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Item 13 of the provisional agenda: Election of Members of the Committee

Pursuant to Rule 16 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference of Parties elects half of the States Members of the Committee every two years.

Decision required: paragraph 13.

1. In accordance with Article 23, paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Convention, the Conference of Parties elected, at its first session, an Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of 24 Members. Since then, there have been five elections. An overview of the results is provided in Annex I.

2. In accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat requested all States Parties, three months before the opening of the present session of the Conference of Parties, whether they intended to stand for election to the Committee. The provisional list of candidates is provided in document DCE/17/6.CP/INF.3. In accordance with Rule 17.3, the provisional list will be finalized 48 hours before the opening of the Conference of Parties. No candidacy will be accepted in the 48 hours preceding the opening of the Conference.

3. Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties provides that the **term of office** of the States Members of the Committee is four years, in accordance with Article 23.1 of the Convention, and that “a Member cannot be elected to two consecutive mandates unless a regional group presents a ‘clean slate’”. A clean slate means that the number of candidates is the same as the number of vacant seats.

4. Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties provides for **election on the basis of the composition of the electoral groups** of UNESCO, as determined by the UNESCO General Conference. In accordance with the practice of the UNESCO General Conference, Group V is composed of two subgroups, Group V(a) for African States and Group V(b) for Arab States.

5. The voting system is based on the **pro rata principle**, under which the number of Parties in each electoral group is divided by the number of States Parties to the Convention and the resulting percentage figure is multiplied by the number of available seats. As of 12 June 2017, the Convention is in force in 144 States Parties and 1 regional economic integration organization (see Annex II).

6. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure, for the purposes of the election of the Members of the Intergovernmental Committee at the sixth session of the Conference of Parties, the **pro rata distribution of the 24 seats** among the six electoral groups is as follows (see Annex III for list of States Parties according to electoral group calculations in accordance with the *pro rata* principle):

- Group I represents 15.97% of States Parties to the Convention, or 3.832 seats;
- Group II represents 15.97% of States Parties to the Convention, or 3.832 seats;
- Group III represents 22.22% of States Parties to the Convention, or 5.332 seats;
- Group IV represents 9.72% of States Parties to the Convention, or 2.332 seats;
- Group V(a) represents 26.38% of States Parties to the Convention, or 6.331 seats;
- Group V(b) represents 9.72% of States Parties to the Convention, or 2.332 seats.

7. In view of the regional grouping of the 144 States Parties, the *pro rata* calculation of the number of States Parties in each group would allocate between 2.332 to 6.331 seats to each electoral group.

8. In regard to the distribution of seats within the Committee, however, **Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure** of the Conference of Parties provides for a minimum of three seats and a maximum of six seats per electoral group.

9. At its second session, when electing the Members of the Committee, the Conference of Parties considered that Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure should be applied to ensure that a minimum number of seats (3) be allocated to each electoral group and that the remaining seats be allocated *pro rata* to the other electoral groups (see detailed summary record of the second ordinary session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, CE/11/3.CP/209/4, paragraph 110).

10. The Conference of Parties used this method when renewing the Committee's membership at the elections held during the third, fourth and fifth sessions of the Conference of Parties (see detailed summary record of the third ordinary session of the Conference of Parties, CE/13/4.CP/4, paragraph 152, the detailed summary record of the fourth ordinary session of the Conference of Parties, CE/15/5.CP/4, paragraph 300, and the draft summary record of the fifth ordinary session, DCE/17/6.CP/4).

11. For the purposes of the election of Members of the Committee at this sixth session, and in application of Rule 15.2, the Conference of Parties may consider applying the *pro rata* allocation of the remaining six seats as follows:

Table: *Pro rata* allocation of seats by electoral group

	GROUPS						Total
	I	II	III	IV	V(a)	V(b)	
Minimum number of seats distributed per electoral group (application of Rule 15.2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
<i>Pro rata</i> calculation* for the distribution of remaining 6 seats	23 SP (=19.82%)	23 SP (=19.82%)	32 SP (=27.58%)	N/A	38 SP (=32.75%)	N/A	116 SP (=100%)
Number of seats that could be allocated <i>pro rata</i>**	6 seats x 19.82% = 1.189 seats	6 seats x 19.82% = 1.189 seats	6 seats x 27.58% =1.655 seats	N/A	6 seats x 32.75% = 1.965 seats	N/A	6
Total number of seats that could be allocated per electoral group***	3 + 1.189 = 4.189	3 + 1.189 = 4.189	3 + 1.655 = 4.655	3	3 + 1.965 = 4.965	3	24

Methods of calculation in application of Rule 15.2

* Total number of States Parties (SP) from each electoral group ÷ Total number of States Parties = the proportion of States Parties from each electoral group in relation to the total

** Maximum number of seats (6) to be distributed among electoral groups x the proportion of States Parties from each electoral group = additional number of seats to be allocated *pro rata*

*** Minimum number of seats per electoral group + total number of seats to be allocated *pro rata* = total number of seats to be allocated per electoral group

12. The Conference of Parties will be required to agree on the distribution of the total number of vacant seats per electoral group. To that end it may take into account Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure and if so, the calculations presented in the table in paragraph 11.

13. The Conference of Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution:

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The Conference of Parties,

1. *Having examined Document DCE/17/6.CP/13 and its Annexes;*
2. *Decides that, for the purposes of the election of the Members of the Committee at this session, the 12 seats will be distributed among the electoral groups as follows: Group I (...); Group II (...); Group III (...); Group IV (...); Group V(a) (...); Group V(b) (...).*

	First IGC December 2007	Second IGC December 2008	Third IGC December 2009	Fourth IGC December 2010	Fifth IGC December 2011	Sixth IGC December 2012	Seventh IGC December 2013	Eighth IGC December 2014	Ninth IGC December 2015	Tenth IGC December 2016	Eleventh IGC December 2017	Twelfth IGC December 2018
Lithuania	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		
Slovakia											x	x
Slovenia	x	x										
Czech Republic											x	x
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia					x	x	x	x				
Group III												
Argentina					x	x	x	x				
Brazil	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x
Cuba			x	x	x	x						
Guatemala	x	x										
Honduras					x	x	x	x				
Mexico	x	x	x	x								
Paraguay											x	x
Peru											x	x
Saint Lucia	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines					x	x	x	x				
Uruguay							x	x	x	x		

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Senegal	x	x	x	x								
South Africa	x	x	x	x								
Zimbabwe					x	x	x	x				
Group V(b)												
Jordan			x	x	x	x						
Kuwait					x	x	x	x				
Oman	x	x	x	x								
Morocco											x	x
Tunisia*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
United Arab Emirates							x	x	x	x		

*Rule 16 was suspended by the fourth session of the Conference of Parties to allow Tunisia to run for a second consecutive term.

ANNEX II

States Parties to the Convention

	States	Date of deposit of instrument
1	Canada	28 November 2005
2	Mauritius	29 March 2006
3	Mexico	05 July 2006
4	Romania	20 July 2006
5	Monaco	31 July 2006
6	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	04 August 2006
7	Djibouti	09 August 2006
8	Croatia	31 August 2006
9	Togo	05 September 2006
10	Belarus	06 September 2006
11	Madagascar	11 September 2006
12	Burkina Faso	15 September 2006
13	Republic of Moldova	05 October 2006
14	Peru	16 October 2006
15	Guatemala	25 October 2006
16	Senegal	07 November 2006
17	Ecuador	08 November 2006
18	Mali	09 November 2006
19	Albania	17 November 2006
20	Cameroon	22 November 2006
21	Namibia	29 November 2006
22	India	15 December 2006
23	Finland	18 December 2006
24	Austria	18 December 2006
25	France	18 December 2006
26	Spain	18 December 2006
27	Sweden	18 December 2006
28	Denmark	18 December 2006
29	Slovenia	18 December 2006
30	Estonia	18 December 2006
31	Slovakia	18 December 2006
32	Luxembourg	18 December 2006
33	Lithuania	18 December 2006
34	Malta	18 December 2006
35	Bulgaria	18 December 2006
36	Cyprus	19 December 2006
37	South Africa	21 December 2006
38	Ireland	22 December 2006
39	Greece	03 January 2007
40	Brazil	16 January 2007
41	Norway	17 January 2007
42	Uruguay	18 January 2007
43	Panama	22 January 2007
44	China	30 January 2007
45	Saint Lucia	01 February 2007
46	Iceland	01 February 2007
47	Andorra	06 February 2007
48	Tunisia	15 February 2007
49	Jordan	16 February 2007
50	Italy	19 February 2007
51	Armenia	27 February 2007
52	Germany	12 March 2007

	States	Date of deposit of instrument
53	Chile	13 March 2007
54	Niger	14 March 2007
55	Portugal	16 March 2007
56	Oman	16 March 2007
57	Côte d'Ivoire	16 April 2007
58	Jamaica	04 May 2007
59	Gabon	15 May 2007
60	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	22 May 2007
61	Cuba	29 May 2007
62	Bangladesh	31 May 2007
63	Latvia	06 July 2007
64	Kuwait	03 August 2007
65	Viet Nam	07 August 2007
66	Poland	17 August 2007
67	Egypt	23 August 2007
68	Cambodia	19 September 2007
69	New Zealand	05 October 2007
70	Mongolia	15 October 2007
71	Mozambique	18 October 2007
72	Tajikistan	24 October 2007
73	Kenya	24 October 2007
74	Paraguay	30 October 2007
75	Lao People's Democratic Republic	05 November 2007
76	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	07 December 2007
77	Benin	20 December 2007
78	Nigeria	21 January 2008
79	Syrian Arab Republic	05 February 2008
80	Guinea	20 February 2008
81	Argentina	07 May 2008
82	Hungary	09 May 2008
83	Zimbabwe	15 May 2008
84	Chad	17 June 2008
85	Sudan	19 June 2008
86	Seychelles	20 June 2008
87	Montenegro	24 June 2008
88	Georgia	01 July 2008
89	Switzerland	16 July 2008
90	Ethiopia	02 September 2008
91	Barbados	02 October 2008
92	Burundi	14 October 2008
93	Congo	22 October 2008
94	Grenada	15 January 2009
95	Bosnia and Herzegovina	27 January 2009
96	Nicaragua	05 March 2009
97	Afghanistan	30 March 2009
98	Qatar	21 April 2009
99	Serbia	02 July 2009
100	Australia	18 September 2009
101	Dominican Republic	24 September 2009
102	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	25 September 2009
103	Netherlands	09 October 2009
104	Guyana	14 December 2009
105	Haiti	08 February 2010

	States	Date of deposit of instrument
106	Azerbaijan	15 February 2010
107	Lesotho	18 February 2010
108	Ukraine	10 March 2010
109	Malawi	16 March 2010
110	Republic of Korea	01 April 2010
111	Equatorial Guinea	17 June 2010
112	Trinidad and Tobago	26 July 2010
113	Czech Republic	12 August 2010
114	Honduras	31 August 2010
115	Democratic Republic of the Congo	28 September 2010
116	Costa Rica	15 March 2011
117	Gambia	26 May 2011
118	United Republic of Tanzania	18 October 2011
119	Palestine	08 December 2011
120	Indonesia	12 January 2012
121	Angola	07 February 2012
122	Central African Republic	11 May 2012
123	United Arab Emirates	06 June 2012
124	Rwanda	16 July 2012
125	Swaziland	30 October 2012
126	Colombia	19 March 2013
127	Antigua and Barbuda	25 April 2013
128	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	28 May 2013
129	Morocco	04 June 2013
130	El Salvador	02 July 2013
131	Iraq	22 July 2013
132	Belgium	09 August 2013
133	Comoros	20 November 2013
134	Bahamas	29 December 2014
135	Algeria	26 February 2015
136	Belize	24 March 2015
137	Mauritania	24 March 2015
138	Uganda	8 April 2015
139	Dominica	7 August 2015
140	Samoa	23 October 2015
141	Ghana	20 January 2016
142	South Sudan	9 March 2016
143	Saint Kitts and Nevis	26 April 2016
144	Timor-Leste	31 October 2016

ANNEX III

Distribution of the 24 seats among the 144 States Parties, by electoral group, in accordance with the *pro rata* principle

	GROUPS					
	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
1	Andorra	Albania	Antigua and Barbuda	Afghanistan	Angola	Algeria
2	Austria	Armenia	Argentina	Australia	Benin	Egypt
3	Belgium	Azerbaijan	Bahamas	Bangladesh	Burkina Faso	Iraq
4	Canada	Belarus	Barbados	Cambodia	Burundi	Jordan
5	Cyprus	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Belize	China	Cameroon	Kuwait
6	Denmark	Bulgaria	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	India	Central African Republic	Mauritania
7	Finland	Croatia	Brazil	Indonesia	Chad	Morocco
8	France	Czech Republic	Chile	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Comoros	Oman
9	Germany	Estonia	Colombia	Mongolia	Congo	Palestine
10	Greece	Georgia	Costa Rica	New Zealand	Côte d'Ivoire	Qatar
11	Iceland	Hungary	Cuba	Republic of Korea	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Sudan
12	Ireland	Latvia	Dominica	Samoa	Djibouti	Syrian Arab Republic
13	Italy	Lithuania	Dominican Republic	Timor-Leste	Equatorial Guinea	Tunisia
14	Luxembourg	Montenegro	Ecuador	Viet Nam	Ethiopia	United Arab Emirates
15	Malta	Poland	El Salvador		Gabon	
16	Monaco	Republic of Moldova	Grenada		Gambia	
17	Netherlands	Romania	Guatemala		Ghana	
18	Norway	Serbia	Guyana		Guinea	
19	Portugal	Slovakia	Haiti		Kenya	
20	Spain	Slovenia	Honduras		Lesotho	
21	Sweden	Tajikistan	Jamaica		Madagascar	

	GROUPS					
	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
22	Switzerland	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Mexico		Malawi	
23	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Ukraine	Nicaragua		Mali	
24			Panama		Mauritius	
25			Paraguay		Mozambique	
26			Peru		Namibia	
27			Saint Kitts and Nevis		Niger	
28			Saint Lucia		Nigeria	
29			Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		Rwanda	
30			Trinidad and Tobago		Senegal	
31			Uruguay		Seychelles	
32			Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		South Africa	
33					South Sudan	
34					Swaziland	
35					Togo	
36					Uganda	
37					United Republic of Tanzania	
38					Zimbabwe	
Total (144)	23	23	32	14	38	14
% (100)	15.97	15.97	22.22	9.72	26.38	9.72
Seats (24)	3.832	3.832	5.332	2.332	6.331	2.332