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REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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Please provide only the information requested below. Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.

A. Identification of the organization

A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report

A.1.a. Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.

무형문화연구원

A.1.b. Name of the organization in English and/or French.

The Center for Intangible Culture Studies (CICS)

A.1.c. Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)

NGO-90336

A.2. Address of the organization

Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.

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A.3. Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this report.

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B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (Chapter III of the Convention)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

B.1. *Describe your organization's participation in State efforts to develop and implement measures to strengthen institutional capacities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH) (Article 13 and Operational Directive (OD) 154), e.g. in the drafting of ICH-related policies or legislation, in the establishment of national ICH committees or in other government-led processes.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS participated in several projects planned by the Korean government to take legal and institutional measures related to the implementation of the Convention. The most significant development in the safeguarding of ICH in Korea, the Korean government enacted a new law

¹. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers when filling in parts B, C and E.

called ‘Law regarding Intangible Cultural Properties Preservation and Application’ in 2016. For the implementation of the new law, Cultural Heritage Administration (CHA) requested us to hold assessment seminars 4 times in 2017. The CICS invited 4-5 experts in each session and asked them to review the new law and the current situation of ICH elements and bearers. The series of discussions dealt with the cultural policies effectively safeguarding ICH in accordance with the changing circumstances of the time, and the direction of support for the bearers of ICH in all different categories. After the seminar, we analyzed the discussions and made a report. The report was submitted to the CHA for reference by the policy makers. Secondly, the CICS conducted monitoring for the National Intangible Cultural Properties (NICP) designated by CHA since 2015. In the monitoring sessions, we examined NICP’s current conditions especially on the matter involving ICH bearers, groups and communities that may have problems and difficulties in transmitting, training and other activities. Thirdly, the CICS have been participating in various government-supported projects in the fields of education, performance, and research to promote the vitalization of elements inscribed to the national list and the UNESCO’s lists. The CICS has been making reports, writing research papers and books for future improvement plans.

B.2. *Describe your organization’s cooperation with competent governmental bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (Article 13), including existing institutions for training on and the documentation of ICH (OD 154).*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS is operating a progressive inventory system for the management and safeguarding of ICH. It began with a close collaboration with CHA since 2010-2012. We formed a research team in order to carry out the pilot study of the digitalized form of inventory. Since 2010 we have been accumulating 800,000 ICH data, archives of ICH elements, and life history of ICH bearers. The documentation work of CICS have supported the central and local governments when they had to make inventories of ICH. Some documentation projects led by governmental bodies for the

safeguarding of ICH examples are provided as follows: ICH inventory project of Jeonju city government(2017); *Seungjeonmu* project (traditional dance transmitted in the area of Tongyeong) (2017); ICH inventory project of Jeollabukdo province (2017); Inventory of village ritual of Gochang (2017); Documentation of traditional educational systems, *Seodang* (village school) (2018); Cultural resource documentation of Wanju County project (2018-2019); Re-documentation of falconry groups of Jinan supported by Jinan County (2019); Documentation of Haman traditional firework supported by Haman County (2019); Cultural resource documentation of Gochang County project (2020); Investigation of marine culture and folk resources of the Byeonsan Peninsula project of the National Park (2020). The CICS's documentation projects with the governmental bodies comply with fundamental philosophy of the UNESCO Convention for the safeguarding of the ICH.

B.3. Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the State's Periodic Report (OD 152).

Not to exceed 250 words

none

B.4 Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS researchers have been studying remote villages and communities all over the country in search of ICH in danger of disappearing. The CICS recommended endangered ICH such as the traditional Confucius funeral and educational systems to the government that had a choice to nominate them under the urgent safeguarding list. The CICS has also consulted some bearers, groups and communities regarding traditional fermented food, temple diet, and Korean traditional paper making for the preparation of nomination to the Representative List.

B.5. Describe your organization's participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventorying of ICH (Article 12, OD 80 and OD 153). Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

The activities of CICS include inventorying ICH data of various domains and regions. We use a

community-based method of inventorying in which we visit ICH holders, groups, or communities and take an ethnographic approach. We use to build up ‘rapport’ relationships with them. The bottom-up approach provides the reliability and accuracy of our inventory work. We use the internet site, www.ichpedia.org, as the main platform for inventorying ICH elements. The digital inventory method contributes to transparency and democratization of ICH data. The recent accomplishments (2017-2020) of inventorying work of ICH are as follows:

- ① Inventory making of cultural heritage play fields in the 20th century supported by CHA
- ② A research and inventory of Gastronomy in the Jeonbuk region supported by Korea Creative Content Agency
- ③ Cataloging ICH in Jeollabuk-do supported by Jeollabukdo Provincial Government
- ④ Inventorying of ICH in Jeonju city supported by Jeonju Cultural Foundation
- ⑤ Cultural resource documentation of Wanju County project
- ⑥ Inventory of village ritual of Gochang
- ⑦ Re-documentation of falconry groups of Jinan supported by Jinan County
- ⑧ Documentation of Haman traditional firework supported by Haman County
- ⑨ Cultural resource documentation of Gochang County project
- ⑩ *Seungjeonmu* project, recording of national intangible cultural properties No. 21 (traditional dance transmitted in the area of Tongyeong) supported by Tongyeong City Government
- ⑪ Documentation of the Procession for the commemoration to King Jeongjo supported by Hwaseong City Government
- ⑫ Documentation of Seodang cultural values supported by Korea Seodang Culture Promotion Association

B.6. Describe your organization's participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:

- a. promoting the function of ICH in society;
- b. fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;
- c. facilitating, to the extent possible, access to information relating to ICH while respecting customary practices governing access to specific aspects of it.

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS is leading the research, inventorying and promoting domestic and international ICH by operating the ICHPEDIA website and the ICH-NGO website facilitating a platform for networking and exchange of information. The ICHPEDIA functions as a digitalized inventory system, which is being prepared to service as a platform for domestic and foreign related organizations as well as for general users. The CICS researchers and staffs are currently participating in a cultural ODA (official development assistance) with the support of the Korean

government to provide ICHPEDIA web-based inventorying to developing countries.

The ichngo.net website is the official website of the NGO FORUM approved in November of 2018. What is special about 'Ichngo.net' is the interactive online communication space for ICH NGOs from all over the world (regardless of accreditation) by directly participating and sharing their activities, news, and projects for enhancing the safeguarding of ICH. Currently, UNESCO accredited NGOs are actively promoting to the web board of ichngo.net about their safeguarding activities. Ichngo.net intends to establish an open space where various actors, including ICH holders, groups, communities, experts, policymakers, and citizens themselves participate in the online realm for finding a better safeguarding measures, policies, and any other alternatives.

B.7. *Describe your organization's involvement in measures to ensure greater recognition of, respect for and enhancement of ICH, in particular those referred to in Article 14, ODs 105 to 109 and OD 155:*

- a. *educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular young people;*
- b. *educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;*
- c. *capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of ICH;*
- d. *non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;*
- e. *education for the protection of natural spaces and places of memory whose existence is necessary for expressing ICH.*

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

Various activities of the CICS involve raising awareness of ICH. Special efforts have been made to inform the general public and especially younger generations to understand the importance of ICH. Some best practices are listed as follows. First, the CICS held 'World Intangible Cultural Heritage Forum' in the two consecutive years of 2017-2018 with the support of Center for Intangible Heritage, an umbrella organization of CHA. The international forums were held respectively under the themes of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage and Cities' and 'Intangible Cultural Heritage and Peace' (participants from Brazil, Japan, Bangladesh, Germany, Nigeria, Mongolia, Norway, Czech Republic and Slovakia, Austria, China and Canada). The purpose of the forum was to create and promote leading discourses for the protection, transmission, and achievement of sustainable development goals of ICH. Moreover, it shared information and

communicated with ICH bearers, experts, policy administrators, researchers, ICH contributors, students (undergraduate and graduate students), and to the public. Secondly, the CICS maintains a network with UNESCO-accredited NGOs in Korea (UNAK). In particular, information on major issues regarding the UNESCO's safeguarding measures for ICH and policy directions has been shared and the related materials have been published to educate the members of UNAK, as well as the public including ICH bearers, groups and communities.

C. Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation

Report on any activities carried out by your organization at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives, as referred to in Article 19 and OD 156. You may, for example, consider the following issues:

- a. sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);*
- b. participating in regional cooperation activities including, for example, those of category 2 centres for ICH established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);*
- c. developing networks of NGOs, communities, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes at subregional and regional levels to develop joint and interdisciplinary approaches concerning shared ICH (OD 86).*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS conducted a cross-cultural study on tug-of-war transmitted in the four Asian countries such as Cambodia, Philippine, Vietnam and Korea. Research was done in preparation for the multinational inscription of tug-of-war. Based on the results of cross-cultural heritage studies, the multinational inscription of representative lists was successful. Secondly, as the case of regional cooperative activities, CICS supported ICHCAP, category 2 center in Korea, to participate an expert meeting on maritime ICH in 2019. The CICS played a role of exchanging information and building networks with other Asian countries that were interested in maritime cultural heritage.

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 *Has your organization participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly? If so, please indicate which meetings you attended and describe the nature of your contribution to the Committee's work.*

Not to exceed 250 words

None

D.2 *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (OD 26 to 31), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.*

Not to exceed 100 words

None

D.3 *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (OD 96) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

Not to exceed 500 words

None

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (as described in OD 27 and OD 96):

E.1. *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Two members and one staff are fluent in the command of English.

E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS has had many experiences in conducting ICH research for the designation of national and local level intangible cultural properties. During this process, the CICS have intersected several ICH domains in the cases of making and sharing *Kimchi*, traditional festivals, village rituals, traditional knowledge, skills, and handicrafts. Making and sharing *Kimchi* among others was intensively studied and submitted to the CHA for a national report. The cultural heritage encompasses several domains. Food making is basic and yet we had to figure out the intricate social networking of *Kimchi* making and sharing. Family, relatives, friends, neighbours and villagers who are discursively involved in the making and sharing *Kimchi* network was

identified. On the other hand, in order to find out the variety of *Kimchi* recipes, various methods of *Kimchi* making between regions, classes and generations were widely studied.

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS prepared documents and analysed them to be sent as proposals and ICH application listings at the local and national level. First, the CICS evaluated and analyzed the various tug-of-war styles from four countries (Cambodia, Philippine, Vietnam and Korea), while implementing the cross-cultural perspectives to the study in 2015. Second, the CICS analyzed the case of haenyeo, women divers in Jeju Island which was inscribed in the Representative List. Third, Kimchi making and sharing was studied various documents regarding regional and local proposals.

E.4. *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Yes. The CICS had experiences in drafting texts of proposals in English based on ethnographic studies in the villages where endangered traditional hemp weaving is practiced. The traditional liquor brewing practice was endangered in another village. Both practices-hemp weaving and liquor brewing had been routine labor handled by women. Village women were neglected by the local administration offices taking responsibility of protection of ICH according to the current Korean law regarding ICH safeguarding. The CICS encouraged and helped village women to submit proposals to local offices in charge of the protection of ICH. The proposals were written in Korean then translated in English to present the cases at the international conferences held in Japan and United States.

YE.5. *Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the incapacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CICS applies its domestic experience to the safeguarding of ICH in Myanmar. The

Department of Archaeology and Religion of Myanmar government has prepared the inventor list of ICH during the recent years with the support of UNESCO and other foreign experts. Since 2019, the CICS has been involved in making inventory of ICH and digitalizing data. The Myanmar government plan to submit nomination files for good practices of ICH to UNESCO and the CICS advised and assisted in the preparation process for ICH in Myanmar.

F. Cooperation with UNESCO

Report on activities carried out by your organization in cooperation with UNESCO (both direct cooperation with UNESCO as well as activities carried out under the auspices of UNESCO or for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention, or financial support, such as funding from the Participation Program).

Not to exceed 250 words

In December of 2020, Hanhee Hahm, director of the CICS, took part in the intersectoral online expert meeting on education-related indicators in the overall results framework (ORF) for the Convention for the Safeguarding of ICH and their relationship with SDG 4. She submitted a brief report to UNESCO regarding the Korean cases on the subject matters.

In July of 2018, Hanhee Ham, director of CICS, had a presentation with the title of “Integrating the Circles of Academia and ICH practitioners in the 2018 International Forum: Unlocking the Potential of Tertiary Education for ICH safeguarding under the auspicious of ICHCAP.

In November of 2015, the first symposium for the development of ICH post-graduate programmes were held in Bangkok under the auspicious of UNESCO Bangkok office and ICHCAP. Hanhee Hahm, director of CICS, had a presentation titled with “Challenges and Validity of ICH programmes in Jeonbuk National University.”

G. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes

No

H. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.

Name: Hanhee Hahm

Title: Director

Date: Feb. 8, 2021

Signature:

