**CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE  
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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**Item 15 of the provisional agenda:**

**Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations and review of accredited non-governmental organizations**

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| **Summary**  This document presents the forty-six requests from new non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to be accredited to perform advisory functions for the Committee, as well as the outcome of the review process on the relations with sixty-six accredited NGOs whose examination is due at the present session of the Committee.  **Decision required**:paragraph 12 |

Introduction

1. Chapter III.2.2 (paragraphs 91–99) of the Operational Directives sets out the criteria and procedures for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to perform advisory functions for the Committee, as provided for in Article 9 of the Convention. As a result, 193 NGOs are currently accredited[[1]](#footnote-2)[[2]](#footnote-3) to perform advisory functions for the Committee.
2. The geographical representation of these accredited NGOs is as follows: Electoral Group I: 104; Electoral Group II: 20; Electoral Group III: 10; Electoral Group IV: 27; Electoral Group V(a): 24 and Electoral Group V(b): 8, as shown below:

A. New accreditation of non-governmental organizations

1. According to paragraph 98 of the Operational Directives, requests for accreditation shall be received by the Secretariat by 30 April of odd-numbered years for examination by the Committee at its ordinary session in that same year. The Committee then submits its recommendations to the General Assembly for its decision, in accordance with Article 9 of the Convention.
2. As of 30 April 2021, there were forty-six new requests for accreditation for consideration during the present session of the Committee. Their geographical distribution is as follows: Electoral Group I: 21; Electoral Group II: 2; Electoral Group III: 5; Electoral Group IV: 6; Electoral Group V(a): 8 and Electoral Group V(b): 4. The Secretariat examined those requests that were completed by 30 September 2021. The [webpage of the Convention](https://ich.unesco.org/en/15-accreditation-of-ngos-01204) makes available all the requests completed by that date in the language in which they were submitted. This includes the Form ICH-09 filled in by each organization, together with the support documents relating to point 8.b, and potential supplementary information on points 8.a and 8.c of the form.
3. In accordance with paragraph 92 of the Operational Directives, the Secretariat submits the following recommendations to the Committee, based on the information provided:

* the thirty-four NGOs listed in Annex I appear to satisfy all the criteria for accreditation as set out in paragraph 91 of the Operational Directive and the Committee may recommend the General Assembly to accredit these organizations to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee.
* the twelve NGOs listed in Annex II do not appear to satisfy the criteria set out in paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives (the table in Annex II includes a summary of reasons for which the accreditation request of each of these twelve organizations is not supported).

1. The Committee is invited to consider the above recommendations regarding the accreditation of NGOs conforming to paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives.

B. Review of accredited NGOs

1. Paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives provides that every four years following the accreditation of an NGO, the Committee shall review its contribution and commitment and its relations with the Committee, taking into account the perspective of the NGO concerned.
2. On this occasion, the Committee is requested to review the contribution and commitment of sixty-six NGOs in total. These include forty-two NGOs accredited by the General Assembly at its fourth session in 2012 (Resolution [4.GA 6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/4.GA/6)) and whose status was maintained by the twelfth session of the Committee in 2017 (Decision [12.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/12.COM/17)) and twenty-four NGOs accredited by the General Assembly at its sixth session in 2016 (Resolution [6.GA 8](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/6.GA/8)). A total of fifty-nine reports were submitted to the Secretariat using Form [ICH-08 Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/ICH-08-2021-EN.doc). The [webpage of the Convention](https://ich.unesco.org/en/15-review-of-ngos-01207) makes available the reports submitted in the language in which they were received.
3. The report form was intended to collect perspectives from each NGO on their contribution to the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage and the implementation of the Convention in the following areas: (i) the contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (as described in Chapter III of the Convention); (ii) bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation; (iii) participation in the work of the Committee; (iv) the capacities of the organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (as described in paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives); and (v) cooperation with UNESCO. The most recent version of the form also includes a section on the ICH NGO Forum membership. Through an email sent on 11 December 2020, the NGOs concerned were invited to submit their report by 15 February 2021 at the latest. Submission reminders were sent in January and February 2021. The review process was carried out by the Secretariat between March and November 2021 in order to prepare the recommendations for the Committee.
4. Following the aforementioned review process and in accordance with paragraph 92 of the Operational Directives, the Secretariat recommends that:

* The Committee maintain the accreditation of the fifty-seven NGOs listed in Annex III for having sufficiently demonstrated their contribution and commitment to the work of the Committee since their accreditation.
* The Committee terminate its relationships with the one NGO listed in Annex IV a) since this organization did not sufficiently demonstrate its contribution and commitment to the work of the Committee since the last renewal of its accreditation in 2017. The NGO submitted a report providing very limited information about its recent activities.
* The Committee terminate its relationships with the seven NGOs listed in Annex IV b) since these organizations did not return their quadrennial report.
* The Committee terminate its relationships with the one NGO listed in Annex IV c) since this organization ceased to exist in its original form by merging with another entity not accredited under the 2003 Convention. The Operational Directives do not provide that, in the event of a merger with other entities, criteria (iii) of paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives would remain satisfied, thereby maintaining the accreditation status.

1. The Committee is invited to review the above recommendations on maintaining or terminating the accreditation of NGOs in conformity with paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Operational Directives.
2. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/21/16.COM/15, the requests for accreditation and the quadrennial reports submitted by the non-governmental organizations accredited by the General Assembly at its fourth and sixth sessions in 2012 and 2016, respectively,
2. Recalling Article 9 of the Convention and Chapter III.2.2 of the Operational Directives,
3. Further recalling Resolution [4.GA 6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/4.GA/6), Resolution [6.GA 8](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/6.GA/8) and Decision [12.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/12.COM/17),
4. Considers that the thirty-four organizations listed in Annex I to this document satisfy the criteria set out in paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives and recommends to the General Assembly that they be accredited to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee;
5. Further considers that the twelve organizations listed in Annex II to this document do not satisfy the criteria set out in paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives;
6. Also considers that fifty-seven organizations listed in Annex III to this document satisfy the criteria set out in the Operational Directives and decides to maintain their accreditation to perform advisory functions for the Committee;
7. Further decides that the accreditation of the one organization listed in Annex IV a) and of the seven organizations listed in Annex IV b) to this document be terminated since their contribution and commitment to the work of the Committee are deemed insufficient in relation to paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Operational Directives, or since they have not submitted a quadrennial report illustrating their contribution and commitment to the Committee’s work;
8. Also decides that the accreditation of the one organization listed in Annex IV c) to this document be terminated since it ceased to exist in its original form pursuant to its merger with another entity not accredited under the 2003 Convention;
9. Considers furthermore that the geographical distribution of the accredited NGOs still needs to be improved and invites States Parties from under-represented Electoral Groups to encourage NGOs operating within their territories and meeting the criteria for accreditation to submit requests for accreditation at the earliest opportunity.

**Annex I: Non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number |
| Association pour le Devenir des Autochtones et de leur Connaissance Originelle (A.D.A.C.O) | Congo | NGO-90479 |
| Al Sadu Handcraft Cooperative Society | Kuwait | NGO-90480 |
| Direct Gradual Development, Civil Association | Mexico | NGO-90481 |
| Fondation Princesse Momafon Rabiatou NJOYA | Cameroon | NGO-90482 |
| Art for Refugees in Transition | United States of America | NGO-90484 |
| Mundo Espiral Foundation | Colombia | NGO-90485 |
| Stuppa Indonesia Foundation | Indonesia | NGO-90486 |
| Indonesian Batik Foundation | Indonesia | NGO-90487 |
| Embodying Reconciliation | Colombia | NGO-90488 |
| Société québécoise d’ethnologie | Canada | NGO-90490 |
| Norwegian Youth Association | Norway | NGO-90491 |
| Konstelacio | France | NGO-90492 |
| Institute for Intangible Cultural Heritage (IPACIM) | Spain | NGO-90493 |
| Academy of the Fair Courtesy | Italy | NGO-90494 |
| Research Centre for Greek Singing (R.C.Gr.S.] | Greece | NGO-90495 |
| Institut National des Métiers d’Art (INMA) | France | NGO-90499 |
| Karama Foundation for Social and Cultural Development | Egypt | NGO-90500 |
| Cultural Survival | United States of America | NGO-90501 |
| Portobelo Bay Foundation | Panama | NGO-90502 |
| PARCUM VZW | Belgium | NGO-90503 |
| National Union of Folk-Art Masters of Ukraine (NSMNMU) | Ukraine | NGO-90504 |
| Fédération des coopératives des Pays de Mayoko ‘Fecopam’ | Republic of Congo | NGO-90505 |
| The Archers Foundation | Turkey | NGO-90508 |
| France PCI - Association française des éléments inscrits sur les listes du patrimoine culturel immatériel de l’Unesco | France | NGO-90509 |
| Uganda Community Museums Association (UCOMA) | Uganda | NGO-90510 |
| Cross Arts Cultural Association | Lebanon | NGO-90512 |
| Arrayán Network of Culture, Heritage and Environment | Spain | NGO-90513 |
| Anatolian Handicrafts Conservation and Development Association | Turkey | NGO-90514 |
| Doostdaran and Hafezane Kheshte Kham Association (DHKKA) | Iran | NGO-90516 |
| ELLINIKI ETAIRIA - Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage | Greece | NGO-90517 |
| Association Ankraké | France | NGO-90520 |
| Society for Digitization of Traditional Cultural Heritage (Society for DTCH) | Bosnia and Herzegovina | NGO-90521 |
| Fundación INDICRI | Panama | NGO-90522 |
| Femmes et traditions | Canada | NGO-90523 |

**Annex II: Non-governmental organizations not recommended for accreditation**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number | Comment |
| Social Advancement Group, Inc | United States of America | NGO-90483 | Request incomplete; not possible to ascertain if OD 91(e)(ii);(iii) are satisfied |
| Gloire à Dieu | Democratic Republic of the Congo | NGO-90489 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| Football World Heritage | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | NGO-90496 | OD 91(a) and OD 91(e)(iii) not satisfied |
| Syrian Youth Council | Syrian Arab Republic | NGO-90497 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| EXARC | The Netherlands | NGO-90498 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| Association de la jeunesse Congolaise pour le Développement | Republic of Congo | NGO-90506 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| World Ethnosport Confederation | Turkey | NGO-90507 | OD 91(e)(iii) not satisfied |
| Tajikistan National Federation of UNESCO Clubs (TAJFUCA) | Tajikistan | NGO-90511 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| Arts Pars Association | Iran | NGO-90515 | OD 91(e)(iii) not satisfied |
| Global Peace and Development Association | Kenya | NGO-90518 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| Association des Jeunes pour le Développement de Vekky (AJEDV) | Benin | NGO-90519 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |
| Women & Child Welfare Society | India | NGO-90524 | OD 91(a) not satisfied |

**Annex III: Accredited non-governmental organizations recommended for renewal of accreditation**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number |
| China Folklore Society (CFS) | China | NGO-90089 |
| V. Papantoniou Peloponnesian Folklore Foundation (PFF) | Greece | NGO-90107 |
| Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe (SAVE Foundation) | Switzerland | NGO-90123 |
| International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art (CIOFF) | France | NGO-90129 |
| Cultural Research Foundation (KAV) | Turkey | NGO-90142 |
| Institution SOAMANORO Lieu sacré Manongarivo | Madagascar | NGO-90147 |
| European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) | Belgium | NGO-90160 |
| Centre for Research in Anthropology (CRIA) | Portugal | NGO-90164 |
| Kanuri Development Association | Nigeria | NGO-90171 |
| Indigenous Cultural Society | India | NGO-90178 |
| Egyptian Society for Folk Traditions (EFST) | Egypt | NGO-90182 |
| Maasai Cultural Heritage (MCH) | Kenya | NGO-90183 |
| Workshop intangible heritage Flanders | Belgium | NGO-90186 |
| Polish Ethnological Society | Poland | NGO-90188 |
| Amis du Patrimoine de Madagascar (APM) | Madagascar | NGO-90195 |
| Tooro Youth Platform for Action | Uganda | NGO-90198 |
| Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) | Canada | NGO-90202 |
| The Domain Bokrijk | Belgium | NGO-90203 |
| Gulu Theatre Artists (GUTA) | Uganda | NGO-90206 |
| Association pour la sauvegarde des masques (ASAMA) | Burkina Faso | NGO-90209 |
| Italian Network of Pro Loco Associations (UNPLI) | Italy | NGO-90211 |
| West Africa Coalition for Indigenous Peoples’ Rights (WACIPR) | Nigeria | NGO-90217 |
| Macedonian Research Society (MRS) | North Macedonia | NGO-90218 |
| Cultural Association ‘Bagpipes Club’ | Italy | NGO-90222 |
| Oral Tradition Association (OTA) | Indonesia | NGO-90223 |
| Inter-City Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network (ICCN) | Republic of Korea | NGO-90228 |
| National Archaeological-Anthropological Memory Management Foundation | Curaçao | NGO-90229 |
| Dutch Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage | The Netherlands | NGO-90233 |
| World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS) | China | NGO-90239 |
| Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant | Canada | NGO-90243 |
| ONG L'Homme et l'Environnement | Madagascar | NGO-90246 |
| Syria Trust for Development | Syrian Arab Republic | NGO-90251 |
| Groupe audois de recherche et d’animation ethnographique - Ethnopôle GARAE | France | NGO-90254 |
| Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | NGO-90257 |
| Politistiko Ergastiri Ayion Omoloyiton | Cyprus | NGO-90265 |
| Azerbaijani Carpetmakers’ Union | Azerbaijan | NGO-90266 |
| Maison du patrimoine oral de Bourgogne | France | NGO-90272 |
| The Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU) | Uganda | NGO-90274 |
| Société française d’ethnoscénologie (SOFETH) | France | NGO-90314 |
| Shree Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal | India | NGO-90321 |
| International Association of Paremiology (IAP) | Portugal | NGO-90322 |
| Heritage Crafts Association | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | NGO-90323 |
| Ashiq Shamshir Cultural Center Public Union | Azerbaijan | NGO-90327 |
| Patrimoine du Musée International du Carnaval et du Masque | Belgium | NGO-90329 |
| Centre Albert Marinus | Belgium | NGO-90330 |
| Aigine Cultural Research Center, Public Fund | Kyrgyzstan | NGO-90335 |
| The Center for Intangible Culture Studies (CICS) | Republic of Korea | NGO-90336 |
| European Association of Folklore Festivals (EAFF) | Bulgaria | NGO-90338 |
| Association mauritanienne pour les traditions populaires (AMTP) | Mauritania | NGO-90343 |
| Ensemble artistique culturel TOWARA (EAC) | Benin | NGO-90346 |
| Association mauritanienne pour la sauvegarde du patrimoine culturel immatériel (AMS – PCI) | Mauritania | NGO-90347 |
| The Norwegian Coastal Federation | Norway | NGO-90349 |
| Fallas studies association (ADEF) | Spain | NGO-90350 |
| Federal Organisation of the Local Heritage Organisations in Germany | Germany | NGO-90353 |
| Cultural and Educational Association ‘Ponte ... nas Ondas’ | Spain | NGO-90355 |
| Interdisciplinary Art Group SERDE | Latvia | NGO-90356 |
| L’Association canadienne d’ethnologie et de folklore / The Folklore Studies Association of Canada | Canada | NGO-90360 |

**Annex IV a): Accredited non-governmental organization recommended for the termination of accreditation (insufficient contribution and commitment to the work of the Committee)**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number | Comment |
| Grande Aura | Madagascar | NGO-90132 | No new report (same report as submitted in 2017) |

**Annex IV b): Accredited non-governmental organizations recommended for the termination of accreditation (non-submission of report)**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number | Comment |
| MusicaEuropa Association | Italy | NGO-90208 | Report not submitted |
| Cultural Heritage Association of Viet Nam | Viet Nam | NGO-90212 | Report not submitted |
| Cultural Musical Ethnic Association Totarella - The Pollino Bagpipes | Italy | NGO-90227 | Report not submitted |
| The Norwegian Museum of Cultural History / Norwegian Ethnological Research | Norway | NGO-90281 | Report not submitted |
| Maison de la Métallurgie et de l’Industrie de Liège | Belgium | NGO-90324 | Report not submitted |
| Association des lauréats de l’Institut national des sciences de l'archéologie et du patrimoine (ALINSAP) | Morocco | NGO-90345 | Report not submitted |
| Tribal Cultural Society | India | NGO-90361 | Report not submitted |

**Annex IV c): Accredited non-governmental organization recommended for the termination of accreditation (merging of organization with another organization)**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number | Comment |
| Institut Occitan d’Aquitaine | France | NGO- 90319 | Merger with other entity; OD 91 (iii) no longer satisfied |

1. . To date, the General Assembly has accredited 267 such organizations (97 by Resolution [3.GA 7](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/3.GA/7), 59 by [Resolution 4.GA 6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/4.GA/6), 22 by Resolution [5.GA 6](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/5.GA/6), 24 by [Resolution 6.GA 8](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/6.GA/8), 29 by Resolution [7.GA 11](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Resolutions/7.GA/11), and 36 by Resolution [8.GA 13](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/8.GA/13)). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. . At its tenth session in 2015, the Committee decided to continue relations with fifty-nine NGOs and to terminate relations with thirty-eight NGOs, all accredited by the third session of the General Assembly in 2010 (Decision [10.COM 16](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/10.COM/16)); at its twelfth session in 2017, the Committee decided to continue relations with forty-two NGOs and to terminate relations with seventeen NGOs; all accredited by the fourth session of the General Assembly in 2012 (Decision [12.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/12.COM/17)); at its fourteenth session in 2019, the Committee decided to continue relations with sixty-two accredited NGOs and to terminate relations with nineteen NGOs, all accredited by the fifth session of the General Assembly (Decision [14.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/17)). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)