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REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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A. Identification of the organization

A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report

A.1.a. Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.

中国民俗学会

A.1.b. Name of the organization in English and/or French.

China Folklore Society (CFS)

A.1.c. Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)

NGO-90089

A.2. Address of the organization

Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. The postal address should be the one where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.

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B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national and international levels (Chapter III and Article 19 of the Convention, paragraph 156 of the Operational Directives)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities contributing to the eight thematic areas of the Convention's Overall Results Framework², as well as to the preparation of periodic reports, nominations, proposals and requests under the Convention's international cooperation mechanisms. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

B.1. *Describe your organization's contribution to strengthening **institutional and human capacities** for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.*

Not to exceed 250 words

1. Conducting Training for CGIs (Communities, Groups, and Individuals) in the Cultural Heritage Field

Through annual forums, seminars, and workshops, scholars from the China Folklore Society (CFS) have elaborated on the principles and spirit of the *Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage* (2003 Convention). These initiatives have enhanced the understanding of ICH safeguarding concepts among relevant CGIs, encouraging their further engagement in safeguarding efforts within their respective communities.

For instance, CFS organized a special lecture for the *Hong Kong Teacher Training Program*, where experts provided an in-depth analysis of the fundamental documents of the *2003 Convention*, explaining its operational definitions and relevant terminologies. Additionally, CFS conducted specialized lectures on the *2003 Convention* for media professionals, assisting national mainstream media and journalists in articulating ICH-related matters more accurately and effectively.

CFS actively monitors the status of heritage elements inscribed on the *Lists of the 2003 Convention*. It also provides support to relevant CGIs in fulfilling their obligations under the Convention. To facilitate this, CFS organizes training sessions and briefing workshops for CGIs, helping them gain a comprehensive understanding of periodic reporting requirements and compliance measures.

2. Implementing Capacity-Building Programs

In May 2018, CFS co-organized the *Fieldwork Workshop on Festival Traditions and Community Life*, providing young scholars with training in field research methodologies.

In July 2019, CFS co-hosted the *International Summer Seminar on Capacity Building for Intangible Cultural Heritage Safeguarding*, alongside an international academic symposium, fostering global discourse on ICH safeguarding and capacity-building initiatives.

B.2. *Describe your organization's participation in activities related to the **transmission of and education** for intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.*

Not to exceed 250 words

1. Enhancing Transmission Through Non-Formal Education

For example, on October 11, 2022, the CFS Professional Committee on Incense Culture organized an *ICH and Incense-Making Experience Activity*, allowing CGIs to gain a deeper understanding of incense craftsmanship through hands-on engagement.

On January 16, 2024, under the initiative of Wang Lianying, a nationally recognized representative bearer of traditional floral arrangement (ICH element), the CFS Professional Committee on Floral Arrangement hosted the first *National Advanced Workshop on Traditional Floral Arrangement*. This program provided

1. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers where appropriate.
2. For further information on the Overall Results Framework, please refer to the Chapter 8 of the Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/basic-texts-00503>

opportunities for more participants to engage in the learning and exchange of traditional floral arrangement skills.

2. Integrating ICH Safeguarding into Primary and Secondary Education

CFS has consistently prioritized the integration of ICH safeguarding with primary and secondary education, promoting general education on ICH. Scholars from CFS have actively contributed to ICH education programs in local schools by providing activity guidance, offering specialized courses, and serving as chief editors for multiple ICH educational publications.

3. Supporting ICH Safeguarding and Research in Higher Education

CFS has organized or co-organized multiple academic conferences addressing key topics related to the *2003 Convention*, including its conceptual framework, CGIs participation, gender equality, ethical considerations, listing mechanisms, international cooperation, inventorying, and sustainable development.

For instance, on November 4, 2023, CFS co-organized the academic forum *Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage Systematically to Promote Sustainable Development* at Shandong University, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the *2003 Convention*.

B.3. Describe your organization's participation in the **inventorying and research** of intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

1. Establishing Archival Resources

CFS has established the Chinese Folklore Network (<https://www.chinesefolklore.org.cn/>), where relevant archival materials are publicly accessible online for CGIs. To ensure that these customs and practices are respected, CFS has implemented the following measures:

- 1) Establishing a Review Mechanism for ICH Archives – CFS conducts rigorous reviews of archival materials related to customary practices to prevent misunderstandings and inappropriate representations.
- 2) Providing Cultural Contextualization – With a team of ICH scholars and experts, CFS periodically publishes interpretations of the cultural background of specific traditions. These insights help CGIs accessing the archives to better understand and respect the customs, mitigating potential misinterpretations due to cultural differences.

2. Conducting Academic Research

The Chinese Folklore Network has consistently published research articles related to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Additionally, CFS incorporates ICH-related thematic discussions into its annual academic conferences and calls for papers on these topics. All relevant articles and papers are preserved on the cloud servers of the Chinese Folklore Network.

In May 2021, against the backdrop of the global fight against COVID-19, CFS hosted the symposium *The Dragon Boat Festival and Civilized Living*. The discussions focused on the transformation and core characteristics of festival customs closely related to public health, promoting the integration of outstanding traditional culture with contemporary lifestyles while advancing progressive civilizational values and healthy living practices.

B.4. Describe your organization's participation in developing **policies, as well as legal and administrative measures**, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

CFS has demonstrated a high level of expertise in the field of ICH safeguarding. During the current reporting period (2021–2024), CFS has served as an advisory body for various levels of government in China regarding ICH safeguarding. Multiple senior researchers and experts from CFS have been appointed as board members or committee members of the *National Expert Committee for Safeguarding ICH* and the *National List of Representative ICH Elements Guidance Committee*. Additionally, CFS has actively participated in government-led initiatives, including the formulation of ICH-related policies and regulations, the supervision of the implementation of the *2003 Convention*, and the enforcement of China's *Law on*

Intangible Cultural Heritage. For instance, several CFS experts have played a key role in the ongoing revision of China's *Law on Intangible Cultural Heritage*.

As a former member of the *Evaluation Body* of the *Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage*, CFS reviewed and provided expert recommendations on 145 international ICH nomination and proposal files between 2015 and 2017. The Society has also applied international safeguarding experiences to national-level policymaking and practice, influencing China's ICH safeguarding strategies to a certain extent. For example, the *ICH Safeguarding Research Group on Chinese Culinary Heritage*, initiated by the *China Culinary Association*, has incorporated key issues such as food security, environmental sustainability, and green and healthy practices into its research framework. The group collaborated with the CFS ICH team in designing overarching strategies and conducting specialized studies.

B.5. Describe your organization's participation in promoting the **role of intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding in society**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

1. Widespread Recognition of ICH's Importance in Society

- 1) CFS and its affiliated institutions actively participate in national and local ICH safeguarding efforts, collaborating with local governments and ICH-bearing communities to organize specialized seminars. These initiatives have effectively contributed to the safeguarding of ICH elements while enhancing their visibility.
- 2) CFS also promotes continuity and systematic research methodologies, ensuring that each year includes dedicated thematic or specialized surveys—engaging young people in particular—and integrating them into ICH safeguarding activities at the community, local, and national levels.
- 3) CFS places great emphasis on mobilizing its younger members. The CFS volunteer team consists primarily of undergraduate and graduate students, who actively collect, document, and disseminate information about ICH in their communities through academic research and engagement during their studies and holidays.

2. Promoting Self-Respect and Mutual Respect Among CGIs

Before conducting any ICH-related activities, CFS seeks the consent of the relevant CGIs, respecting their willingness to share ICH elements while being sensitive to cultural and gender-related considerations. The Society remains highly vigilant about traditional crafts, culinary heritage, and other ICH elements closely tied to commercial economies, ensuring that safeguarding efforts do not lead to excessive commercialization.

Furthermore, in collaboration with scholars from related fields, CFS initiated the *Ethical Principles for Fieldwork* discussion series, addressing ethical issues in ICH safeguarding, folklore research, and broader fieldwork ethics.

B.6. Describe your organization's participation in **raising awareness** about intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

CFS actively collaborates with various sectors of society to enhance public awareness of ICH and its safeguarding. CFS values participatory approaches and increases ICH visibility through exhibitions, showcases, festivals, and other public events.

1. Raising Awareness Through Public Information Initiatives

- 1) CFS is committed to the digital dissemination of ICH-related knowledge. The *Chinese Folklore Network* has surpassed one billion visits, and the Society has established two WeChat public accounts—*"Folklore Forum"* and *"China Folklore Society"*, which have had a lasting impact on the promotion and dissemination of ICH-related information.
- 2) Senior scholars frequently deliver keynote speeches at public lectures and seminars in universities, museums, and libraries. They also contribute to the production of documentaries, television programs, and radio features on ICH, aiming to enhance public understanding of ICH and its safeguarding.

- 3) CFS's affiliated institutions organize and participate in various events, showcasing multiple representative ICH elements across different platforms. These efforts foster greater recognition and understanding of ICH among diverse CGIs.
- 4) CFS continues to emphasize the role of book publishing in increasing ICH visibility.

2. Media Engagement in Awareness-Raising Initiatives

CFS collaborates with various media outlets through its official website, providing timely updates on national ICH policies, regulations, inventory-making processes, and safeguarding activities.

3. Upholding Ethical Principles in Awareness-Raising Efforts

Throughout its awareness-raising initiatives, CFS adheres to the academic ethics and methodological principles of folklore, ethnology, and anthropology. Its affiliated institutions ensure that ICH research and documentation activities are conducted based on rigorous fieldwork, maintaining integrity in the preparation of nomination materials and related research.

B.7. Describe your organization's participation in facilitating the engagement of communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Not to exceed 250 words

1. Ensuring Inclusive Participation in ICH Safeguarding

CFS is committed to ensuring the broad and inclusive participation of CGIs in various safeguarding measures. For example, the *CFS Changzhou Culinary Culture Research Committee*, in collaboration with relevant departments, organized the event "*Taste of ICH – Traditional Culinary Craftsmanship Exhibition in Changzhou.*" This initiative allowed local residents to experience "ICH on the Tip of the Tongue" while fostering a deeper understanding, appreciation, and commitment to safeguarding ICH. The event also helped shift ICH safeguarding from a government-led effort to a model of broad public participation.

2. Emphasizing the Role of Youth and Women in Safeguarding Initiatives

- 1) The *CFS Urban Folklore Committee* assisted the *China Research Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage Safeguarding at East China Normal University* in conducting the project "*Youth Involvement in the Transmission and Productive Safeguarding of Traditional Culture in Ancient Villages and Towns.*" As part of this initiative, in-depth research was conducted on ICH elements in Sanlin Ancient Town.
- 2) Young members of CFS actively promote ICH safeguarding through the Society's official website and various social media platforms, including WeChat, Weibo, and Bilibili. Their efforts have successfully engaged a wider youth audience in ICH safeguarding awareness.
- 3) On September 22, 2022, at the *Second Asia-Africa Women's Development and Cooperation Forum*, the *CFS Incense Culture Committee* highlighted the vital role of women in the transmission of traditional culture, aligning with the forum's theme "*Overcoming Challenges Together, Seeking Development Collectively.*"

B.8. Describe your organization's engagement in cooperation at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives.

Not to exceed 250 words

Bilateral Level

In January 2024, CFS experts participated in a series of events, including the *China-Malaysia Wangchuan Ceremony Photo Exhibition*, the *China-Malaysia Wangchuan Ceremony Collaborative Safeguarding Conference*, and the *Third Anniversary Commemoration of the Joint China-Malaysia Wangchuan Ceremony Inscription on the Representative List*.

Regional Level

Since 2018, CFS experts have served as members of the Governing Board of the Category 2 Centre for the *International Training Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices*

of UNESCO (CRIHAP), contributing to its daily management. Additionally, some experts have participated in the Centre's Advisory Committee meetings as advisory board members.

International Level

Between 2021 and 2024, CFS delegations attended all statutory meetings under the *2003 Convention*. To cultivate future experts in ICH safeguarding, CFS has also engaged postgraduate students from the *University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences* in tracking and participating online in all expert meetings, open working sessions, and global reflection meetings since 2018.

In May 2021, expert of CFS participated in the *Expert Meeting in the Framework of the Global Reflection on the Listing Mechanism under the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage*, organized by the UNESCO Secretariat. Additionally, expert of CFS took part in the *Third China-Central and Eastern European Countries Expert-Level Forum on ICH Safeguarding*, focusing on *Climate Change and Intangible Cultural Heritage*.

B.9. Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the Convention.

Not to exceed 250 words

Since 2015, at the request of the *Ministry of Culture and Tourism*, CFS has provided advisory services for the preparation of periodic reports on seven elements inscribed on the *List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding* and 39 elements on the *Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity* in China.

During the reporting process, a collaborative mechanism was established among the supervising authorities, CGIs, and the *Department of Intangible Cultural Heritage*. With full support from the *Ministry of Culture and Tourism*, an expert working group was formed to engage with representatives of relevant CGIs, as well as coordinators and multi-actors from local governments and other institutions.

The routine stages of drafting periodic reports on inscribed elements included:

1. Organizing training lectures and briefing sessions to help CGI representatives better understand the periodic reporting process.
2. Providing one-on-one advisory services for the initial draft—CFS experts and local coordinators assisted in collecting first-hand data.
3. Conducting further revisions and English translation of the report, including cross-checking within the working group and obtaining feedback and final consent from the involved CGIs.

This working mechanism has proven effective in ensuring that periodic reports accurately reflect the implementation of the *2003 Convention*, the current status and transmission of the elements, the effectiveness of safeguarding measures, and the challenges that may impact these elements.

B.10. Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

Since 2008, senior folklorists and ICH experts from CFS have been deeply involved in the preparation of nomination files for the UNESCO Lists under the *2003 Convention*. CFS has provided consultation and advisory services to CGIs and the *Department of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China*.

For example, *Traditional Tea Processing Techniques and Associated Social Practices in China* (2022) and *Spring Festival, Social Practices of the Chinese People in Celebration of the Traditional New Year* (2024) were inscribed on the *Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity*. Additionally, *Qiang New Year Festival* (2024) and two other elements were successfully transferred from the *List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding* to the *Representative List*.

Throughout the nomination process, a coordination team organized seminars and working meetings to ensure an inclusive approach. The preparation of nomination files involved gathering diverse opinions and recommendations, which were incorporated into the final submission. The dedicated efforts of CFS experts played a crucial role in ensuring the broad participation of relevant stakeholders.

The working group, at the invitation of the *Department of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism*, organized training workshops for representatives from multiple communities and cultural administration departments. These workshops aimed to assist them in preparing nomination files for the next round of submissions.

C. Cooperation with UNESCO

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and provide information in the box below.

- Direct cooperation with UNESCO (Headquarters and Field Offices)
- Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention
- Cooperation through the 2003 Convention's Global Network of Facilitators
- Cooperation with Category 2 Centres
- Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO
- Cooperation with UNESCO Chairs
- Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
- Financial support from the Participation Programme
- Other types of cooperation

Not to exceed 250 words

In 2021, Chinese folklore experts participated in the *Exploring and Safeguarding Shared Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) in East Asia Conference*, jointly organized by the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO, ICHCAP, and the UNESCO Beijing Office. The conference focused on safeguarding, researching, and jointly nominating shared cultural heritage in East Asia.

Since 2018, CFS experts have served as members of the Governing Board of the Category 2 Centre for the *International Training Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (CRIHAP)*, contributing to its daily management. Additionally, some experts have participated in the Centre's Advisory Committee meetings as advisory board members.

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 Has your organization participated in the sessions of the Committee? If so, please indicate which sessions you attended and whether you had any specific role during these meetings.

Not to exceed 250 words

Since 2006, CFS board members, as expert members of the Chinese delegation, have attended all statutory meetings of the *2003 Convention*, providing on-site advisory services to the delegation.

Since 2014, as a registered NGO observer, CFS has officially dispatched delegations to attend the annual sessions of the *Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage*, including the *NGO Forum* held concurrently.

The CFS benefited greatly from the opportunities created by the Convention, which in turn not only provided the Society with working methodologies of the Committee, good practices of State Parties, and information-sharing experiences generated from the four mechanism of international cooperation, but also deepened CFS experts' understanding of the goals of the Committee. In response to NGOs' role in safeguarding ICH, in particular making an extended contribution to the work of the Committee, CFS senior experts published thematic research papers in core journals, covering extensively on issues such as important decisions, new trends or guiding spirits of the Committee, draft amendments to the ODs, and etc, bringing forth the newest development of the Convention to the Chinese readers. Through the information sharing mechanism as

such, some important ICH concepts like the community-based methodology, gender equality, the use of animals, and ethical concerns became more and more localized into the China's context.

D.2 *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (paragraphs 26 to 31 of the Operational Directives), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.*

Not to exceed 100 words

On 27 November 2014, during the ninth session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage held in Paris, CFS as an accredited non-governmental organization from Electoral Group IV, was appointed by the Committee as a member of the newly established 'Evaluation Body' with a term of 3 years, from 2015 to 2017 (Decision 9.COM 11).

D.3 *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (paragraph 96 of the Operational Directives) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

Not to exceed 500 words

Adopting a participatory approach is crucial for CFS to deepen its understanding of the 2003 Convention. At the same time, it enables CFS to contribute its expertise to addressing global challenges in the field of intangible cultural heritage through the mechanisms established under the Convention. These opportunities include:

- 1) CFS board members' participation in working meetings and expert meetings organized by the UNESCO Secretariat or State Parties.
- 2) CFS experts serving as members of the Chinese delegation at Committee sessions and General Assembly meetings, providing advisory services.
- 3) CFS experts recognized as UNESCO international facilitators, contributing to capacity-building initiatives.
- 4) CFS experts providing direct advisory services to the Committee through participation in the work of the Evaluation Body:

From 2015 to 2017 cycle, for committing the CFS to serve the goals of the Committee acting impartially in the interests of all the States Parties, the CFS expert working team undertook evaluation tasks, keeping every nominations, proposals, and requests under scrutiny; and as the designated expert of the Society, Gang Zhu participated in all working meetings of the Evaluation Body organized by the Secretariat. The contribution of CFS as the Evaluation Body member was also confirmed by other members of the Body as well as the Secretariat.

As for future plans, the CFS would like to fulfil its obligations in the implementation of the Convention by means of advisory services to the Committee in one way or another. CFS also plans to produce improved, or more localized, Chinese translations from basic texts, forms, and good nomination files, and tool kits as well as other publications under the Convention, so as to foster a better language quality for spreading to the Chinese world the goals that the Committee adheres to, since Chinese is one of six UNESCO official languages. In addition, CFS would like to assist the domestic training of experts, whom are expected to provide advisory capacity to the Committee in future on their individual basis--between 2025-2028 cycle, Group IV would select an individual expert to become the new Body member. CFS plans to help the State design a targeted capacity-building program, with a hope continuing to provide advisory services to the Committee in this innovative way.

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives)

E.1. *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff with the language abilities concerned.*

Not to exceed 250 words

By the end of 2020, the registered members of CFS have amounted to 3102. As one of the biggest NGOs in China, a large percentage of CFS members have very command of English. Among these members, some graduated from western colleges or universities and hold Ph. D or M. A. degrees, while the others graduated from domestic universities but are also proficient in English. In addition, some members went to French-speaking countries or areas for colleges or graduate schools, these members are proficient in French as well. To take the former member of the Evaluation Body (2015-2017) as an example, out of the 9 members of the expert team selected by CFS, 4 from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 3 from Beijing Normal University, 1 from Liaoning University, 1 from Ocean University of China. During the three cycles of evaluation, this working team demonstrated a strong command of English and relevant competencies through its high-quality evaluation reports, which was confirmed by the positive feedback from the Secretariat and other colleagues.

CFS believes that the effective implementation depends on a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Convention and its concepts, measures, and mechanisms. Therefore, it always considers capacity-building as a priority. Having been accredited by the Committee, the Society devoted great efforts to enhancing its own capacity-building, paying more and more attention to locating professional talents who had a good command of the Committee's working languages and a reliable competence for evaluating and analysing documents in international contexts.

E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several intangible cultural heritage domains? Please describe your experiences.*

Not to exceed 250 words

CFS has 3102 registered members nationwide, whose professional backgrounds range from folkloristics to other relevant disciplines. The Secretariat, in conjunction with its 19 affiliated branches (6 Professional Committees, 5 Field Study Bases, and 8 Research Centers), reinforced by the active experts and members, has carried out a series of activities across domains of ICH in China and beyond.

6 Professional Committees: Committee on Folklore Museum; Committee on Agricultural Folklore; Committee on the Preservation, Research and Development of Urban Folklore; Committee on Tea Culture and Art Studies; Committee on Folklore and Education; Committee on Architectural Folklore; Committee on Food and Culinary Culture.

5 Field Study Bases: Fanzhuang Folklore Research Base; Field Study Base for China Dragon Boat Festival Culture; Field Study Base for China Chi You Culture; Fieldwork Base for China Educational Practices in Folklore; Fieldwork Base for China Kunlun Culture.

8 Research Centers: Center for Studies in the Legend of the Cowherd and the Weaving Maid; Center for Studies in China Folklore of Ethnic Minority Groups; Center for Studies in China Folk Cultural Industry; Center for Studies in China Local Folklore and Culture; Center for Studies in China Incense Culture; Development and Research Center for Cultural Nostalgia in China; Center for Studies of Lichun Culture; Center for Studies of Chinese 24 Solar Terms.

Therefore, not only are the CFS members' academic interests highly diversified, but also its institutional set-up covers the full spectrum of ICH under the Convention.

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Prior to the election as the member of Evaluation Body, Gejin Chao was appointed by the Bureau of Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage to examine one nomination file

submitted for inscribing on the Urgent Safeguarding List. In 2010, Qubumo Bamo was committed by the Ministry of Culture to co-evaluation of a request for international assistance.

In the 2015 cycle, the CFS team evaluated a total of 45 files. This cycle was the first time that the current single body replaced the two previous Consultative Body and the Subsidiary Body. The CFS team suggested that not only the consistency of evaluation within and across files, but that the consistency with previous decisions of the Committee, were equally important.

In the 2016 cycle, the CFS team evaluated a total of 49 files (to ensure neutrality and equity, CFS representative did not participate in the evaluation of the nomination submitted by China). As observed from the practice of this cycle, the EB members' understanding toward the linkages between criteria was different from the previous ones. Submitting States were suggested to pay attention to the need for the coherence in their files.

In the 2017 cycle, the CFS team evaluated a total of 49 files. This cycle witnessed for the first time that an inscribed element was transferred from one list to another. Without any given references, the request was treated by the Body on an experimental basis. With guidance of the Committee and assistance of the Secretariat, together with efforts made by all the members, the Body substantially facilitated the evolution of the listing mechanism under the Convention.

E.4. *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff with the language abilities concerned.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The CFS's experiences in drafting relevant synthetic texts mainly concerned the reports resulted from the evaluation of nominations for the Lists or Register. As above-mentioned, prior to serving as the member of Evaluation Body, Gejin Chao and Qubumo Bamo completed two evaluation reports on two nominations for the Urgent Safeguarding List and the international assistance. During its 3-year term as the member of Evaluation Body, the working team (9 experts) drafted 145 evaluation reports in total, all of which were composed in English. In addition to these evaluation reports, as the facilitator of two workshops in DPRK and Pakistan, Gang Zhu completed two reports and submitted them respectively to UNESCO Beijing Office and CRIHAP.

E.5. *Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The Society organized a number of international symposia, seminars, lectures, and peering reviews regarding current ICH key issues, in which renowned folklorists and scholars were at presence in international context. In particular, the CFS achieved its goal of forming an interdisciplinary discourse of knowledge-sharing through case studies and field experiences by inviting specialists worldwide.

As a former member of the Evaluation Body, in deep cooperation with the other members through debating crucial issues for a collective consensus and through discussion of the annual evaluation report in its details during working meetings, the CFS team made its organizational contribution to the goals of the Committee, and brought CFS expertise and local experiences to the Body's work.

In 2020, in response to UNESCO's appeal for sharing experiences related to ICH during the COVID-19 pandemic to help enhance the learning on the topic and inspire communities through the exchange of experiences, CFS selected and shared three cases through the platform provided by UNESCO. One of the three cases-- "Aken Singing" was selected as the highlighted event by UNESCO and further shared it through its official Tweeter and Facebook account. This vividly illustrated CFS's capacity to apply domestic experiences to an international context.

Through the above-mentioned practices amongst others, CFS experts deepened their understanding of and grasped of the relevant guidelines, rules, mechanisms, and workflows built into the Convention and its Operational Directives. In particular, the Society has established an institutionalized working model through multilateral cooperation that enables the interoperability between local practice and international experience.

F. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes

No

G. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of your organization.

Name: Li Kang

Title: Vice President

Date: 10/ 02/ 2025

Signature:



For the purpose of collecting information, accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to answer the following question (optional). The information provided will not be assessed as part of the review of accreditation in the sense of paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives.

Participation in the work of the ICH NGO Forum

Has your organization contributed to the work of the ICH NGO Forum in the past four years? If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) and provide information below.

Member of the **Executive Board** of the ICH NGO Forum

If yes, indicate the period and the role played:

Member of a **thematic working group** established under the ICH NGO Forum

Specify the name of the working group, the period and the role played:

Organizer of an **event specifically convened for accredited non-governmental organizations**

Specify the name of the event, its target group and its date:

Other types of cooperation

Specify: