comprise 12 members. The Meeting of States Parties may increase this number to up to 24, depending on the number of States Parties. Every two years, the Meeting shall elect half of the membership of the STAB, with due regard to the principles of equitable geographical distribution, rotation and the desirability of gender balance.
2. At the present meeting the term of the following six members of the STAB ends, and a new election must take place for their now vacant seats:
 - i. Mr Augustus Babajide Ajibola, Vice-chairperson (Nigeria)
 - ii. Ms Annalisa Zarattini (Italy)
 - iii. Mr Jasen Mesic (Croatia)
 - iv. Mr Vladas Zulkus (Lithuania)
 - v. Mr Hugo Eliecer Bonilla Mendoza (Panama)
 - vi. Mr Ovidio Juan Ortega Pereyra (Cuba)
3. According to Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, experts shall have a scientific, professional and ethical background at the national and/or international level adequate to the task, in conformity with the objective and purpose of the Convention, in particular, in the field of underwater archaeology, international law, materials science (metallurgy, archaeo-biology, geology), or conservation of underwater cultural heritage sites and/or archaeological underwater artefacts.
4. In addition to invitations to the fifth session of the Meeting of States Parties, State Parties received requests to nominate a candidate to represent their State within the STAB, in compliance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure. The provisional list of candidates and essential background information is to be found in document UCH/15/5.MSP/INF4. This document also contains a description of the distribution of States, which are States Parties to the Convention at the moment of the fifth session of the Meeting (listed by electoral groups) and information on the geographical distribution of the STAB.
5. The Meeting of States Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution :

DRAFT RESOLUTION 6/MSP 5:

The Meeting of States Parties, in its fifth session,

1. Having examined document UCH/15/5.MSP/6 and UCH/15/5.MSP/INF6;
2. Decides that, for the purposes of the election of the Members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) at the present session, the six seats will be distributed among the electoral groups as follows: Group I (___); Group II (___); Group III (___); Group IV (___); Group V (a) (___); Group V (b) (___);
3. Elects the following six members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) for a term of four years from the date of their election:

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