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| **Resolutions** |

RESOLUTION 9.GA 2

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/2](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-2-EN.docx),
2. Recalling Rule 3 of its Rules of Procedure,
3. Elects H.E. Ms Junever M. Mahilum-West (Philippines) as Chairperson of the General Assembly;
4. Elects Ms Daniela Rodriguez Uribe (Colombia) as Rapporteur of the General Assembly;
5. Elects Belgium, Croatia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Madagascar and Syrian Arab Republic as Vice-Chairpersons of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 9.GA 3

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/3](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-3-EN.docx),
2. Adopts the agenda of its ninth session (Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, 5 to 7 July 2022) as follows:

**Agenda**

1. Opening
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Distribution of seats in the Committee per electoral group
5. Report by the Committee to the General Assembly (January 2020 to December 2021)
6. Report by the Secretariat on its activities (January 2020 to December 2021)
7. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee
8. Endorsement of the procedure followed for the inscription of ‘Joumou soup’, submitted by Haiti, on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
9. The global reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention and proposed revisions to the Operational Directives
10. Use of the resources of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
11. Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
12. Proposed revisions to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention
13. Proposal for the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Convention in 2023
14. Other business
15. Closure

RESOLUTION 9.GA 4

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/4](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-4-EN.docx),
2. Recalling Article 6 of the Convention,
3. Further recalling Rule 13 of its Rules of Procedure, as well as Resolution [3.GA 12](https://ich.unesco.org/en/r%C3%A9solutions/3.GA/12?dec=resolutions&ref_decision=3.GA),
4. Decides that for the purpose of the election at its ninth session, the twenty-four seats of the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups as follows: Group I – three seats; Group II – three seats; Group III – four seats; Group IV – five seats; Group V(a) – six seats; and Group V(b) – three seats.

RESOLUTION 9.GA 5

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/5](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-5-EN.docx),
2. Recalling Article 30 of the Convention,
3. Welcomes Angola and Somalia, which ratified the Convention during the reporting period, bringing the total number of States Parties to 180, and encourages those States which have not yet ratified to consider doing so;
4. Takes note of the report by the Committee to the General Assembly on its activities between January 2020 and December 2021, as annexed to this document, and thanks the Committee for its effective work;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the Committee for assuring the continuation of the Committee’s work despite the challenging circumstances and difficulties raised by the global COVID-19 pandemic;
6. Commends the Committee for the successful implementation of the reformed periodic reporting mechanism, based on the move to a regional cycle of reporting and focusing on results-based reporting aligned with the Overall Results Framework, as an important achievement under the 2003 Convention;
7. Further commends the Committee for the fruitful progress it made concerning the global reflection on the listing mechanisms through an inclusive consultation process with experts and the open-ended intergovernmental working group;
8. Takes note with interest of the findings of the 2021 evaluation of UNESCO’s action in the framework of the 2003 Convention by the Division of Internal Oversight Services (IOS), as well as of the twelve recommendations and the management responses made therein, and affirms the necessity of establishing priorities for the use of the limited resources of the 2003 Convention Secretariat as pointed out by its Recommendation 1;
9. Acknowledges the continued importance the Committee places on the two global funding priorities of the Convention, ‘Strengthening capacities to safeguard intangible cultural heritage using multi-modal approaches and contribute to sustainable development’ and ‘Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in formal and non-formal education’;
10. Requests that the Director-General bring this report to the attention of the General Conference of UNESCO, in conformity with Article 30, paragraph 2 of the Convention.

RESOLUTION 9.GA 6

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/6](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-6-EN.docx) and its annex,
2. Takes note of the far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on living heritage and on its bearers and practitioners and commends the Secretariat for the adjustments made to its activities – both statutory and operational – in response to the pandemic, ensuring the continuation of the work of the governing bodies of the Convention and in support of national safeguarding efforts;
3. Further commends the Secretariat for having carried the global reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention through to its conclusion, providing pertinent support to the Open-ended intergovernmental working group, which yielded important outcomes for the future development of the Convention;
4. Notes with satisfaction the marked improvement in the submission rates of periodic reports from Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe, demonstrating the full potential of the mechanism as a results-based tool to monitor the impacts of the Convention at various levels and recognises the efforts made by the Secretariat to support the implementation of the reformed periodic reporting mechanism, as well as reporting States’ commitment to this exercise;
5. Highlights the achievements made in the geographical and thematic expansion of the global capacity-building programme and welcomes its ongoing reorientation to adapt to the need for multi-modal delivery approaches and to strengthen partnerships in the delivery and management of the programme;
6. Appreciates the progress made in the implementation of the funding priority ‘safeguarding and transmission of intangible cultural heritage through formal and non-formal education’ and highlights the importance of strengthening intersectoral collaboration for greater impact;
7. Further appreciates the progress made under the thematic initiatives such as intangible cultural heritage and climate change, commercialization, education and urban contexts, underlines the importance of ensuring synergies with UNESCO’s cultural conventions and other relevant programmes in that regard, and invites the Secretariat to pursue its efforts;
8. Requests the Secretariat to report on its activities for the period between January 2022 and December 2023 for examination by the General Assembly at its tenth session.

RESOLUTION 9.GA 7

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/7](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-7-EN.docx) and its annexes,
2. Recalling Article 9 of the Convention and paragraphs 91-99 of the Operational Directives,
3. Further recalling Decision [16.COM 15](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/16.COM/15),
4. Accredits the thirty-two NGOs listed in Annex I as well as the one NGO listed in Annex II.a to this resolution to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee;
5. Takes note of the additional information provided by the organisations listed in the Annex II to this resolution as well as by the States Parties concerned and decides to:

* accredit ‘Institute for Intangible Cultural Heritage IPACIM’ to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee (Annex II.a), and
* invite ‘Direct Gradual Development, Civil Association’ to resubmit, as it is not possible to ascertain whether the request as submitted under the 2021 cycle satisfies the criteria set out in paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives (Annex II.b);

1. Requests the Secretariat in consultation with States Parties, National Commissions and the ICH NGO Forum, to submit to the next session a plan, strategy and clear mechanisms aimed at ensuring geographical balance amongst accredited NGOs;
2. Encourages NGOs from under-represented Electoral Groups that meet the criteria for accreditation to submit their requests for accreditation at the earliest opportunity so as to improve the geographical distribution of accredited NGOs and invites States Parties from those Electoral Groups to make this call widely known among NGOs based within their territories;

7.bis Recommends the Committee to be mindful of the domicile of accredited NGOs, when electing members of the Evaluation Body, taking into account the discussion of the ninth session of the General Assembly, especially regarding accredited NGOs domiciled in States non party and bearing in mind that the expertise of the NGOs shall be appreciated in light of the diversity of criteria;

1. Reminds the NGOs accredited in 2010, 2014 and 2018 that they are to submit their quadrennial report to the Secretariat before the deadline of 15 February 2023 so that the eighteenth session of the Committee can review the contributions and commitment of each advisory organization, bearing in mind what is established in paragraph 95 of the Operational Directives;
2. Takes note of the proposals on the treatment of accreditation and renewal requests from NGOs, namely the timing of the publication of such requests and the involvement of UNESCO Field Offices.

**Annex I: Non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation by the sixteenth session of the Committee**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number |
| Association pour le Devenir des Autochtones et de leur Connaissance Originelle (A.D.A.C.O) | Gabon | NGO-90479 |
| Al Sadu Handcraft Cooperative Society | Kuwait | NGO-90480 |
| Fondation Princesse Momafon Rabiatou NJOYA | Cameroon | NGO-90482 |
| Art for Refugees in Transition | United States of America | NGO-90484 |
| Mundo Espiral Foundation | Colombia | NGO-90485 |
| Stuppa Indonesia Foundation | Indonesia | NGO-90486 |
| Indonesian Batik Foundation | Indonesia | NGO-90487 |
| Embodying Reconciliation | Colombia | NGO-90488 |
| Société québécoise d’ethnologie | Canada | NGO-90490 |
| Norwegian Youth Association | Norway | NGO-90491 |
| Konstelacio | France | NGO-90492 |
| Academy of the Fair Courtesy | Italy | NGO-90494 |
| Research Centre for Greek Singing (R.C.Gr.S.] | Greece | NGO-90495 |
| Institut National des Métiers d’Art (INMA) | France | NGO-90499 |
| Karama Foundation for Social and Cultural Development | Egypt | NGO-90500 |
| Cultural Survival | United States of America | NGO-90501 |
| Portobelo Bay Foundation | Panama | NGO-90502 |
| PARCUM VZW | Belgium | NGO-90503 |
| National Union of Folk-Art Masters of Ukraine (NSMNMU) | Ukraine | NGO-90504 |
| Fédération des coopératives des Pays de Mayoko ‘Fecopam’ | Republic of Congo | NGO-90505 |
| The Archers Foundation | Türkiye | NGO-90508 |
| France PCI – Association française des éléments inscrits sur les listes du patrimoine culturel immatériel de l’Unesco | France | NGO-90509 |
| Uganda Community Museums Association (UCOMA) | Uganda | NGO-90510 |
| Cross Arts Cultural Association | Lebanon | NGO-90512 |
| Arrayán Network of Culture, Heritage and Environment | Spain | NGO-90513 |
| Anatolian Handicrafts Conservation and Development Association | Türkiye | NGO-90514 |
| Doostdaran and Hafezane Kheshte Kham Association (DHKKA) | Iran | NGO-90516 |
| ELLINIKI ETAIRIA - Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage | Greece | NGO-90517 |
| Association Ankraké | France | NGO-90520 |
| Society for Digitization of Traditional Cultural Heritage (Society for DTCH) | Bosnia and Herzegovina | NGO-90521 |
| Fundación INDICRI | Panama | NGO-90522 |
| Femmes et traditions | Canada | NGO-90523 |

**Annex II: Non-governmental organizations whose examination of accreditation was deferred to the General Assembly by the sixteenth session of the Committee**

**Annex II.a: Non-governmental organization accredited**

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number |
| Institute for Intangible Cultural Heritage (IPACIM) | Spain | NGO-90493 |

Annex II.b: Non-governmental organization invited for resubmission

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| Organization name | Country of registered office | Application number |
| Direct Gradual Development, Civil Association | Mexico | NGO-90481 |

RESOLUTION 9.GA 8

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/8](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-8-EN.docx),
2. Recalling Decision [16.COM 19](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/16.COM/19), whereby the Committee decided to inscribe ‘Joumou soup’ on the Representative List of the intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and document [LHE/21/16.COM/19](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM-19-EN.docx),
3. Expresses its solidarity with Haiti and its people, affirms that the 2003 Convention provides an opportunity for promoting and enhancing the visibility of elements that contribute to preparing for, responding to, or recovering from the effects of natural disasters and recognizes the relevance of the Operational principles and modalities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in emergencies for this case;
4. Takes note of the steps followed to treat the request made by Haiti including the full assessment by the Evaluation Body, while considering that the request was made under a multitude of factors, including back-to-back natural disasters that hit the country in a context of broad social and political turmoil;
5. Endorses, on an exceptional basis, the procedure followed for the inscription of ‘Joumou soup’, as part of the 2021 cycle, on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

RESOLUTION 9.GA 9

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/9 Rev.](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-9_Rev._EN.docx) and its annex,
2. Recalling Decision [16.COM 14](https://ich.unesco.org/en/d%C3%A9cisions/16.COM/14?dec=decisions&ref_decision=16.COM) and document [LHE/21/16.COM 14](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-21-16.COM-14-EN.docx) as well as Decision [5.EXT.COM 4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/5.EXT.COM/4) and document [LHE/22/5.EXT.COM/4](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-5.EXT.COM-4_EN.docx),
3. Takes note of the proposed revisions to the Operational Directives endorsed by the sixteenth session of the Committee, based on the Part I and Part II meetings of the Open-ended intergovernmental working group;
4. Further takes note of the proposed revisions to the Operational Directives endorsed by the fifth extraordinary session of the Committee, based on the Part III meeting of the Open-ended intergovernmental working group;
5. Thanks Japan for having supported the global reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention;
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Open-ended intergovernmental working group, its Chairperson, and the experts who took part in the consultation for their work, dedication and engagement;
7. Also takes note of a separate initiative launched to reflect on a broader implementation of Article 18 of the Convention, further thanks Sweden for supporting this initiative and requests that the Secretariat report on the progress to the tenth session of the General Assembly;
8. Decides to approve the revisions to the Operational Directives as contained in the annex of the present Resolution.

**ANNEX**

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| **I.3** | [No change.] | |
| 7. | From among the programmes, projects or activities proposed to it, the Committee shall select those that best satisfy all of the following criteria:  P.1 The programme, project or activity involves safeguarding, as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention.  P.2 The programme, project or activity promotes the coordination of efforts for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage on regional, subregional and/or international levels.  P.3 The programme, project or activity reflects the principles and objectives of the Convention.  P.4 The programme, project or activity has demonstrated effectiveness in contributing to the viability of the intangible cultural heritage concerned.  P.5 The programme, project or activity is or has been implemented with the participation of the community, group or, if applicable, individuals concerned and with their free, prior and informed consent.  P.6 The programme, project or activity may serve as a subregional, regional or international model, as the case may be, for safeguarding activities.  P.7 The submitting State(s) Party(ies), implementing body(ies), and community, group or, if applicable, individuals concerned are willing to cooperate in the dissemination of best practices, if their programme, project or activity is selected.  P.8 The programme, project or activity features experiences that are susceptible to an assessment of their results.  [P.9 Deleted.] | |
| **I.6** | [No change.] | |
| 16.1 | The inscription of an element on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity can be extended to other communities, groups and, if applicable, individuals at the national and/or international level upon the request of the State(s) Party(ies) in whose territory(ies) the element is present. | |
| 16.2 | State(s) Party(ies) are encouraged to announce their intentions to join in existing inscribed elements on an extended basis, in a timely manner, through the webpage of the Convention, using the dedicated online form. | |
| 16.3 | At the international level, newly joining States(s) Party(ies) is/are required to demonstrate that its/their inclusion in the extension satisfies all of the required criteria for inscription. Concerned communities, groups and, if applicable, individuals that gave their consent for the submission of the original nomination and subsequent extensions must agree with the proposed extension and their participation in ongoing, newly proposed or updated safeguarding measures with the newly joining communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals concerned and authorities. | |
| 16.4 | At the national level, the State Party is required to demonstrate that the extension satisfies the required criteria for inscription, taking into account the criteria already satisfied through the original nomination. Concerned communities, groups and, if applicable, individuals that gave their consent for the submission of the original nomination and subsequent extensions must agree with the proposed extension and their participation in ongoing, newly proposed or updated safeguarding measures with the newly joining communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals concerned and authorities. | |
| 17.1 | The inscription of an element on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity can be reduced at the national and/or international level if the State(s) Party(ies) in whose territory(ies) the element is present so requests. | |
| 17.2. | State(s) Party(ies) is/are required to demonstrate that the communities, groups and, if applicable, individuals who are proposed to be removed from the inscribed element, give evidence of their free, prior and informed consent to the reduction of the element. | |
| **I.7** | [No change.] | |
| 20.1 | Form ICH-01 is used for the nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and includes an option for simultaneously requesting International Assistance; this form is also used for the nominations to the same List on an extended or reduced basis at the national and/or international level.  Form ICH-02 is used for the nominations to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity; this form is also used for the nominations to the same list on an extended or reduced basis at the national and/or international level.  Form ICH-03 is used for the proposals of programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention. | |
| 20.2 | Form ICH-01 RL to USL is used for the transfer of an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and includes an option for simultaneously requesting International Assistance.  Form ICH-02 USL to RL, attached to the periodic reporting Form ICH-11, is used for the transfer of an element from the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. | |
| 21. | States Parties may request preparatory assistance, in consultation with communities, groups and where appropriate, individuals concerned, for the elaboration of:   1. nomination files to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding 2. proposals of programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention, 3. requests for the transfer of an element from one List to another,and 4. nomination files on an extended or reduced basis of already inscribed elements. | |
| 22. | Requests for all preparatory assistance shall be submitted by using Form ICH-05. Requests for International Assistance shall be submitted using Form ICH-04, except for requests submitted simultaneously with nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or in the context of the request to transfer an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding. | |
| **I.8** | [No change.] | |
| 27. | The evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention, and of International Assistance requests submitted simultaneously with nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or in the context of the request to transfer an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, shall be accomplished by a consultative body of the Committee established in accordance with Article 8.3 of the Convention, to be known as the ‘Evaluation Body’. The Evaluation Body will make recommendations to the Committee for its decision. The Evaluation Body shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of the intangible cultural heritage representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage. | |
| 30. | The Evaluation Body shall submit to the Committee an evaluation report that includes a recommendation:   * to inscribe or not to inscribe the nominated element (including the transfer from one List to another, the extension or the reduction of an already inscribed element) on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, or to refer the nomination to the submitting State(s) for additional information; * to select or not to select the proposed programme, project or activity, or to refer the proposal to the submitting State(s) for additional information; * to approve or not to approve the International Assistance request submitted in the context of the request to transfer an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, or to refer the request to the submitting State(s) for additional information; * to approve or not to approve the International Assistance request submitted simultaneously with a nomination to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, or to refer the request to the submitting State(s) for additional information; or * to maintain or to remove the inscribed element from the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, in case of ‘enhanced follow-up’. | |
| **I.10** | [No change.] | |
| 33. | The Committee determines two years beforehand, in accordance with the available resources and its capacity, the number of files that can be treated in the course of the two following cycles which in total is set at no more than sixty. This ceiling shall apply to the set of files comprising nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and proposals of programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention. | |
| 34. | The Committee shall endeavour to examine to the extent possible at least one file per submitting State, within the limit of this overall ceiling, giving priority to:  (0) files from States which had no file treated during the preceding cycle;   1. files from States having no elements inscribed, best safeguarding practices selected, and nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding;   (ii) multi-national files; and   1. files from States with the fewest elements inscribed and best safeguarding practices selected, in comparison with other submitting States during the same cycle.   In case they submit several files during the same cycle, submitting States shall indicate the order of priority in which they wish their files to be examined and are invited to give priority to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding. | |
| 35. | After examination, the Committee decides:   * whether or not an element shall be inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity or whether the nomination shall be referred to the submitting State(s) for additional information; * whether or not a programme, project or activity shall be selected as a best safeguarding practice, or whether the proposal shall be referred to the submitting State(s) for additional information; or * whether or not an International Assistance request submitted simultaneously with a nomination to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or in the context of the request to transfer an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding shall be approved, or whether the request shall be referred to the submitting State(s) for additional information. | |
| **I.11** | [No change.] | |
| 38.1 | An element may not simultaneously be inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. A State Party may request that an element be transferred from one List to the other. The request shall be initiated by the State(s) Party(ies) with the free, prior and informed consent of the communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals concerned, and shall be submitted according to the established procedures and deadlines. | |
| 38.2 | Communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals concerned may express directly to the Secretariat their wish to transfer an element from one List to the other. Such a request is then transmitted to the State(s) Party(ies) concerned and the Committee is informed accordingly. | |
| 39.1 | An element shall be transferred from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding by the Committee when it determines, after assessment of the transfer request and taking into account the criteria already satisfied through the original nomination, that the element satisfies all criteria for inscription on that List. The request for such transfer, using Form ICH-01 RL to USL, shall include:   1. In relation to criterion U.1 - Updated description of the element, including justification for the need for urgent safeguarding; 2. In relation to criterion U.3 - Adequate safeguarding plan; 3. In relation to criterion U.4 - Consent from the concerned communities, groups and individuals that had agreed to the inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. | |
| 39.2 | An element shall be transferred from the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the Committee when it determines, after assessment of the transfer request and taking into account the criteria already satisfied through the original nomination, that the element satisfies all criteria for inscription on that list. The request for such transfer, using Form ICH-02 USL to RL, shall include:   1. In relation to criterion R.1 - Updated description of the element addressing the changes in the viability of the element with reference to the original criterion U.2; 2. In relation to criterion R.2 - Demonstration of the contribution of the nominated element to encouraging mutual respect and dialogue among communities, groups and individuals, and indicating how the element contributes to sustainable development; 3. In relation to criterion R.3 - Assessment of the implementation of the safeguarding plan described under the original criterion U.3 through the periodic reporting and safeguarding measures planned for the future; 4. In relation to criterion R.4 - Consent from the concerned communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that had agreed to the inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding. | |
| 39.3 | The Evaluation Body may also recommend, following its evaluation of the request for transfer, that the Committee include the successful safeguarding experience in the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices. | |
| 40.1 | An element shall be removed from the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the Committee when it determines that it no longer satisfies the required criteria, paying particular attention to criteria U.1/R.1 and U.4/R.4. The removal can be requested by the concerned State Party, communities, groups or, where appropriate, individuals, or any other third party and such a request shall be treated through the steps described below. | |
| 40.2 | 1. A removal request from the submitting entity (i.e. State Party concerned, communities, groups and/or where appropriate, individuals concerned or a third party) is registered by the Secretariat. 2. The Secretariat transmits the removal request, as the case may be, to the State Party, the nomination contact person and representatives of communities, groups and/or where appropriate, individuals (as identified in the nomination file), who may provide a response and complementary information. 3. If the submitting entity, other than States, wishes to remain anonymous, the Secretariat transmits an edited version of the original removal request. 4. If the removal request is submitted by the State Party concerned as identified in the nomination file:    1. The Secretariat gathers information in particular in relation to Article 2 of the Convention. The removal request is then directly transmitted to the Committee, together with a response, if any, from the State Party and/or communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals concerned, as well as any information gathered.    2. The Committee may then decide to: 5. Place the element under ‘enhanced follow-up’ status as an interim measure if it considers that additional information is needed. 6. Remove the element from the List if it considers that the information is complete and there is enough ground for removal, with the possibility of placing it in an Intangible Cultural Heritage Repository (end of the procedure). 7. In other cases: 8. The Secretariat may gather information in particular in relation to Article 2 of the Convention and share the results of that information with the concerned State Party and gather its response, if any. The removal request is then transmitted to the Bureau that recommends whether or not to include the case on the agenda of the next Committee session. 9. The Committee may then decide to: 10. Maintain the element on the List, if it considers that the information is complete and there is insufficient ground for removal (end of the procedure). 11. Place the element under ‘enhanced follow-up’ status as an interim measure, if it considers that additional information is needed. | |
| 40.3 | 1. The Evaluation Body will evaluate the element placed under ‘enhanced follow-up' status, paying particular attention to Article 2 of the Convention, on the basis of additional information gathered through exchange and dialogue, as appropriate. The Evaluation Body shall transmit its report and recommendation to the Secretariat. 2. On the basis of the recommendation from the Evaluation Body, and paying particular attention to criteria R.1/U.1 and R.4/U.4, the Committee may decide to: 3. Continue to place the element under ‘follow-up’ for a period to be determined, if the issues persist. The Committee recommends the implementation of reconciliatory/mediatory measures and specifies a session of the Committee in which the issue will be reported back by the State Party for a final decision by the Committee. 4. Remove the element from the List, if there is enough ground for removal, with the possibility of placing it in an Intangible Cultural Heritage Repository (end of the procedure). 5. Maintain the element on the List, if there is insufficient ground for removal (end of procedure). | |
| **I.14** | [No change.] | |
| 47. | International Assistance requests (including for preparatory assistance) shall not exceed US$100.000, except for emergency requests and requests submitted simultaneously with a nomination to the List of intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or in the context of the request to transfer an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding.  International Assistance requests can be submitted at any time, except for those requests that are examined and approved by the Committee for which the timetable under I.15 shall apply. Moreover, requests for preparatory assistance shall be submitted by the deadline of 31 March. | |
| 49. | International Assistance requests (including for preparatory assistance) up to US$100,000 and emergency requests regardless of the amount are examined and approved by the Bureau of the Committee. | |
| 51. | International Assistance requests submitted simultaneously with a nomination to the List of intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or in the context of the request to transfer an element from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding are evaluated by the Evaluation Body and examined and approved by the Committee. | |
| **I.15** | [No change.] | |
| 54. | Phase 1: Preparation and submission | |
| 31 March  Year 0 | Deadline for preparatory assistance requests. |
| 15 December Year 0 | Deadline for submission of transfer requests from the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. |
| 31 March  Year 1 | Deadline by which nominations for the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding (including those submitted simultaneously with International Assistance requests) and the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, as well as proposals for programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention must be received by the Secretariat. Files received after this date will be examined in the next cycle. The Secretariat posts on the website of the Convention, in their original language, files as received. |
| 30 June  Year 1 | [No change.] |
| 30 September  Year 1 | [No change.] |
|  | 31 January  Year 2 | Deadline by which transfer requests from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding must be received by the Secretariat. The Secretariat registers the requests. The requests are transmitted to the Evaluation Body on the same year of their submission, without checking whether a file is complete. |

RESOLUTION 9.GA 10

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined documents [LHE/22/9.GA/10](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-10-EN.docx) and [LHE/22/9.GA/INF.10](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-INF.10-EN.docx) and their respective annexes,
2. Recalling Article 7(c) of the Convention and paragraphs 66 and 67 of the Operational Directives,
3. Further recalling the Appropriation resolution for 2022–2023 adopted by UNESCO’s General Conference ([41 C/Resolution 76](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000380399/PDF/380399eng.pdf.multi)),

**Status and trends of the Fund**

1. Takes note of the statement of assessed contributions of the Fund for 2020–2021, recalls that the payment of compulsory and assessed voluntary contributions is, per Article 26 of the Convention, an obligation incumbent on all States Parties which have ratified the Convention, and calls upon all States Parties which have not yet paid the totality of their assessed contributions for 2021 or previous years, including voluntary assessed contributions, to ensure that their contributions are paid in due course;
2. Further takes note of the donors that have provided during the 2020–2021 biennium (a) voluntary supplementary contributions for specific activities approved by the Committee, namely Azerbaijan, France, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (ICHCAP), as well as (b) voluntary supplementary contributions to the sub-fund for enhancing the human capacities of the Secretariat, namely Lithuania, Monaco, Palestine, Slovakia and the Fondazione Museo del Violino Antonio Stradivari;
3. Thanks all the contributors that have supported the Convention and its Secretariat, since its last session, through different forms of support, financial or in-kind, such as voluntary supplementary contributions to the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund including the sub-fund for enhancing the human capacities of the Secretariat, Funds-in-Trust, or loaned personnel, and encourages potential contributors to consider the possibility of supporting the Convention through the modality of their choice;
4. Reiterates the need to enhance the human resources of the Secretariat on a lasting basis to allow the Secretariat to better respond to the needs of the States Parties and invites States Parties to provide voluntary supplementary contributions to the sub-fund for enhancing the human resources of the Secretariat;

**Plan for the use of the resources of the Fund**

1. Approves the Plan for the use of the resources of the Fund for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023 as well as for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 in the Annex to this Resolution;
2. Understands that, at the time of its tenth session in 2024, it may readjust the budget plan from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024; if the General Assembly is unable to meet prior to 30 June 2024, the Secretariat is authorized to continue operations until such a time that the General Assembly is able to meet;
3. Welcomes the proposed strengthening of the monitoring and evaluation of International Assistance projects in line with the IOS evaluation of UNESCO’s action in the framework of the Convention and also takes note of the authorization granted by Committee to the Secretariat to use on an experimental basis an amount not exceeding 10 per cent of the approved budget of each International Assistance project, in addition to the amount granted by the Committee or its Bureau for each project, to monitor and assess the impact of projects supported by the Fund;
4. Further welcomes the adjustments in allocations foreseen to operationalize the outcomes of the global reflection on the listing mechanisms of the 2003 Convention;
5. Takes note furthermore of the authorization granted by the Committee to the Secretariat, when utilizing the funds allocated under budget line 3 of the Plan, to make transfers between activities included under budget line 3 up to a cumulative amount equivalent to 5 per cent of the initial total allocation proposed to the General Assembly for this purpose;
6. Authorizes the Committee to make immediate use of any voluntary supplementary contributions that might be received during these periods, as described in Article 27 of the Convention, in accordance with the percentages laid out in the Plan;
7. Further authorizes the Committee to make immediate use of any contributions that it might accept, during these periods, for specific purposes relating to specific projects, provided that those projects have been approved by the Committee prior to the receipt of the funds, as described in Article 25.5 of the Convention;
8. Also authorizes the Secretariat to make transfers between budget lines 4, 5, 6 and 7, up to an equivalent of 30 per cent of their initial total allocation, and requests that the Secretariat inform the Committee and the General Assembly in writing, at the session following such action, of the details of and reasons for these transfers.

**ANNEX**

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| **Plan for the use of the resources of the Fund** | | |  |  |
| For the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023, as well as for the period 1 January to 30 June 2024, the resources of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund may be used for the following purposes: | | % of the total amount proposed 2022–2023 [1] | Indicative amounts 2022-2023 | Indicative amounts Jan-Jun 2024 |
| 1. | International Assistance, comprising the safeguarding of the heritage inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, the preparation of inventories and support for other safeguarding programmes, projects and activities, including the monitoring and evaluation of requests approved; | 50.00% | $ 4,366,327 | $ 1,091,582 |
| 1.1 | Enhancing human resources to improve the implementation of the International Assistance mechanisms through three extra-budgetary fixed-term posts (one P3, one P2 and one G5); | 10.00% | $ 873,265 | $ 218,316 |
| 2. | Preparatory assistance for International Assistance requests, as well as for nomination files for the Urgent Safeguarding List, for proposals for the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices, for the transfer of elements between the Lists and Register of the Convention and for the inscription of elements on an extended or reduced basis; | 2.60% | $ 227,049 | $ 56,762 |
| 3. | Other functions of the Committee, as described in Article 7 of the Convention, aimed at promoting the objectives of the Convention and encouraging and monitoring its implementation, in particular by strengthening capacities to effectively safeguard intangible cultural heritage, raising awareness of the importance of such heritage, providing guidance on good safeguarding practices and updating and publishing the Lists and the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices: | 20.00% | $ 1,746,531 | $ 436,633 |
|  | ***ER 1:*** *Sound governance of the 2003 Convention facilitated by enhanced monitoring and knowledge management services;* | *5.00%* | $ 436,633 | $ 109,158 |
|  | *(25% of line 3)* |
|  | ***ER 2:*** *Implementation of the Convention in Member States encouraged through a strengthened capacity-building programme;* | *6.60%* | $ 576,355 | $ 144,089 |
|  |  | *(33% of line 3)* |
|  | ***ER 3:*** *Integration of intangible cultural heritage into development plans, policies and programmes supported;* | *3.70%* | $ 323,108 | $ 80,777 |
|  |  | *(19% of line 3)* |
|  | ***ER 4:*** *Objectives of the Convention promoted through awareness-raising and outreach;* | *4.70%* | $ 410,435 | $ 102,609 |
| *(23% of line 3)* |
| 4. | Participation in the sessions of the Committee, its Bureau and subsidiary bodies of experts in intangible cultural heritage representing developing States that are Members of the Committee; | 3.10% | $ 270,712 | $ 67,678 |
| 5. | Participation in the sessions of the Committee and its consultative bodies of experts in intangible cultural heritage representing developing States that are Parties to the Convention but not Members of the Committee; | 3.30% | $ 288,178 | $ 72,044 |
| 6. | Participation in the sessions of the Committee, its Bureau and consultative bodies of public or private bodies, private persons, notably members of communities and groups, that have been invited by the Committee to advise it on specific matters, as well as experts in intangible cultural heritage representing accredited NGOs from developing countries; | 3.30% | $ 288,178 | $ 72,044 |
| 7. | The costs of advisory services to be provided at the request of the Committee, including support to developing States whose representatives have been appointed to the Evaluation Body, the transfer of elements between the Lists and Register of the Convention, the inscription of elements on an extended or reduced basis and the follow-up of elements inscribed on the Lists of the Convention ; | 7.70% | $ 672,414 | $ 168,104 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **100.00%** | **$ 8,732,653** | **$ 2,183,163** |
| [1] Percentages are applied to the balance of the Fund related to Programme Activities as of 31 December 2021. This balance does not include the Reserve Fund (US$1,000,000). | | | | |
| Funds that have not been committed at the end of the period of this Plan are carried over to the next financial period and shall be allocated in accordance with the Plan approved by the General Assembly at that time. | | | | |
| For the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024, one-fourth of the amount established for the twenty-four months of the financial period 2022–2023 shall be allocated on a provisional basis, except for the Reserve Fund, whose amount was set by the Committee at US$1 million (Decision [10.COM 8](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/10.COM/8)). | | | | |

RESOLUTION 9.GA 11

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/11](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-11-EN.docx),
2. Recalling Articles 5, 6 and 26.5 of the Convention and Rules 13, 14 and 15 of its Rules of Procedure,
3. Further recalling Resolution [9.GA 4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/9.GA/4),
4. Elects the following twelve States Parties to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for a term of four years from the date of election:

Group I: Germany

Group II: Slovakia, Uzbekistan

Group III: Paraguay

Group IV: Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Viet Nam

Group V(a): Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia

Group V(b): Mauritania

RESOLUTION 9.GA 12

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/12](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/9.GA/12) with its annex,
2. Recalling Resolutions [6.GA 11](https://ich.unesco.org/en/D%C3%A9cisions/6.GA/11), [7.GA 12](https://ich.unesco.org/en/D%C3%A9cisions/7.GA/12), [7.GA 13](https://ich.unesco.org/en/D%C3%A9cisions/7.GA/13) and [8.GA 15](https://ich.unesco.org/en/D%C3%A9cisions/8.GA/15) as well as Decisions [13.COM 17](https://ich.unesco.org/en/D%C3%A9cisions/13.COM/17) and [14.COM 19](https://ich.unesco.org/en/D%C3%A9cisions/14.COM/19),
3. Further recalling [41C/Resolution 74](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/in/documentViewer.xhtml?v=2.1.196&id=p::usmarcdef_0000380399&highlight=41%20C%2FResolution&file=/in/rest/annotationSVC/DownloadWatermarkedAttachment/attach_import_2662b8f8-b83f-4490-be3c-ffb66eaed78c%3F_%3D380399eng.pdf&locale=en&multi=true&ark=/ark:/48223/pf0000380399/PDF/380399eng.pdf#%5B%7B%22num%22%3A137%2C%22gen%22%3A0%7D%2C%7B%22name%22%3A%22XYZ%22%7D%2C54%2C478%2C0%5D) and document [41C/55](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000379755_eng/PDF/379755eng.pdf.multi),
4. Commends the effort of the Culture Sector and the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs to establish the Model Rules of Procedure that provided a ‘birds-eye view’, and thanks the Secretariat of the 2003 Convention for spear-heading the exercise as the first Culture Convention to explore possible ways to harmonize its Rules of Procedure,
5. Approves the revisions to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly as described in Annex I of the present Resolution, which take into account the Model Rules of Procedure for the assemblies of the Parties to UNESCO’s culture conventions.

**ANNEX**

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| **Chapter I** | **Functions of the Assembly** |
| **Rule 1** | **Functions of the Assembly** |
|  | In accordance with Article 4 of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (hereinafter ‘the Convention’), adopted during the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, meeting in Paris, from 29 September to 17 October 2003 at its 32nd session, the General Assembly of the States Parties (hereinafter ‘the Assembly’) was established as the sovereign body of the Convention. The Convention outlines the functions of the Assembly. The Assembly adopts its own Rules of Procedure. |
| **Chapter II** | **Participation** |
| **Rule 2** | **States Parties to the Convention** |
|  | The representatives of all States Parties to the Convention may participate, with the right to vote, in the work of the Assembly. |
| **Rule 3** | **Observers** |
| 3.1 | The representatives of Member States of UNESCO not parties to the Convention, and of Associate Members, as well as of permanent observer missions to UNESCO may participate in the work of the Assembly as observers, without the right to vote, and subject to Rule 16.3. |
| 3.2 | Representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations which have concluded mutual representation agreements with UNESCO, as well as observers of intergovernmental and international nongovernmental organizations invited by the Director-General, may participate in the work of the Assembly, without the right to vote and subject to Rule 16.3. |
| **Chapter III** | **Organization of the Assembly** |
| **Rule 4** | **Ordinary and Extraordinary Sessions** |
| 4.1 | The Assembly shall meet every two years in ordinary session in accordance with Article 4.2 of the Convention. |
| 4.2 | The Assembly shall meet in extraordinary session if it so decides or at the request either of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (hereinafter ‘the Committee’) or of at least one-third of the States Parties. |
| **Rule 5** | **Date and Place** |
| 5.1 | The Director-General shall determine the date of the ordinary session. The Director-General shall communicate such date to all States Parties and observers. |
| 5.2 | Unless the date has been decided by the Assembly, the Director-General shall determine the date of the extraordinary session, which shall then be set within sixty days, unless logistically not possible, following the date of the request referred to in Rule 4.2. The Director-General shall communicate such date to all States Parties and observers. |
| 5.3 | Ordinary and extraordinary sessions shall be held at the Headquarters of UNESCO, unless the Assembly decides to meet elsewhere. |
| **Rule 6** | **Online sessions** |
| 6.1 | The Assembly may hold online sessions only during periods of emergency or in exceptional circumstances rendering *in praesentia* meetings impracticable. |
| 6.2 | At an ordinary or extraordinary session, the Assembly may decide to hold an online session by a simple majority of States Parties present and voting. |
| 6.3 | Should at least one-third of the States Parties propose the holding of an online session while the Assembly is not in session, the Director-General shall consult all the States Parties by correspondence. The Assembly shall hold an online session, unless one third of the States Parties disagrees to the proposal. |
| 6.4 | Elections by secret ballot held pursuant to the present Rules in the course of an online session shall be conducted in *praesentia*. The Secretariat shall make the necessary arrangements therefor, including the place and time of the election, which shall be notified to States Parties in advance of the ballot. Other voting held pursuant to the present Rules shall preferably be conducted in *praesentia*. |
| **Rule 7** | **Provisional Agenda** |
| 7.1 | The provisional agenda of the session shall be prepared by the Director-General. |
| 7.2 | The provisional agenda of an ordinary session shall include:  (a) Any question required by the Convention and the present Rules of Procedure;  (b) Any question the inclusion of which has been decided by the Assembly at a previous session;  (c) Any question referred by the Committee;  (d) Any question proposed by the States Parties to the Convention;  (e) Any question proposed by the Director-General. |
| 7.3 | The provisional agenda for an extraordinary session shall only include those questions for which the session has been convened. |
| 7.4 | The Secretariat shall circulate to the States Parties and observers the provisional agenda at least sixty days before the opening of an ordinary session of the Assembly and as soon as possible, and preferably fifteen days, before the opening of an extraordinary session. |
| **Rule 8** | **Adoption of the Agenda** |
|  | The Assembly shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of each session. |
| **Rule 9** | **Amendments, deletions and new items** |
|  | The Assembly may amend, delete or add new items to the agenda so adopted if so decided by a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting. |
| **Chapter IV** | **Bureau** |
| **Rule 10** | **Bureau** |
| 10.1 | The Bureau shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson(s) and the Rapporteur. |
| 10.2 | The Bureau shall coordinate the work of the Assembly and fix the order of business of the session. It shall also assist the Chairperson in carrying out her or his functions. |
| 10.3 | The Bureau, convened at the request of its Chairperson, shall meet as frequently as deemed necessary. The Bureau may, if the Chairperson deems it appropriate, be consulted by correspondence. |
| **Rule 11** | **Election of officers** |
| 11.1 | The Assembly shall elect the Chairperson, up to five Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur at the opening of each session in conformity with the principle of equitable geographical representation. |
| 11.2 | The term of office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson(s) and the Rapporteur will run from the opening of the session of the Assembly in which they are elected until the closing of the session. |
| 11.3 | The Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson(s) and the Rapporteur shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after completing two consecutive terms. |
| **Rule 12** | **Powers and duties of the Chairperson** |
| 12.1 | In addition to exercising the powers and duties which are conferred upon her or him elsewhere by the present Rules of Procedure, the Chairperson shall open and close each plenary meeting of the Assembly. She or he shall direct the discussions, ensure observance of the present Rules of Procedure, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. She or he shall rule on points of order and, subject to the present Rules of Procedure, shall control the proceedings and the maintenance of order. She or he shall not vote, but she or he may instruct another member of her or his delegation to vote in her or his place. |
| 12.2 | Should the Chairperson be absent during a meeting, or part thereof, her or his powers and duties shall be exercised by one of the Vice-Chairpersons, selected at the discretion of the Chairperson. A Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairperson. |
| **Chapter V** | **Conduct of business** |
| **Rule 13** | **Quorum** |
| 13.1 | A quorum shall consist of a majority of the States Parties referred to in Rule 2 and represented at the Assembly. |
| 13.2 | The Assembly shall not decide on any matter unless a quorum is present. |
| **Rule 14** | **Public nature of meetings** |
| 14.1 | Meetings shall be held in public unless decided otherwise by the Assembly. |
| 14.2 | Any decision taken by the Assembly at a private meeting shall be announced at a subsequent public meeting. |
| **Rule 15** | **Subsidiary bodies** |
| 15.1 | The Assembly may establish such subsidiary bodies, including working groups, as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. |
| 15.2 | The Assembly shall define the composition and the terms of reference (including mandate and duration of office) and, if necessary, the quorum of such subsidiary bodies at the time of their establishment. |
| 15.3 | Each subsidiary body shall elect its Chairperson. |
| 15.4 | In appointing members of subsidiary bodies, due regard shall be given to principle of equitable geographical representation. |
| **Rule 16** | **Order and time-limit of speeches** |
| 16.1 | The Chairperson shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their wish to speak. |
| 16.2 | For the convenience of the discussion, the Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker. |
| 16.3 | The consent of the Chairperson must be obtained whenever an observer wishes to address the Assembly. |
| **Rule 17** | **Draft resolutions and amendments** |
| 17.1 | Draft resolutions and amendments may be proposed by the States Parties and shall be transmitted in writing to the Secretariat of the Assembly, which shall circulate them to all participants. |
| 17.2 | As a general rule, no draft resolution or amendment shall be discussed or put to the vote unless it has been circulated reasonably in advance to all participants in the working languages of the Assembly. |
| **Rule 18** | **Points of order** |
| 18.1 | During the discussion of any matter, a State Party may rise to a point of order and the point of order shall be immediately ruled upon by the Chairperson. |
| 18.2 | A State Party may appeal against the ruling of the Chairperson. The appeal shall be put to the vote immediately, and the Chairperson’s ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the States Parties present and voting. |
| **Rule 19** | **Procedural motions** |
|  | During the discussion of any matter, a State Party may propose a procedural motion: suspension or adjournment of the meeting, adjournment of the debate or closure of the debate. |
| **Rule 20** | **Suspension or adjournment of the meeting** |
|  | During the discussion of any matter, a State Party may move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote. |
| **Rule 21** | **Adjournment of the debate** |
|  | During the discussion of any matter, a State Party may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. On moving the adjournment, the State Party shall indicate whether it moves the adjournment *sine die* or to a particular time which it shall specify. In addition to the proposer of the motion, one speaker may speak in favour of, and one against, the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. The Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule. |
| **Rule 22** | **Closure of the debate** |
|  | During the discussion of any matter, a State Party may move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other speaker has signified her or his wish to take part in the discussion. If application is made for permission to speak against the closure, it may be accorded to not more than two speakers, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. If the Assembly is in favour of the closure, the Chairperson shall declare the closure of the debate. The Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule. |
| **Rule 23** | **Order of procedural motions** |
|  | Subject to Rule 18.1, the following motions shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals before the meeting:  (a) to suspend the meeting;  (b) to adjourn the meeting;  (c) to adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;  (d) for the closure of the debate on the item under discussion. |
| **Chapter VI** | **Working languages** |
| **Rule 24** | **Working languages** |
| 24.1 | The working languages of the Assembly shall be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. |
| 24.2 | Speeches made at the Assembly in one of the working languages shall be interpreted into the other languages. |
| 24.3 | Speakers may, however, speak in any other language, provided that they make their own arrangements for interpretation of their speeches into one of the working languages. |
| 24.4 | The documents of the Assembly shall be issued in all the working languages. |
| **Rule 25** | **Deadline for the distribution of documents** |
|  | The documents relating to the items on the provisional agenda of each session of the Assembly shall be distributed, either in paper format or electronically, at the latest thirty days before the opening of the ordinary session, and as soon as possible in the case of an extraordinary session, to all States Parties and observers. |
| **Rule 26** | **Summary records** |
|  | The Secretariat shall prepare summary records of all statements made during the plenary meetings of the Assembly in English and French for approval at the opening of the next session. |
| **Chapter VII** | **Voting** |
| **Rule 27** | **Voting rights** |
|  | Each State Party shall have one vote in the Assembly. |
| **Rule 28** | **Consensus** |
|  | Every effort shall be made to adopt decisions in the Assembly by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, decisions shall be adopted by vote. |
| **Rule 29** | **Conduct during voting** |
|  | After the Chairperson has announced the beginning of voting, no one shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. |
| **Rule 30** | **Simple majority** |
| 30.1 | When the Assembly resorts to voting, decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the States Parties present and voting, except as otherwise provided for in the present Rules of Procedure. |
| 30.2 | The decision concerning the amount of the contributions, in the form of a uniform percentage applicable to all States Parties which have not made the declaration referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Convention, shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the States Parties present and voting which have not made the above-mentioned declaration. |
| **Rule 31** | **Voting by show of hands and roll-call** |
| 31.1 | Except as otherwise provided for in the present Rules of Procedure, voting shall be by show of hands. |
| 31.2 | When the result of a vote by show of hands is in doubt, the Chairperson may take a second vote by roll-call. Vote by roll-call shall also be taken if it is requested by not less than two States Parties. The request shall be made to the Chairperson before the voting takes place or immediately after the vote by show of hands. Vote by roll-call shall be taken for the decision mentioned in Rule 30.2. |
| 31.3 | When a vote is taken by roll-call, the vote of each State Party participating shall be inserted in the summary records. |
| **Rule 32** | **Order of voting on proposals** |
| 32.1 | If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Assembly decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Assembly may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal. |
| 32.2 | A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall have priority over that proposal. |
| **Rule 33** | **Voting on amendments** |
| 33.1 | When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the Chairperson shall put them to the vote starting with the amendment deemed by her or him to be furthest removed in substance from the original proposal, and so on. In case of doubt, the Chairperson shall consult the Assembly. |
| 33.2 | If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be put to the vote. |
| 33.3 | A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. |
| **Rule 34** | **Meaning of the expression ‘States Parties present and voting’** |
|  | For the purpose of the present Rules of Procedure, the expression ‘States Parties present and voting’ means States Parties casting an affirmative or negative vote. States Parties who abstain from voting are considered as not voting. |
| **Chapter VIII** | **Election and term of office of the Committee** |
| **Rule 35** | **Geographical distribution** |
| 35.1 | The election of Members of the Committee shall be conducted on the basis of the electoral groups of UNESCO, as determined by the UNESCO General Conference at its most recent session, it being understood that ‘Group V’ shall consist of two separate groups for the African and Arab States. |
| 35.2 | The seats in the Committee composed of 24 Members shall be distributed among electoral groups in proportion to the number of States Parties from each group, provided that, after such distribution, at least three seats have been attributed to each group. |
| **Rule 36** | **Procedures for the presentation of candidatures to the Committee** |
| 36.1 | The Secretariat shall ask all States Parties, three months prior to the date of the election, whether they intend to stand for election to the Committee. States Parties are requested to send their candidature to the Secretariat at least six weeks prior to the opening of the Assembly. |
| 36.2 | At least four weeks prior to the opening of the Assembly, the Secretariat shall send to all States Parties the provisional list of candidate States Parties, indicating the electoral group to which they belong and the number of seats to be filled in each electoral group. The Secretariat shall also provide information on the status of all compulsory and voluntary contributions to the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage made by each of the candidates. The list of candidatures will be revised as necessary. |
| 36.3 | No payments of compulsory and voluntary contributions to the Fund (for the purpose of presenting a candidature to the Committee) will be accepted later than a week before the opening of the Assembly. |
| 36.4 | The list of candidatures shall be finalized three working days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. No candidature will be accepted in the three working days preceding the opening of the Assembly. |
| **Rule 37** | **Election of Members of the Committee** |
| 37.1 | The election of Members of the Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot except that, where the number of candidates within geographical distribution is the same as or less than the number of seats to be filled, the candidates shall be declared elected without the need to hold a ballot. |
| 37.2 | Before the election begins, the Chairperson shall appoint two tellers from among the delegates present; She or he shall hand to them the list of States Parties entitled to vote and the list of candidate States Parties. She or he shall announce the number of seats to be filled. |
| 37.3 | The Secretariat shall prepare for each delegation having the right to vote an envelope without any distinguishing mark and separate ballot papers, one for each of the electoral groups. The ballot paper for each electoral group shall bear the names of all the candidate States Parties in that electoral group. |
| 37.4 | Each delegation shall cast its vote by encircling the names of those States for which it desires to vote. |
| 37.5 | The tellers shall collect from each delegation the envelope containing the ballot papers and shall count the votes, under the supervision of the Chairperson. |
| 37.6 | The absence of any ballot paper in the envelope shall be considered an abstention. |
| 37.7 | Ballot papers on which more names have been circled than there are seats to be filled as also those containing no indication as to the intention of the voter shall be considered invalid. |
| 37.8 | The counting of the votes for each electoral group shall take place separately. The tellers shall open the envelopes, one by one, and shall sort the ballot papers into electoral groups. The votes cast for the candidate States Parties shall be entered on lists prepared for that purpose. |
| 37.9 | The Chairperson shall declare elected those candidates who obtain the greatest number of votes up to the number of seats to be filled. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, and, as a result, there are still more candidates than seats to be filled, there shall be a second secret ballot restricted to those candidates who obtained the same number of votes. If in the second ballot two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, the Chairperson shall draw lots to decide the elected candidate. |
| 37.10 | When the counting of the votes is completed, the Chairperson shall announce the results of the ballot separately for each of the electoral groups. |
| **Chapter IX** | **Secretariat of the Assembly** |
| **Rule 38** | **Secretariat** |
| 38.1 | The Director-General of UNESCO or her or his representative shall participate in the work of the Assembly, its subsidiary bodies and the Bureau without the right to vote. She or he may, at any time, make either oral or written statements to the Assembly on any question under discussion. |
| 38.2 | The Director-General of UNESCO shall appoint an official of the Secretariat of UNESCO to act as Secretary to the Assembly, as well as other officials who shall together constitute the Secretariat of the Assembly. |
| 38.3 | The Secretariat shall receive, translate and distribute all documents; arrange for the interpretation of the discussions; prepare summary records; and publish the adopted resolutions and distribute them to the States Parties. |
| 38.4 | The Secretariat shall also perform all other duties necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the Assembly. |
| **Chapter X** | **Amendment to and suspension of the Rules of Procedure** |
| **Rule 39** | **Amendment** |
|  | The Assembly may amend the present Rules of Procedure by a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting, except when they reproduce provisions of the Convention. |
| **Rule 40** | **Suspension** |
|  | The Assembly may suspend the application of any of the present Rules of Procedure, except when they reproduce provisions of the Convention, by a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting. |

RESOLUTION 9.GA 13

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [LHE/22/9.GA/13](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-22-9.GA-13_EN.docx),
2. Welcomes the initiative to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Convention in 2023 and takes note of the main themes proposed for the campaign to celebrate the twentieth anniversary;
3. Invites States Parties and other stakeholders of the Convention to provide financial support for the anniversary celebrations with the modality of their choice;
4. Encourages States Parties and other stakeholders to join the celebration by organizing national events and activities to promote the objectives of the Convention, take stock of past achievements and explore the Convention’s further development;
5. Requests that the Secretariat report on the outcomes of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Convention for examination by the tenth session of the General Assembly in 2024.