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Objet: consultation on the modalities and methods of facilitating the contribution of NGOs from developing countries

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Dear Madam,

Acknowledging, with thanks, receipt of your letter dated 17 February 2010, ref.: CLT/CIH/ITH/2010/052, concerning *consultation on the modalities and methods of facilitating the contribution of NGOs from developing countries* in the Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, apologising for the delay, we hereby draw your attention to the following suggestions and proposals presented on behalf of the IR of Iran:

1. To choose an entity or more from among qualified international NGOs in each geographical region, as deemed appropriate by regional countries, to serve as focal point for the regional countries in the Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and to offer services to them especially in terms of coordinating activities;
2. It is upon the Focal Point(s) referred to in paragraph 1 above to meet requirements of paragraph 93 of the Operational Directives in consultation with other Governmental and Non-governmental organisations of the countries they represent and report on this to the Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
3. Each regional country is free to announce in written its will either to cooperate or not to cooperate with the selected Focal Point(s);
4. In case of written approval for cooperation with the Focal Point(s), the approving state must provide every means of cooperation with the Focal Point(s) within Governmental and associated Non-Governmental Organisations in the country;
5. Focal Points are to function in two fields of intangible cultural heritage and common intangible cultural heritage of states they are related to;
6. States cooperating with the Focal Point(s) must be committed to collect from Governmental and associated Non-Governmental organisations and transmit to the Focal Point(s) necessary information required by paragraph 93 of the Operational Directives, in an attempt to fully meet their advisory role to the Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Apologising once again for any inconveniences caused by this delayed response, we would be grateful to be kept updated on this matter and wish you the best of luck in this important undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

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Madam,

Referring to your letter N°. CLT/CIH/ITH/2010/052 dated 17 February 2010, it is my honor to forward hereby the comments and contributions of ICHHTO on the above-mentioned subject, which are as follows:

- 1- Activation of NGOs in different sectors and promoting their participation in relevant occasions including:
 - Devolving the management of the cultural centers to NGOs;
 - Reactivating NGOs in the field of national, regional and international research and studies;
 - Devolving the issues related to cultural heritage, especially museums, to NGOs in international levels;
- 2- Offering facilities for further interactions between the related NGOs in international levels.
- 3- Convening specialized educational courses in the field of the activities of NGOs.
- 4- Absorbing and attracting vast public participation in intellectual, financial and economic dimensions.
- 5- Developing the cooperation of NGOs in the field of the establishment and support of non-governmental institutes in order to disseminate the culture of safeguarding, restoration and revitalization of historic sites.
- 6- Establishing an interactive relationship with the NGOs active in the fields of cultural heritage, handicrafts and tourism.
- 7- Convening specialized photograph and book exhibitions with the cooperation of domestic and foreign publishers in the field of cultural heritage.
- 8- Establishment of a specialized committee for NGOs active in the field of cultural heritage under the auspices of the highest authority responsible for the cultural heritage in the concerned country.
- 9- Activating a website for the unit of NGOs and protection of cultural heritage by UNESCO.
- 10- Developing UNESCO's support of NGOs active in the field of restitution of cultural properties and protection and restoration of cultural heritage in developing countries.
- 11- Establishment of a fund for granting scholarships and financial contributions to NGOs active in the field of archeological researches in third world countries in order to gather international contributions specially from the NGOs of developed countries.

- 12- Publishing a list of the NGOs of member states to promote their cooperation in the field of the inscription intangible cultural heritage.
- 13- Cooperation to regulate a series of national and international criteria to evaluate the technical and scientific competency and credibility of NGOs in the field of the inscription of intangible cultural heritage.
- 14- Encouraging the participation of NGOs in the inscription of intangible cultural heritage in national and international lists by the national laws and regulations.
- 15- Activating NGOs in the information sharing in the field of historical, scientific, cultural and artistic documentary heritage of the countries.

In conclusion, it is to be emphasized that NGOs should only play an advisory role in the process of decision making.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest considerations.



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