Annex 3:
Working Group on Cultural Diversity

The Working Group on Cultural Diversity (ARGE) was set up at the Austrian Commission for UNESCO to encourage the active participation of civil society in 2004. Since then the Working Group constitutes the main platform for dialogue and exchange between all players on all levels (including experts, artists, cultural workers and their interest groups, as well as representatives of the federal and province governments) on matters relating to the Convention.

Fields of activities encompass (1) sharing and exchange of information, (2) providing expertise and know-how on cultural policy developments to public authorities, (3) organising awareness-raising activities and (4) monitoring the implementation process as well as developing concrete proposals on how to further this implementation process. In 2006 it joined the European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity. The Working Group is realized with financial support by the Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture.

The Working Group is chaired by Bernhard Perchinig.

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