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

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

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**Item 8 of the provisional agenda:**

**Follow-up on elements inscribed on the Lists of the Convention**

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| **Summary**The present document reports on the correspondence from third parties received and treated from January to October 2024 concerning inscribed elements and ongoing nominations in response to the request by the eighteenth session of the Committee (Decision [18.COM 9](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/18.COM/9)).**Decision required:** paragraph 6 |

1. Taking note of the increasing number of cases brought to the attention of the Secretariat regarding elements inscribed on the Lists of the Convention, the Committee at its thirteenth session in 2018 recognized the need to reflect on the follow-up of inscribed elements (Decision [13.COM 9](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM/9)). Since that session, the Committee has been taking note of information received from third parties concerning elements already inscribed, as well as nominations submitted for possible inscription, on the Lists of the Convention.
2. The present document provides an overview of correspondences received and treated between 1 January 2024 and 10 October 2024 concerning eleven cases of already-inscribed elements and two ongoing nominations.

**Cases of inscribed elements**

1. These communications were administered using the ‘Guidelines for the treatment of correspondence from the public or other concerned parties with regard to nominations’, adopted by the seventh session of the Committee in 2012 (Decision [7.COM 15](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/7.COM/15)). In terms of regional distribution, the elements concerned originate from Electoral Group I (three cases), Electoral Group III (five cases), Electoral Group V(a) (two cases), as well one multinational element involving States from more than one Electoral Group.

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| **Element****(List, inscription year)** | **State(s) Party(ies)** | **Nature of the issues** | **Original correspondence and stakeholders** | **Action** |
| **Transhumance, the seasonal droving of livestock** (Representative List, 2023) | Albania, Andorra, Austria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Romania and Spain | Health and safety implications from the management of animals and concerns regarding animal rights  | Email from an individual (August 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of Spain as coordinator of the file (September 2024) |
| **The festival of the Santísima Trinidad del Señor Jesús del Gran Poder in the city of La Paz** (Representative List, 2019) | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | Health and environmental concerns resulting from the noise and the consumption of alcohol during the festival | Letter from a local organization (April 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Bolivia (July 2024) |
| **Nguon, rituals of governance and associated expressions in the Bamoun community** (Representative List, 2023) | Cameroon | Concerns regarding cooperation with local authorities and the redistribution of the economic benefits from the practice  | Three letters and three emails from local authorities (December 2023 to July 2024)Email and press release from a local organization (August 2024)  | Correspondences transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Cameroon (January and August 2024)Reply letter received from the Permanent Delegation of Cameroon received in September 2024 and transmitted to the original sender (October 2024) |
| **Ancestral system of knowledge of the four indigenous peoples, Arhuaco, Kankuamo, Kogui and Wiwa of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta** (Representative List, 2022) | Colombia | Concerns regarding community participation in safeguarding of the element and associated territory | Letter from an organization representing the community (July 2023) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Colombia (September 2023)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of Colombia received in December 2023 and transmitted to the original sender (January 2024) |
| **Carnaval de Negros y Blancos** (Representative List, 2009) | Colombia | Health and environmental impacts resulting from the use of talcum powder | Three letters from civil society (February and March 2023) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Colombia (March 2023)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of Colombia received in December 2023 and transmitted to the original sender (February 2024) |
| Security and environmental concerns resulting from the modification of the route taken by the Carnaval | Two letters and an email from a community organization (September and October 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Colombia (October 2024) |
| **Carnival of Granville** (Representative List, 2016) | France | Health and environmental impacts resulting from the noise and concerns regarding the promotion of alcohol | Letter from an individual (February 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of the French Republic (February 2024) |
| **Maltese Village Festa, an annual community celebration** (Representative List, 2023) | Malta | Health and environmental impacts resulting from the noise and fireworks | Email from an individual (December 2023) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Malta (February 2024)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of Malta received in August 2024 and transmitted to the original sender (September 2024) |
| **Places of memory and living traditions of the Otomí-Chichimecas people of Tolimán: the Peña de Bernal, guardian of a sacred territory** (Representative List, 2009) | Mexico | Concerns regarding community participation in safeguarding of the element and associated territory | Letter from organization representing the community (May 2023) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Mexico (August 2023)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of Mexico received in December 2023 and transmitted to the original sender (January 2024) |
| **Festivity of Virgen de la Candelaria of Puno** (Representative List, 2014) | Peru | Concerns regarding the ownership of the element | Letter from civil society in another State (February 2024 and October 2024). | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Peru (April 2024)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Peru received in September 2024 and transmitted to the original sender (October 2024) |
| **Valencia Fallas festivity** (Representative List, 2016) | Spain | Concerns regarding the ownership of the element | Letter from local authorities (May 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of Spain (June 2024) |
| **Koogere oral tradition of the Basongora, Banyabindi and Batooro peoples** (Urgent Safeguarding List, 2015) | Uganda | Concerns regarding the lack of support to communities in the implementation of safeguarding measures | Letter and report from a non-governmental organization representing the community (February 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Uganda (April 2024) |

**Cases of ongoing nominations**

1. During the reporting period, two nominations under process were subject of correspondence, both for possible inscription on the Representative List under the 2024 cycle. For the first case concerning Algeria, concerns regarding the use of one specific photo and a video extract were raised by another State Party and by a large number of individuals based in that same State Party. For the second case, concerning Greece, a State Party initiated the correspondence raising concerns regarding references to geographical locations and historical events made in the nomination. In both cases, correspondences received were brought to the attention of the Evaluation Body and transmitted to the submitting States in line with the ‘Guidelines for the treatment of correspondence from the public or other concerned parties with regard to nominations’, (Decision [7.COM 15](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/7.COM/15)). Submitting States provided a response in both cases (nomination materials and correspondences received have been made available to the Committee).

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| **Nomination (File No)** | **State(s) and Draft Decision** | **Nature of the issues**  | **Original correspondence and stakeholders** | **Action** |
| **The women’s ceremonial costume in the Eastern region of Algeria: knowledge and skills associated with the making and adornment of the ‘Gandoura’ and the ‘Melehfa’** (02139) | Algeria(Draft Decision 19.COM 7.b.20) | Claims of misappropriation through the use of a picture and video extract | Letters from the national authorities of Morocco and large number of emails from third party individuals (July 2023 to September 2024) | Correspondences transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Algeria (May and June 2024)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of Algeria (June 2024) |
| **Messosporitissa Festivity (All-holy Mother of God of the Mid-Sowing Season Festivity), Feast of Our Lady at the Ancient Ruins** (02101) | Greece (Draft Decision 19.COM 7.b.39) | Concerns associated with references to geographical locations and historical events in the file | Letter from the national authorities of Türkiye (June 2024) | Correspondence transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Greece (June 2024)Reply letter from the Permanent Delegation of Greece (September 2024) |

1. The Committee may wish to request that the Secretariat continue to bring information from third parties received and treated concerning the status of inscribed elements and ongoing nominations to its attention. This may again take the form of a summary to be included in a working document regarding the follow-up of inscribed elements.
2. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 19.COM 8

The Committee,

1. Having examined document LHE/24/19.COM/8,
2. Recalling Decision [7.COM 15](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/7.COM/15) and [13.COM 9](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions/13.COM/9),
3. Takes note of the correspondence concerning eleven inscribed elements and two ongoing nominations brought to the attention of the Secretariat during the reporting period, as set out in the above-mentioned document;
4. Requests that the Secretariat continue to bring information from third parties received and treated concerning already-inscribed elements and nominations under consideration to the attention of the Committee, and that in the form of a summary to be included in a working document.