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

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

**Electronic Bureau consultation**

**12 April 2013**

**Item 1 of the Agenda:
Examination of International Assistance request greater than US$25,000**

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| **Summary**At its sixth session, the Committee examined four International Assistance requests greater than US$25,000, deciding not to approve them but delegating to its Bureau the authority to approve revised requests, on condition that they responded to the concerns laid out in the respective decisions (Decisions 6.COM 10.1 through 6.COM 10.4). The present document concerns one such request on which the Bureau is asked to take a decision. Its decision should be taken through electronic consultation.**Decision required**: paragraph9 |

1. At its sixth session in November 2011, the Committee examined four International Assistance requests greater than US$25,000 (Document 6.COM 10). It decided not to approve any of those four requests (Decisions 6.COM 10.1 through 6.COM 10.4). Based on the recommendations of the Consultative Body, the Committee nevertheless considered that with proper revision the requests could potentially respond adequately to the selection criteria as established in paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Operational Directives and subsequently serve as the basis for a contract between UNESCO and the requesting State. In its decision, the Committee invited the States to submit revised requests by February 2012 and requested the Secretariat to work with them in this revision work. It delegated to its Bureau the authority to approve the requests, on condition that the State Party submits a revised request responding to the concerns laid out in the respective decisions.
2. In October 2012, two requests that had been the subject of revision by their requesting States ([file 00549, ‘Safeguarding and revitalizing the Mongolian traditional epic’](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=18548), Mongolia and [file 00557, ‘Inventorying the intangible cultural heritage of four communities in Uganda’](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=18546), Uganda) were submitted to the Bureau for its decision through an electronic consultation. The members of the Bureau reached consensus on these requests in a face-to-face meeting on 3 December 2012 and decided that the conditions established by the Committee for granting these two assistance had been satisfied by the requesting States (Decisions 7.COM 5.BUR 4.1 and 7.COM 5.BUR 4.2 respectively).
3. By its decision 7.COM 5.BUR 4.3, the Bureau also decided to establish a deadline of 31 December 2012 for the two remaining requests to be submitted to the Secretariat. One of those two requests (file 00550, subject of decision 6.COM 10.1) was subsequently withdrawn by its requesting States (Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile and Peru).
4. Consequently, the last of the revised versions of the 2011 requests (file 00555, subject of decision 6.COM 10.4) is hereby brought to the consideration of the Bureau for its examination at this time:

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| **State** | **Request** | **Summary of correspondence** |
| Uruguay | File 00555Documentation, promotion and dissemination of the Candombe traditional drum calls, expressions of identity of the Sur, Palermo, and Cordón neighbourhoods in the city of Montevideo | First revision received by Secretariat 30/05/2012; second revision received by Secretariat 16/11/2012; third revision received by the Secretariat 20/12/2012 |

1. The Bureau is asked to decide whether the revised request, available online in the two working languages of the Committee, satisfies the criteria for conferring International Assistance in conformity with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Operational Directives as well as the specific conditions incorporated in Decision 6.COM 10.4. Because the Committee already took a decision on this file and clearly indicated its concerns, the Secretariat has not assumed the intermediary role that it normally plays regarding International Assistance requests up to US$25,000 before they are presented to the Bureau for examination – that is, to offer its assessment of whether the requests respond to the criteria for approval. It is therefore to the Bureau to determine whether after revision this request satisfies the conditions set by the Committee.
2. The request is available online for consultation by the Bureau at <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?lg=en&pg=571> together with the original request examined by the Committee and its decision at its sixth session. The Bureau may also wish to refer to document [ITH/11/6.COM/CONF.206/10](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/src/ITH-11-6.COM-CONF.206-10-EN.pdf), which provides general observations and recommendations resulting from the evaluation conducted by the Consultative Body in 2011 and was provided as guidance to States Parties in revising their requests.
3. A favourable decision to approve International Assistance leads to the establishment of a contractual relationship between UNESCO and the organization designated by the requesting State Party as responsible for the project’s implementation. That contract must strictly reflect the scope of work proposed in the approved request and correspond exactly to its timetable and budget, except for minor technical corrections.
4. The Bureau is asked to examine and decide on this request through electronic consultation as provided in Rule 12.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee. In accordance with paragraph 48 of the Operational Directives, the requesting State Party was informed about the examination date of their requests by the Bureau.
5. The Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

**DRAFT DECISION 8.COM 1.BUR 1**

The Bureau,

1. Having examined document ITH/13/8.COM 1.BUR/1,
2. Recalling Chapter V of the Convention and Chapter I of the Operational Directives, concerning the examination and approval of international assistance requests,
3. Further recalling Document ITH/11/6.COM/CONF.206/10 and the Committee’s Decision 6.COM 10.4,
4. Having further examined the revised request for International Assistance submitted by Uruguay in the amount of US$186,875 for the project ‘**Documentation, promotion and dissemination of the Candombe traditional drum calls, expressions of identity of the Sur, Palermo, and Cordón neighbourhoods in the city of Montevideo**’,
5. Decides that the conditions established by the Committee in its decision 6.COM 10.4 for the granting of such assistance [have been] [have not been] satisfied by the requesting State;
6. [Approves the request in the maximum amount of US$186,875 and requests the Secretariat to reach agreement with the State Party on the technical details of the assistance.]

[Further decides not to approve the request and invites the State Party to submit a revised request for a subsequent cycle.]