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

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION**

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**Item 11 of the provisional agenda:**

**Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee   
for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

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| **Summary**  The 2003 Convention’s Article 5 provides that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage shall be composed of representatives of twenty-four States Parties to the Convention. The General Assembly shall renew half of the States Members of the Committee every two years in conformity with Article 6 of the Convention.  **Decision required:** paragraph 8 |

1. The 2003 Convention’s Article 5 provides that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage shall be composed of twenty-four States Members elected by the General Assembly of the States Parties.
2. In conformity with Article 6 of the Convention, States Members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of four years. The election shall obey the principles of equitable geographical representation and rotation. Every two years, the General Assembly shall renew half of the States Members of the Committee. It shall also elect as many States Members of the Committee as required to fill vacancies. Moreover, a State Member of the Committee may not be elected for two consecutive terms.
3. Furthermore, as stipulated in Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the election of Members of the Committee shall be conducted on the basis of the electoral groups of UNESCO, it being understood that ‘Group V’ shall consist of two separate groups for the African and Arab States (Rule 35.1). The seats in the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups in proportion to the number of States Parties from each group, provided that, after such distribution, at least three seats have been attributed to each group (Rule 35.2). The present session of the Assembly is to establish such distribution of seats under item 4 (document [LHE/24/10.GA/4](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-24-10.GA-4_EN.docx)).
4. In accordance with Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, three months prior to the date of the election, the Secretariat asked all States Parties whether they intended to stand for election to the Committee (Rule 36.1), by the circular letter sent on 13 March 2024. The provisional list of candidatures is included in document [LHE/24/10.GA/INF.11](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-24-10.GA-INF.11_EN.docx) and will be revised as necessary. In accordance with Rule 36.4, the list of candidate States Parties is finalized three working days prior to the opening of the General Assembly (i.e. 5 June 2024).
5. According to Article 26.5 of the Convention, ‘[a]ny State Party to this Convention which is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year and the calendar year immediately preceding it shall not be eligible as a Member of the Committee’; and ‘[t]he term of office of any such State which is already a Member of the Committee shall come to an end at the time of the elections’.
6. Furthermore, in conformity with Rule 36.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, ‘[n]o payments of compulsory and voluntary contributions to the Fund (for the purpose of presenting a candidature to the Committee) will be accepted later than a week before the opening of the Assembly’ (i.e. 4 June 2024). In this regard and pursuant to Rule 36.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the provisional list of candidate States Parties (document [LHE/24/10.GA/INF.11](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-24-10.GA-INF.11_EN.docx)), published at least four weeks before the present session of the General Assembly (i.e. 14 May 2024), contains the information on the status of all compulsory and voluntary contributions to the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage made by each of the candidate States Parties for the years 2023 and 2024 respectively, as well as on the date of their last payment.
7. The election of Members of the Committee is conducted in accordance with Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, and in particular with Rule 37.1: ‘The election of Members of the Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot except that, where the number of candidates within geographical distribution is the same as or less than the number of seats to be filled, the candidates shall be declared elected without the need to hold a ballot’.
8. The General Assembly may wish to adopt the following resolution:

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The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document LHE/24/10.GA/11,
2. Recalling Articles 5, 6 and 26.5 of the Convention and Rules 35, 36 and 37 of its Rules of Procedure,
3. Further recalling Resolution 10.GA 4,
4. Elects the following twelve States Parties to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for a term of four years from the date of election:

Group I:

Group II:

Group III:

Group IV:

Group V(a):

Group V(b):