**CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE  
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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**Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Modification of the name of an inscribed element**

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| **Summary**  In accordance with Chapter I.12 of the Operational Directives, the Committee is asked to modify, at the request of Peru, the name of ‘Eshuva, Harákmbut sung prayers of Peru’s Huachipaire people’, inscribed in 2011 on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding.  **Decision required:** paragraph 6 |

1. At its sixth session in 2011, the Committee examined the nomination file n° 00531 submitted by Peru and decided to inscribe the element ‘Eshuva, Harákmbut sung prayers of Peru’s Huachipaire people’ on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding (Decision [6.COM 8.20](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/6.COM/8.20)).
2. The Peruvian Ministry of Culture submitted a request on 25 July 2021 to modify the name of the element and replace it with ‘Esuwa, Harakbut sung prayers of Peru’s Wachiperi people’.
3. According to the explanation provided by the State Party, the request originated within the communities concerned following the publication in 2018 of a Wachiperi/Spanish dictionary, which established the orthography of the Wachiperi language. Through this exercise the communities expressed unanimously their desire to see the name of the element modified to ‘Esuwa, Harakbut sung prayers of Peru’s Wachiperi people’, as indicated in the ‘Minute of Agreement’ signed by various stakeholders of the element.
4. The wish for the name modification was also indicated by the State Party through its second periodic report on the current status of the element, submitted in December 2020, for examination by the present session of the Committee (document [LHE/21/16.COM/7.a](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM-7.a-EN.docx)).
5. This request by Peru is presented to the Committee in conformity with Chapter I.12 of the Operational Directives.
6. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/21/16.COM/6,
2. Recalling Decision [6.COM 8.20](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/6.COM/8.20) and Chapter I.12 of the Operational Directives,
3. Takes note that Peru has requested the modification of name of ‘Eshuva, Harákmbut sung prayers of Peru’s Huachipaire people’, element inscribed in 2011 on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding;
4. Approves the modification proposed by Peru and decides to modify the name of the element to ‘Esuwa, Harakbut sung prayers of Peru’s Wachiperi people’ in English and ‘Esuwa, prières chantées en Harakbut des Wachiperi du Pérou’ in French;
5. Commends Peru for addressing the wish of communities concerned by the element in recognition of the primary role that communities play in safeguarding their own living heritage;
6. Requests that the Secretariat incorporate this modification into all its communications with respect to the element concerned.