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Information Document:

Provisional List of Candidates to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body

- 1. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (hereinafter "the Advisory Body) has been established in conformity with Article 23.4 of the Convention by resolution 5 / MSP 1 of the first session of the Meeting. As regulated by the Rules of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting, it elects the twelve members of this Advisory Body (Rule 3 (b) and 22).
- 2. Each State Party may nominate an expert for election to represent it (Rule 21). These candidates should 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 (Rule 22.1). The election will be conducted with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the desirability of a gender balance as well as a balance of domains of expertise.
- 3. The Secretariat asked the States Parties prior to the Meeting, whether they intended to nominate a candidate and a first provisional list of candidates was sent to States Parties well in advance of the opening of the reunion.
- 4. The present document lists the candidatures received up to the moment of the publication of the present document per electoral group as well as the scientific, professional and ethical background of the candidates.

	Proposing State Party (by Electoral Group)	Name and background of candidate (Detailed CVs available from the Secretariat)
	Group I	
1.	Italy	Annalisa Zarattini
		Function: Director and coordinating archaeologist
		Superintendency for the archaeological heritage of Lazio, Coordinator of Archeomar Project, Ministero dei Beni Culturali
		Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
2.	Spain	Carmen García Rivera
		Function: Director of the Centre for Underwater Cultural Heritage of Cadiz, Andalucía, Spain
		Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
	Group II	
1.	Croatia	Jasen Mesic
		Function: Minister of Culture of Croatia
		Professional Background: Underwater archaeologist and Historian, Master in Culture Management, Diplomat
2.	Lithuania	Vladas Zulkus
		Function: Rector of the Klaipėda University
		Professional Background: Archaeologists, Underwater Archaeologist, Professor
3.	Romania	Constantin Chera
		Function: Department leader, Museum for National History and Archaeology Constanta, Romania
		Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
4.	Slovenia	Andrej Gaspari
		Function: Undersecretary at the Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture
		Professional Background: Archaeologist
5.	Ukraine	Serhiy Oleksandrovych Voronov
		Function: Director of the cross-laboratory of historical research in the Institute of Archaeology of National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine

		Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist, higher education in history and geography
	Group III	
1.	Argentina	Dolores Elkin
		Function: Director, Underwater Archaeology Programme, National Institute of Anthropology, Argentina
		Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
2.	Cuba	Ovidio Juan Ortega Pereyra
		Function: Director of the Department Archaeology of the UB for the Study of the Ocean
		Professional Background: Licenciatura in Art History (specialisation Archaeology)
3.	Mexico	Pilar Luna Erreguerena
		Function: Director for Underwater Archaeology at the National Institute for Anthropology and History
		Professional Background: Underwater Archaeologist
4.	Panama	Hugo Eliecer Bonilla Mendoza
		Function: Director de Asesoria Juridica del Instituto Nacional de Cultura
		Professional Background: Lawyer
	Group IV	
		No candidate
	Group V (a)	
1.	Nigeria	Augustus Babajide Ajibola
		Function: Deputy Director in the Ministry and Head of UNESCO Cultural Sector Division of Nigeria
		Professional Background: Masters in International Law and Diplomacy
	Group V (b)	
		No candidate
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