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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Sixteenth session**

**Online**

**13 to 18 December 2021**

**Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Observers**

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| **Decision required:** paragraph 5 |

1. In conformity with Rule 8 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure, States not party to the Convention which are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations, Associate Members of UNESCO, Permanent Observer Missions to UNESCO, representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system may attend the sessions of the Committee as observers (Rule 8.2), in addition to States Parties to the Convention which are not Members of the Committee (Rule 8.1).
2. The Committee may also authorize intergovernmental organizations other than those referred to in its Rule 8.2, as well as public or private bodies and private persons, with recognized competence in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage, to attend its future sessions as observers, upon their written request (Rule 8.3).
3. In this regard, the Committee decided to authorize the participation as observers of:

* the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) in its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions (Decision [14.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/3));
* Ms Eva-Maria Seng in its sixteenth session (Decision [15.COM 4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/15.COM/4)).

1. To date, no additional entities or private persons have made a written request to attend the future sessions of the Committee as observers.
2. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 16.COM 3

The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/21/16.COM/3,
2. Recalling Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee,
3. Further recalling its Decisions [14.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/14.COM/3) and [15.COM 4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/15.COM/4),
4. Takes note of the following observers authorized to participate in its sixteenth session, in conformity with the above-mentioned decisions:

* the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO),
* Ms Eva-Maria Seng.