

SPAIN

1-Outline for operational directives

Spain considers that the documents are very well balanced and they include many of the ideas and suggestions that our country shares.

Spain has the intention to present to the Representative List some of the items that were refused as masterpieces

2- Advisory assistance to the Committee

We think it is a good idea the establishment of an umbrella advisory body composed of representatives of accredited NGOs and limited number of private persons with recognized competence on the field .The representatives of groups and communities could be also included in the proposed umbrella advisory body. The Secretariat could assist in the accreditation process.

Apart from the NGOs that are mentioned in point 7, there are other organizations that work on the field that could be suitable as well. Although these organizations are supposed to work on a temporary basis, we would propose not to close the list of possible NGO s for consultation.

3- Criteria for inscription

1-We express our conformity with all the criteria and we agree especially with the majority of the experts on the following points:

i) fall within one or more of the domains listed in art 2.2 of the Convention
Because of the fact that the set of domains is explicitly non-exhaustive maybe it is not necessary to identify more domains than the five identified so far.

v) are rooted in the community

We do prefer this expression rather than "transmitted from generation" to avoid excluding from ICH those whose transmission has been interrupted.

ix) have been identified and defined and already included in an inventory of the ICH present in the territory(ies) of the submitting State(s) Party(ies) We do share the idea that the inventories are to register all ICH and not just representative elements of intangible heritage.

2-We are not very much in favour on creating a National Representative List.

We do think that the inventories mentioned in the Convention is the system to protect and it could be the system to promote or to ensure visibility of the ICH as well. In fact States parties have to propose for registration in the Representative List those items that are included in the Inventories

To create the National Representative List, similar to the Tentative List means to assimilate the system established for the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. On this issue there was a long discussion, coming to the conclusion of separating both types of heritages and Conventions.

Finally the term" national" could cause some problems for decentralised countries, federal, confederal, devolution process countries.

Having said that, we are aware that while inventories are not ready, the List could play a transitional role.

3- We think that the creation of a Register is a good idea only if the ICH items do not loose the condition of Intangible Heritage of Humanity once they are included in the Register