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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.*

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

World Martial Arts Union

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

NGO-90024

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.

Organization: World Martial Arts Union

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Website: www.womau.org
Other relevant information:

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

WoMAU had initiated International Center of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement(ICM), Category 2 Centre in the field of martial arts and participated in the process of the establishment of the Centre by Korean government for several years. In the process, it drafted the Agreement of the Centre and since the establishment, would carry out businesses such as seminar or workshop with the participation of member organizations from 42 countries across the world in collaboration with the Centre, of which major objective is to strengthen the competence of the beneficiary, among other things young people.

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.

The Cultural Partnership Initiative (CPI), ODA program of the Ministry of Culture and Sport Project which has been implemented by WoMAU for the past five years, is a project that allows our participants to rediscover the cultural value of martial arts, strengthen their capabilities in international affairs including organization's operating system as well as in martial arts, sharing valuable international networks.

Unfortunately last year, WoMAU has been excluded from the national project because of the relevant authority's judgment of policy that martial arts belongs to a sport not to culture. CPI has provided its participants with many opportunities and raised awareness on tradition and culture.

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

By bringing its member organizations abroad to International Martial Arts Contest (IMAC) that Chungju municipal government has hosted with the help of WoMAU, and by attracting the CPI project and getting the participants trained martial arts, cultural experience and language, which the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism has carried out, WoMAU is not only helping strengthen the participants' capabilities in international affairs as well as in martial arts itself, but also acting as a bridge for mutual exchanges between states through martial arts. As it cooperated in completing the UNESCO RL application of Taekkyon by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, it is giving expertise to or guiding members that are interested in the UNESCO ICH RL.

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

WoMAU will gladly accept if given an opportunity, but we haven't had it yet.

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

WoMAU has not participated directly in the Nomination Process in cooperation with the Committee, but has provided expertise and cooperation as an NGO to the relevant authorities of related government. WoMAU involved indirectly in the preparation of the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List nominations of our members like Taekkyon and Bokator. And until recently it has also participated in the preparation process as a member of the relevant committee so that Korea Ssireum could be listed on the Representative list. We have plan to help next candidates such as Horseback Archery, Uzbek Jang Sanaty and also Cambodia Bokator which failed to be listed on 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

WoMAU collects and inventories information on traditional martial arts of member organizations around the world, and supports for displaying listed information and materials such as martial arts weapon, costumes, document etc that are donated by member organizations at the World Martial Arts Museum operated by the local government, Chungju.

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

It is stated in the agreement of WoMAU that WoMAU is an international union of the martial arts to provide to the world martial arts community with an institutional center long since needed for its members to better organize their efforts at contributing to the world peace by promoting friendship between peoples through marital arts and by spreading worldwide its underlying values of peace and justice.

For this purpose, WoMAU is doing the following things on or relating to martial arts: 1. collection, exchange and dissemination of information and materials. 2. organizing study and research activities such as seminars, and conferences. 3. organizing or sponsoring demonstration or exhibition events. 4. rendering cooperation to Chungju World Martial Arts Festival and providing administrative and technical assistances to the member organizations with a view to facilitating their participation in the Festival and other such events.

WoMAU consists of 62 organizations from 42 countries including 9 associate members from 4 countries around the world, which includes organizations of martial arts such as Korean Taekkyon, Brazilian Capoeira, Kazakhstani Kurashi, Mongolian Buhk and Korean Ssireum on the UNESCO list. The member organizations get together here in Chungju once a year to take part in those events.

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

Based on experience from these activities, some members(Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Phillippines etc.) are holding their own traditional martial arts festival with the administrative support of WoMAU.

WoMAU has conducted Martial Arts Camp for Youth and Martial Arts Field Training for students and local teachers attracting public projects from the government agencies such as the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Korea Foundation and the like. And on the occasion of the Festival, it would organize a seminar attended by local martial arts masters under the theme of martial arts guidance and dissemination. Through these activities, it is making efforts to raise awareness on and promote the cultural value of traditional martial arts by participating teenagers or teachers in those programs for several years.

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

Based on its member network, WoMAU organizes workshop or seminar under the theme of traditional martial arts in association with ICM, Category 2 Center, which WoMAU initiated and prepared its foundation. The two agencies exchange information through meetings to avoid duplicate business and improve work efficiency and synergy effects.

And WoMAU established a Consultative body together with UNESCO- accredited NGOs here in Korea and holds meetings twice a year to share each culture protection activity and analyze the UNESCO ICH agenda.

In addition, it established another Consultative Body between the UNESCO-listed martial arts groups, which is made up of only communities or organizations representing martial arts on the UNESCO ICH list. The purpose of the 2nd Body is to play a role as a focal point to creatively safeguard and promote traditional martial arts heritage through international cooperation in view of the Fourth Industrial era, sharing the UNESCO ICH policy. This year WoMAU is going to hold the 2nd meeting inviting all of them again in Chungju to discuss details.

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

Since the accreditation of NGO by UNESCO in 2010, WoMAU has attended Intergovernmental Committee meeting of UNESCO, the General Assembly of the State Parties almost without exception and even MINEPS meeting when dealing with topics in the field. Through these participations, WoMAU could read international trend by the UNESCO agenda and would gain activity information from NGOs and share it with its member organizations while interacting with them.

Although it has not made any direct contribution to the Committee, it has tried to increase the participation rate of teenagers and women in the businesses such as Cultural Partnership Initiative(CPI) in response to the UNESCO ICH policy and shared best practices related to protecting and promoting ICH with its members.

- 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

No, WoMAU has not served as a member of those Bodies.

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

The terms of NGO accreditation indicate that it is obliged to provide advice at the request of the Intergovernmental Committee, but since it has never been requested by the Committee, it has only attended the meeting as an observer, which is the basic duty as an accredited NGO.

Given that many NGOs are easy to communicate with communities and organizations, and are in position conducting business on the ground, it is thought to be an opportunity to reduce the possible gap between each state's and UNESCO's policy. Thus, WoMAU suggests to consider the participation of NGOs in the following parts.

- In addition to NGO's participating in the Evaluation Body (EB), NGO in the relevant field participates in the review process as an observer and in some cases can communicate its opinions.
- State Parties reflect NGO opinions in the preparation of regular reports to be submitted to UNESCO.

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

As mentioned above, WoMAU has 62 member organizations from 42 countries including 9 associate members from 4 countries around the world, which includes organizations in France, Russia and the USA etc. And many of them have networks of academic circles such as Universities and Research centers.

WoMAU secretariat located in Chungju, Korea has 5 staff who are good at English or Russian and board of directors, who consist mainly of scholars or related experts. Also WoMAU has 3 types of Committee including Membership Screening Committee, some of whom are experts with excellent language skills.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

WoMAU has some experiences in working across a couple of ICH domains. Traditional martial arts has diverse contents such as the art of making traditional weapons and rituals with songs and dance, and performance. Various cultural activities are being carried out in the Chungju Martial Arts Festival: Photo Exhibition related to traditional martial arts, guest country's culture event (or performance) marking the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, exhibition of martial arts-related weapons, costumes, musical instruments and parade by martial artists in traditional costumes and playing the musical instruments.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

Every year we are reviewing membership applications from each country's representative traditional martial arts organizations around the world. Once an application is received, the WoMAU secretariat screens it first and then requests an evaluation to its Membership Screening Committee in the second round, consisting of experts appointed by the secretariat.

When doing it, the Committee reviews as follows : history and legitimacy of the martial arts, if the application organization represents the native martial arts in the country, the capacity of the organization for mutual cooperation with it, and the ability of the office for the participation of international events WoMAU holds and if the application organization represents the native martial arts in the country. And whether the group represents the martial arts.

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

WoMAU has experience to have drafted guidebook of Taekkyon in Korean and English, which is inscribed on UNESCO ICH Representative List.

And it is publishing News Letters (WoMAUs News) containing various WoMAU activities, martial arts-related information, expert columns and member organizations' activities news twice a year and operating own website in Korean and English. It has two staff in charge of this.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

As mentioned above, WoMAU is an international organization to promote human and physical exchanges through traditional martial arts a part of ICH.

It holds Annual General Meeting, Seminar and the World Martial Arts Festival and so on inviting 62 member organizations from home and abroad. On the contrary, WoMAU members in Vietnam and Uzbekistan held the martial arts festivals as international events with the help of WoMAU. It urged the participation of the members in those events and supported them administratively so that international martial arts events could be held in member countries as well.

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

WoMAU has partnership with UNESCO (Consultative Status) and is an Advisory NGO, but it has had no direct cooperation activities with UNESCO. It has been carrying out own events as below under the auspices of UNESCO receiving the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO, which is to effectively safeguard and promote traditional martial arts. Due to this, our members from home and abroad are participating in the events with pride that they are keeping

their traditions and a sense of duty as cultural guard.

1. Chungju World Martial Arts Festival (or International Martial Arts Contest)
2. WoMAU General Meeting
3. International Martial Arts Seminar
4. Cultural Partnership Initiative (ODA program of the Ministry of Culture and Sport)
5. Korea Open Ssireum Festival
6. The World Horseback Archery Championship

G. Signature

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

Name: Chung Wha tae

Title: President

Date: January 30

Signature:

