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

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

**Electronic consultation of the Bureau**

**9 to 10 March 2022**

**Item 1:**

**Election of the Chairperson of the seventeenth session of the Committee**

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| **Decision required**:paragraph 5 |

1. In accordance with Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, the Committee shall elect its Bureau, which consists of a Chairperson, one or more Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur at the end of each ordinary session. Yet, the particular circumstances related to the sixteenth session of the Committee, which took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meant that the necessary consultations to identify a Chairperson could not be undertaken in time.
2. Consequently, the Committee at the end of the sixteenth session agreed to suspend part of Rule 13.1 to give the Bureau of the seventeenth session time to identify a Chairperson. The decision was to ‘elect the Chairperson of the Committee for its seventeenth session from amongst the Vice-Chairpersons through electronic consultation by 15 March 2022 at the latest’ ([Decision 16.COM 18](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/16.COM/18)). With this process in mind, the Committee elected Switzerland, Czechia, Panama, Republic of Korea, Botswana and Morocco as Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee.
3. The Bureau is therefore requested to identify a Chairperson among the Vice-Chairpersons and propose him or her to the Committee. The Committee will then be asked to elect the Chairperson through an electronic exchange, taking into account the proposal of the Bureau.
4. In its first meeting (online, 7 March 2022), the Bureau was informed that the Secretariat had not received any formal candidacy for the chairpersonship of the Committee and decided to allow Bureau members to continue consultations until 9 March 2022, noon (Paris time). On 8 March 2022, the Secretariat received an official letter from the national authorities of Morocco proposing H.E. Mr Samir Addahre, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Morocco to UNESCO, as Chairperson for the seventeenth session of the Committee.
5. The Bureau may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 17.COM 2.BUR 1

The Bureau,

1. Having examined document LHE/22/17.COM 2.BUR/1,
2. Recalling [Decision 16.COM 18](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/16.COM/18),
3. Decides to propose that the Committee elect H.E. Mr Samir Addahre (Morocco) as Chairperson of the seventeenth session of the Committee, following the proposal by Morocco;
4. Requests that the Secretariat organize an electronic exchange with the Committee members from 10 to 15 March 2022 to elect the Chairperson of the seventeenth session of the Committee, taking into account the proposal of the Bureau.