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## Culture Sector Division for Creativity Intangible Cultural Heritage Section

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Subject: Welcome to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to extend my congratulations to your country for having recently ratified the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. In doing so you have recognized the importance of intangible cultural heritage for communities within your country and for promoting cultural diversity around the world. Your country now joins a global network sharing expertise, experience and good practice for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage.

Please be assured that the Secretariat looks forward to working with you and your authorities. In the first instance, I would like to bring your attention to the Basic Texts of the Convention.

Text of the Convention: http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/convention Operational Directives: http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/directives

Other relevant information is also available on the website of the Convention at: http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/.

The regional officer responsible for your country within our section, Mr Giovanni Scepi, would be pleased to answer any questions you may have concerning the implementation of the Convention. You may wish to contact him by telephone at +33 (0)1 45 68 41 13 or by e-mail at: g.scepi@unesco.org.

As you may already know, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will meet for its eleventh session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 28 November to 2 December 2016. It will be my pleasure to meet you or the representative(s) of your country at that occasion, if not before.

Tim Curtis

Yours sincerely

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