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Subject: Certification of the inscription of "*Kopachkata - a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec region*" in the National Registry of Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Macedonia
Your Ref.: CLT/CEH/ITH/13/0073600024

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Madam/Sir,

With this letter and on behalf of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Macedonia, the Cultural Heritage Protection Office, a body within the Ministry, with administrative responsibilities for cultural heritage protection, herewith confirms that the property "*Kopachkata - a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec region*" is inscribed in the National Registry of Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Macedonia as cultural heritage of exceptional significance, with subcategory of great significance.

In the Republic of Macedonia the inventory of protected properties is named National Registry of Cultural Heritage. There are three types of registries/inventories:

a. National registry for immovable cultural heritage;
b. National registry for movable cultural heritage and
c. National registry for intangible cultural heritage which imposes the same criteria as articles 11b and 12 from the ICH Convention (Paris 2003) and contains data on intangible cultural heritage.

The process of inventorying of the "*Kopachkata*" as ICH property was instigated upon the initiative of the Folk dance group "Kopachka" (no. 0302-23 from 15.07.2010). The members of the NGO Pijanechki Glas provided 6 DVDs with videos and more than 300 pages of written materials and excerpts from media. They also provided 3 CDs with photos from their concerts and performances.

The association provided enough data for the Institute of Folklore "Marko Cepenkov" - Skopje that is an authorised institution for protection of intangible cultural goods, to prepare a scientific survey for evaluation and safeguarding of the "Kopachkata" dance (no. 02-322 from 30.09.2010). According to that proposal and in line with Article 40 paragraph 2, subparagraph 2 of the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 20/04, 115-07, 118/11), the Board of experts for intangible heritage proposed that the element "*Kopachkata - a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec region*" should be proclaimed as cultural heritage of exceptional significance, with subcategory of great significance. The Cultural Heritage Protection Office issued a positive opinion on the proposal (no. 28-3318) and on that basis, the proclamation with the proposed categories could take place. The CHPO is also responsible for preparing and updating the Inventory for ICH where the "Kopachkata" dance is inscribed under the inventorying number 3.1.4.1.2.38.

The books of the National Registry of Cultural Heritage in the Republic of Macedonia are open for the public in hard copy from the Ministry of Culture of Republic of Macedonia.

We are issuing this Certification in regard of the nomination entitled "*Kopachkata - a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec region*" submitted by the Republic of Macedonia for possible inscription in 2014 on the UNECO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Kind regards,

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