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

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

**Nineteenth session**

**Asunción, Republic of Paraguay**

**2 to 7 December 2024**

**Item 3 of the provisional agenda:**

**Observers**

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| **Decision required:** paragraph 7 |

1. In conformity with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, the following entities may attend the sessions of the Committee as observers: (a) States Parties to the Convention which are not Members of the Committee (Rule 8.1) and (b) States not party to the Convention which are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations, Associate Members of UNESCO, Permanent Observer Missions to UNESCO, representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system (Rule 8.2).
2. The Committee may also authorize intergovernmental organizations other than those referred to in Rule 8.2, as well as public or private bodies and private persons, with recognized competence in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage, to attend its future sessions as observers, upon written request (Rule 8.3).
3. As stipulated in its Rule 8.3, the Committee may authorize such institutions, organizations or private persons to attend a single session or several of its sessions, without prejudice to the Committee’s right to limit the number of representatives per organization or institution.
4. At its eighteenth session, the Committee decided to authorize the participation, as an observer, of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) in its nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions in 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027, respectively (Decision [18.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/18.COM/3)).
5. On 30 November 2024, the Secretariat also received a written request from the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) which seeks the authorization to participate in the Committee as an observer at its twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, in 2025, 2026, and 2027 respectively. Since the request was received after the publication of the working documents for this session, the Secretariat revised document 3 on 30 November 2024.
6. To date, no additional entities or private persons have made a written request to attend either the present or future sessions of the Committee as observers.
7. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 19.COM 3

The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/24/19.COM/3 Rev.,
2. Recalling Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee,
3. Further recalling its Decision [18.COM 3](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/18.COM/3),
4. Takes note of the following observer authorized to participate in its nineteenth session, in conformity with the above-mentioned decision:
* The International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)
1. Authorizes the participation, as an observer, of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) in the twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions of the Committee.