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Dear Mr Time,

I am writing with reference to the request for preparatory assistance from the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the amount of US\$8,049 submitted by Samoa for the elaboration of the nomination file 'Tatau Samoa (traditional Samoan tattooing)' for possible inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding. After assessing the revised version of this request, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat considers it complete.

In accordance with paragraph 49 of the Operational Directives for the implementation of the 2003 Convention, your request will be examined by the Bureau of the Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage during its next meeting on 9 June 2026. The core documents of the file and the working documents of the Bureau meeting have been made available online at <https://ich.unesco.org/en/bureau-21com-01419>.

Thank you for your interest in the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Yours sincerely,

Fumiko Ohinata
Secretary, Convention for the Safeguarding of
the Intangible Cultural Heritage

cc: Permanent Delegation of the Independent State of Samoa to
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