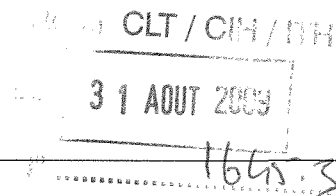




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Subject: Letter of support – Flemish Commission for UNESCO

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

I have the honour to inform you that the Flemish Commission for UNESCO (Belgium), upon further examination within the commission, wishes to give its full support to the proposal

**“Houtem Jaarmarkt (Annual Fair Houtem)”**

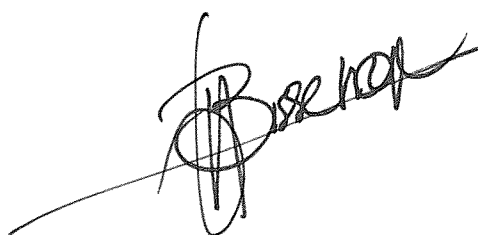
submitted by

**Municipal council of Sint-Lievens Houtem**

For inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Heritage  
The nomination is attached to this letter.

Brussels,  
27 – 08 – 2009

Sincerely,



Jan De Bisschop,  
Secretary – general

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Betreft : Letter of Support Flemish Minister of Environment, Nature and Culture

Municipal council of Sint-Lievens-Houtem

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I have the honour to inform you that, upon further examination within my administration,

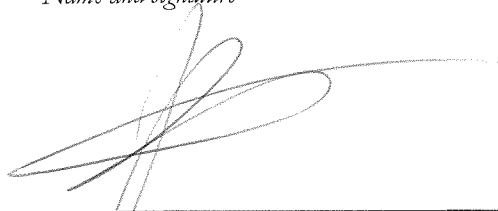
**The Flemish Minister of Environment, Nature and Culture (Belgium)**

Wishes to give its full support to

'Houtem Jaarmarkt (Annual Fair Houtem)'

The nomination is attached to this letter.

*Name and signature*



*Place and date*  
Brussels, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2009

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Joke Schauvliege  
Flemish minister of Environment, Nature and Culture



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**Betreft:** Letter of Support Arts and Heritage Agency (Flemish Community)

Municipal council of Sint-Lievens-Houtem

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I have the honour to inform you that, upon further examination within my agency,

**Arts and Heritage Agency (Belgium)**

Wishes to give its full support to

'Houtem Jaarmarkt (Annual Fair Houtem)'

The nomination is attached to this letter.

*Name and signature*

*Place and date*

Brussels August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Jos Van Rillaer  
Administrateur-generaal



Unie van Zelfstandige Ondernemers  
**Unizo Sint-Lievens-Houtem**  
**Marktpllein 22**  
**9520 Sint-Lievens-Houtem**

**Council of Sint-Lievens-Houtem**  
**p/a Dept. Culture and Heritage**  
**Fabrieksstraat 19**  
**9520 Sint-Lievens-Houtem**

**Concerning: support of nomination process**

Sint-Lievens-Houtem, 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 2009

Dear Sirs,

Unizo Sint-Lievens-Houtem, the local board of representatives of local commerce, supports of the safeguarding of Houtem Jaarmarkt as immaterial heritage, and consents to the process to include Houtem Jaarmarkt in a list of cultural heritage.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gunther Dierick", written over a horizontal line.

Gunther Dierick,

Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guido Tiré", written over a horizontal line.

Guido Tiré,

President of the Board

**Marktcommissie Sint-Lievens-Houtem**  
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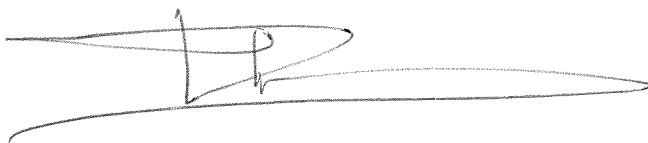
Sint-Lievens-Houtem, July 18, 2009

Dear Sirs,

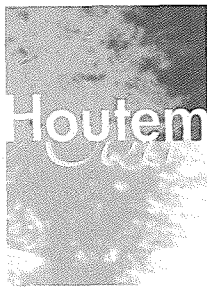
The Market Board of Sint-Lievens-Houtem, representing the local communities involved in markets of Sint-Lievens-Houtem including Houtem Jaarmarkt, want to protect the cultural heritage that is the Annual Winter Fair.

In this capacity we strongly support the inclusion of Houtem Jaarmarkt in a list of immaterial cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. De Temmerman', written over a horizontal line.

Peter De Temmerman  
President of the Board



Flemish Government, Department of Culture,  
Division Art and Heritage.  
Att: Mrs. Marina Laureys, Head of Division  
Kunsten en Erfgoed - Afdeling Erfgoed  
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Sint-Lievens-Houtem

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Dear Sirs,

The Municipal Council of Sint-Lievens-Houtem wants to protect the cultural heritage of the annual winter fair "Houtem Jaarmarkt". In the capacity of official organising body of the event, we want to express our sincere affiliation to the safeguarding of this traditional yet still very vivid festive element. For this reason we support all initiatives of every individual or community involved by guarantee of practical aid.

In this manner we regard the inclusion of Houtem Jaarmarkt in a list of immaterial cultural heritage as a new and exciting stimulus to further develop a suitable and needed safeguarding strategy.

With Highest Regards,

Gwendoline Quipor  
Secretary

Representing the Council,

Lieven Latoir  
Mayor