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

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

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**List of candidate States Parties for election to the Intergovernmental Committee and situation of States Parties continuing Members of the Intergovernmental Committee**

1. In accordance with Rule 36.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, three months prior to the date of the election, States Parties were requested to manifest whether they intend to stand for election to the Committee, and if so to send their candidacy to the Secretariat at least six weeks prior to the opening of the Assembly (30 April 2024).
2. This information document is provided to complement the working document [LHE/24/10.GA/11](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-24-10.GA-11_EN.docx) and in fulfilment of Rule 36.2 which requires the Secretariat to send to all States Parties the provisional list of candidate States Parties at least four weeks prior to the opening of the General Assembly (14 May 2024). Table 1 in annex reflects the situation at the date specified, indicating the electoral group to which candidate States Parties belong and the number of seats to be filled in each electoral group. This list of candidates is revised as necessary and is finalized three working days prior to the opening of the General Assembly (5 June 2024) in observance of Rule 36.4.
3. Article 26.5 of the Convention provides that ‘[a]ny State Party 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’. In other words, it is necessary to fully settle the contribution at least for 2023 or for 2024 (but not necessarily both 2023 and 2024) to be eligible for the election. Table 1 in annex includes information on the status of assessed compulsory and voluntary contributions made to the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by each of the candidates. As stipulated in 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’ (4 June 2024).
4. In addition, in line with the abovementioned Article 26.5 of the Convention, ‘the term of office of any…State which is already a Member of the Committee shall come to an end at the time of the elections’ if the said State is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year and the calendar year immediately preceding it. As with the candidate States, it is necessary for the twelve continuing members of the Committee, elected at the ninth session of the General Assembly in 2022 and whose term of office continues until the eleventh session in 2026, to settle their contributions. States concerned are encouraged to do so, in the spirit of Rule 36.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, no later than a week before the opening of the Assembly (4 June 2024). Table 2 in annex therefore provides information concerning the payment of assessed contributions by the twelve continuing Members of the Committee concerned.

**Table 1: List of candidates (as of 17 May 2024)**

| **Electoral group** | **States Parties** | **Total %** | **Total seats per group** | **Outgoing members** | **Number of seats to be filled** | **State Party candidate** | **Contributions fully paid for 2023-2024** | | **Date of last payment** | **Date of receipt of candidature by the Secretariat** |
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| **2023** | **2024** |
| **I[[1]](#footnote-2)** | 24 | 13.11% | 3 | 2 | 2 | France | YES | YES | 29 February 2024 | 13 June 2023 |
| Spain | YES | YES | 10 April 2024 | 22 March 2023 |
| **II[[2]](#footnote-3)** | 24 | 13.11% | 3 | 1 | 1 | Estonia | YES | YES | 12 January 2024 | 21 March 2024 |
| Ukraine | YES | NO | 29 June 2023 | 6 December 2022 |
| **III[[3]](#footnote-4)** | 32 | 17.49% | 4 | 3 | 3 | Barbados | YES | YES | 6 May 2024 | 19 December 2023 |
| Dominican Republic | YES | NO | 6 May 2024 | 15 March 2024 |
| Haiti | YES | NO | 20 February 2024 | 17 March 2021 |
| **IV[[4]](#footnote-5)** | 40 | 21.86% | 5 | 1 | 1 | China | YES | NO | 2 November 2023 | 17 May 2023 |
| **V(a)[[5]](#footnote-6)** | 44 | 24.04% | 6 | 3 | 3 | Congo | YES | NO | 24 February 2023 | 8 April 2024 |
| Nigeria | YES | NO | 8 April 2024 | 21 March 2024 |
| Uganda | YES | YES | 20 February 2024 | 16 May 2024 |
| Zambia | NO | NO | 15 June 2021 | 17 January 2024 |
| **V(b)[[6]](#footnote-7)** | 19 | 10.38% | 3 | 2 | 2 | Algeria | YES | YES | 5 February 2024 | 21 November 2023 |
| Jordan | YES | NO | 11 October 2023 | 21 February 2023 |
| Sudan | YES | NO | 29 April 2024 | 16 February 2024 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | YES | NO | 12 March 2024 | 13 March 2024 |
| United Arab Emirates | YES | NO | 9 March 2023 | 20 November 2020 |
| **Total** | **183** | **100%** | **24** | **12** | **12** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Table 2: Situation of continuing Members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Term of office: 2022 to 2026)**

**as of 17 May 2024**

| **Electoral group** | **State Party Member of the Committee**  **(Mandate: 2022-2026)** | **Contributions fully paid for 2023-2024** | | **Date of last payment** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2023** | **2024** |
| **I** | Germany | NO | YES | 17 May 2024 |
| **II** | Slovakia | YES | YES | 16 February 2024 |
| Uzbekistan | YES | YES | 12 February 2024 |
| **III** | Paraguay | NO | NO | 10 June 2022 |
| **IV** | Bangladesh | NO | NO | 8 March 2021 |
| India | YES | NO | 14 August 2023 |
| Malaysia | YES | YES | 24 January 2024 |
| Viet Nam | YES | YES | 23 April 2024 |
| **V(a)** | Angola | NO | NO | 3 June 2022 |
| Burkina Faso | YES | NO | 30 June 2022 |
| Ethiopia | NO | NO | 11 February 2022 |
| **V(b)** | Mauritania | YES | YES | 24 April 2024 |

1. . Outgoing members: Sweden, Switzerland; continuing member: Germany [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. . Outgoing member: Czechia; continuing members: Slovakia and Uzbekistan [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. . Outgoing members: Brazil, Panama, Peru; continuing member: Paraguay [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. . Outgoing member: Republic of Korea; continuing members: Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Viet Nam [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. . Outgoing members: Botswana, Côte d’Ivoire, Rwanda; continuing members: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. . Outgoing members: Morocco, Saudi Arabia; continuing member: Mauritania [↑](#footnote-ref-7)