

**42ND SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
SUMMARY OF DEBATES
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

ORGAN (CULTURE COMMISSION)

Date	15 November	Room	II
N° meeting	1 st session	Hour	From: 11 am To: 1 pm

Chairperson(s)	H.E. Ms Elia Del Carmen GUERRA JURADO	Country	Panama
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SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	Election of the Commission Bureau		
Debate no	1	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/NOM/1 and Add.		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	N/A		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson, H.E. Ms Elia Del Carmen Guerra Jurado opened the Commission. The Chair of the Nominations Committee recommended the composition of the Bureau of the CLT Commission as follows:</p> <p>Vice-Presidents: Ms Dita Limova (Czechia) - Group II; H.E. Ms Juvener Mahilium-West (Philippines) - Group IV; and Mr Jean Paul Koudougou (Burkina Faso) - Group V(a).</p> <p>No Rapporteur was elected for this commission.</p> <p>The Bureau was elected without change.</p>		

Items examined	Organisation of the Commission's work Adoption of the Commission's work schedule		
Debate no	1	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/COM.CLT/1 Prov.Rev.		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took	N/A		

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Summary of debate	Following her opening speech, the Chairperson presented the organization and methods of the Commission's work and announced the consideration of the item 42 C/COM.CLT/1 Prov. Rev. The opening session was concluded with the adoption of the proposed work methods and timetable of the Commission.

Items examined	Item 3.1 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (42 C/5) - Part II.A: Major Programme IV – Culture		
Debate no	1	Debate status	Start
Related documents	42 C/5 Rev. 42 C/5 Rev. Corr. 42 C/6 Rev		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	24 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson opened the discussion on item 3.1 on the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (42C/5). II.A: Major Programme IV – Culture. The Assistant Director-General introduced item 3.1.</p> <p>The floor was opened to debates and by the end of the first session 48 Member States had requested the floor. 24 Member States intervened to congratulate the Secretariat and support the draft Resolution. They stressed the important role of Culture and the utility of ratifying UNESCO Culture Conventions and implementing its related Programmes to address current challenges posed by ongoing conflicts and climate change on cultural and natural heritage sites around the world. They stressed the need of strengthening efforts to safeguard intangible cultural heritage and promote the diversity of cultural expressions. They also expressed strong support to Priority Programme 3 on Priority Africa and welcomed the 2022 MONDIACULT Declaration, reaffirming their commitment to promote culture as global public good, and as stand-alone goal in the post 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>The Chairperson announced continuation of the debate for the afternoon session.</p>		

DETAILS NEXT MEETING

Date	15 November	Room	II
N° meeting	2	Hour	From: 3pm To: 6pm
Items to be examined	<p>Item 3.1 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (42 C/5) - Part II.A: Major Programme IV – Culture</p> <p>Item 4.2 Jerusalem and the implementation of 41 C/Resolution 36</p> <p>Implementation of 41 C/Resolution 51 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories</p> <p>Follow-up to 41 C/Resolution 74 and prospects regarding UNESCO conventions in the field</p>		

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Debate no	2	Debate status	Start
Related documents	42 C/5 Rev. 42 C/5 Rev. Corr. 42 C/6 Rev 42 C/16 42 C/17 42 C/26		
DRs to be examined	N/A		

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Items examined	Item 3.1 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (42 C/5) - Part II.A: Major Programme IV – Culture		
Debate no	2	Debate status	Continuation and end
Related documents	42 C/5 Rev. 42 C/5 Rev. Corr. 42 C/6 Rev		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	32 Member States and one observer took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>In the continuation of the debate related to Item 3.1, 32 Member States and one observer took the floor in the afternoon session. They expressed continued support for the MONDIACULT process, including the development of policies acknowledging the contribution of culture to the fight against climate change, as well as intersectoral initiatives such as the ongoing development of a revised UNESCO Framework on Culture and Arts Education. The relevance of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN) was also highlighted for fostering cultural and creative industries. Several Member States noted the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the 2003 Convention next year, and efforts to advance the preservation and promotion of the cultures and languages of Indigenous Peoples. The fight against the illicit trafficking and restitution of cultural property is also a priority for several Member States.</p> <p>Following the numerous interventions from 55 Member States (during the morning and afternoon sessions), the Assistant Director-General for Culture provided additional information and thanked the Member States for the support expressed to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2024-2025.</p> <p>With no amendment proposed during the session, the Culture Commission adopted by acclamation the draft resolution contained in paragraph 05000 of document 42 C/5, Volume 1 and the revised integrated budget for Major Programme IV – Culture.</p>		

Items examined	Item 4.2 Jerusalem and the implementation of 41 C/Resolution 36 Item 4.3 Implementation of 41 C/Resolution 51 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories.		
Debate no	2	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/16 42 C/17		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	N/A		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson then moved to items 4.2 and 4.3 related to “Jerusalem and the implementation of 41 C/Resolution 36” and “Implementation of 41 C/Resolution 51 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories”. The Representative of the Director General then briefly introduced the two items, recalling that they had been the subject of consensus in the Executive Board and that item 4.3 had already been addressed by the Education Commission and that the related Resolution was adopted without debate.</p> <p>Both items were adopted by consensus and without debate.</p>		

Items examined	Item 5.2 Follow-up to 41 C/Resolution 74 and prospects for the UNESCO conventions in the field of culture		
Debate no	2	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/26		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	10 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>After the presentation by the Assistant Director-General for Culture, 10 Member States took the floor to commend the quality and relevance of the arduous work undertaken by the Secretariat to harmonize the rules of procedures of the different Conventions with a view of building synergies among them.</p> <p>Following these interventions, the Member States recommended, by consensus, that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution relating to this item without amendments. The draft resolution related to this item was then approved.</p> <p>The Chairperson closed the meeting by thanking all Member States for the spirit of consensus that prevailed in all the discussions and for their productive contributions.</p>		

DETAILS NEXT MEETING

Date	16 November	Room	II
N° meeting	3	Hour	From: 10 am To: 1 pm
Items to be examined	Item 4.22 International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Item 4.10 Follow-up to the decision of the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture on the closure of the Fund Item 7.5 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2015 Recommendation on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society Item 7.6 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape Item 7.7 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (1980)		
Debate no	3	Debate status	Start
Related documents	42 C/63 42 C/24 42 C/35 and Corr. 42 C/36 and Corr. 42 C/37		
DRs to be examined	42 C/COM.CLT/DR.1 42 C/COM.CLT/DR.2		

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Items examined	Item 4.22 International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage		
Debate no	3	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/63		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	35 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson opened the session by giving the floor to the President of the General Conference, who welcomed Member States and wished them fruitful discussions. The Chairperson briefly introduced the item, noting that the proclamation of the International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on 17 October was presented by Poland during the second Bureau meeting of the 18th session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention. The Chairperson then gave the floor to Poland, who briefly presented the background of the initiative.</p> <p>Following this introduction, 34 other Member States took the floor, stressing their strong and vigorous support for the proclamation of the International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, with a view to give global visibility to the 2003 Convention, notably on the occasion of its 20th anniversary in 2024, and to enhance efforts to safeguard and promote intangible cultural heritage around the world.</p> <p>The CLT Commission therefore recommended, by acclamation, to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution relating to this item without amendment.</p>		

Items examined	Item 4.10 Follow-up to the decision of the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture on the closure of the Fund		
Debate no	3	Debate status	Start and end

Related documents	42 C/24
DRs examined	N/A
Countries that took floor	One Member State took the floor.
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson then moved to item 4.10 and gave the floor to the Assistant-Director General for Culture for short introductory remarks.</p> <p>Togo took the floor to express its support to the transfer of unspent funds under the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) to the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD), as outlined in the draft resolution.</p> <p>CLT Commission examined item 4.10 and recommended, by consensus, to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution relating to this item without amendment. The Chairperson then recalled that this item and its related resolution will be taken to the next session of the Executive Board and Committee meeting of the 2005 Convention.</p>

Items examined	Item 7.5 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2015 Recommendation on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society		
Debate no	3	Debate status	Start
Related documents	42 C/35 and Corr.		
DRs examined	42 C/COM.CLT/DR.1 42 C/COM.CLT/DR.2		
Countries that took floor	30 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson introduced item 7.5 and gave the floor to the Assistant Director General for Culture, who briefly presented the item and the two amendments proposed by Guatemala and Peru (42 C/COM.CLT/DR.1 and 42C/COM.CLT/DR.2). The two Member States took the floor to provide further information in relation to the rationale of the amendment.</p> <p>30 Member States took the floor and stressed the relevance of strengthening the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation, including by harnessing digital technologies for the development of digital inventories and databases to map cultural objects as well as through educational initiatives, in cooperation with communities and other institutions. They expressed general support to the amendments, which highlight the role of museums in the fight against illicit trafficking and return restitution of cultural property in line with the 2022 MONDIACULT Declaration.</p> <p>Following the discussion on the amendments and proposals of slight adjustments to the text, it was agreed that the oral report of the Chairperson of the Culture Commission to the General Conference mention that the approval of this amendment does not express new commitments of Member States beyond the MONDIACULT Declaration.</p> <p>The Chairperson declared that the fourth session of the Commission will get back to the draft resolution and the proposed amendments.</p>		

DETAILS NEXT MEETING

Date	16 November	Room	II
N° meeting	4	Hour	From: 3 pm To: 6 pm
Items to be examined	<p>Item 7.5 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2015 Recommendation on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society</p> <p>Item 7.6 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape</p> <p>Item 7.7 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (1980)</p> <p>Item 4.4 Category 2 institutes and centres - Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Latin America (Peru)</p> <p>Reports Report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation (2022-2023)</p> <p>Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on its activities (January 2018-December 2019)</p> <p>Report on the implementation of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property by the States Parties (1970)</p> <p>Report on the activities of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC)</p> <p>Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on its activities (2022–2023)</p>		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start or continuation or end
Related documents	42 C/35 and Corr. 42 C/36 and Corr. 42 C/37 42 C/18. IV 42 C/REP/20 42 C/REP/21 42 C/REP/23 42 C/REP/22 42 C/REP/19		
DRs to be examined	42 C/COM.CLT/DR.1 42 C/COM.CLT/DR.2		

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Items examined	Item 7.5 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2015 Recommendation on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Continuation and end
Related documents	42 C/35 and Corr.		
DRs examined	42 C/COM.CLT/DR.1 42 C/COM.CLT/DR.2		
Countries that took floor	3 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson announced the continuation of the discussion on the draft resolution of item 7.5 and gave the floor to Guatemala to provide further information on the second proposed amendment, related to paragraph 4 of the draft resolution. Two other Member States took the floor and expressed their agreement with the amendment, with a slight revision.</p> <p>The CLT Commission therefore recommended, by consensus, to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution relating to this item.</p>		

Items examined	7.6 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/36 and Corr.		
DRs examined			

Countries that took floor	21 Member States took the floor.
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson introduced the item 7.6 and gave the floor to the Assistant Director General for Culture, who briefly presented the item. The Chairperson informed the Member States that the Legal committee already reviewed the item and that an additional page was added to the original document, including paragraph 2.bis on the MONDIACULT Declaration and a new paragraph 6 to the draft resolution.</p> <p>21 Member States took the floor and underlined the need to strengthen the implementation of the 2011 Recommendation, with a view to enhancing protection of historic urban landscape by harmonizing urban planning and climate change mitigation and protection measures, therefore reconciling urban development and heritage preservation. Some Member States raised a few questions concerning the Recommendation and strategies for its implementation.</p> <p>The Assistant Director General for Culture provided additional information and addressed the questions raised by Member States.</p> <p>The CLT Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution without amendments.</p>

Items examined	7.7 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (1980)		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/37		
DRs examined			
Countries that took floor	17 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson introduced item 7.7 and gave the floor to the Assistant Director General for Culture, who briefly presented the item. The Chairperson noted that the French version of the document contains a different wording than the English and Spanish versions, which would be rectified by the Secretariat.</p> <p>17 Member States took the floor to state their support to the 1980 Recommendation and the Aschberg Programme, in view of the latter's contribution to enhance protection of the socio-economic status of artists, their mobility, and to promote artistic freedom, as demonstrated by the higher response rate to the reporting exercise. Some Member States also noted the need to further develop guidelines, frameworks, and platforms for sharing good practices for the promotion of the status of the artist, as well as gather data and develop adequate monitoring systems, including by integrating digital technologies.</p> <p>The CLT Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution without amendments.</p>		

Items examined	Item 4.4 Category 2 institutes and centres - Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Latin America (Peru)		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start and end

Related documents	42 C/18. IV		
DRs examined	N/A 42		
Countries that took floor	2 Member States took the floor.		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson introduced the item 4.4 and gave the floor to the Assistant Director General for Culture, who briefly presented the item. Colombia took the floor to express support for the designation of CRESPIAL as UNESCO Category II Center to allow sufficient time for the signature and entry into force of the corresponding agreement before 31 December 2024.</p> <p>The CLT Commission recommended to the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution contained in this item, without amendment.</p> <p>After the adoption of the draft resolution, Peru took the floor to thank all Member States for their support to the mission of CRESPIAL.</p>		

Items examined	<p>Report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation (2022-2023)</p> <p>Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on its activities (January 2020 - December 2021)</p> <p>Report on the implementation of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property by the States Parties (1970)</p> <p>Report on the activities of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC)</p> <p>Report of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on its activities (2022–2023)</p>		
Debate no	4	Debate status	Start and end
Related documents	42 C/REP/20 42 C/REP/21 42 C/REP/23 42 C/REP/22 42 C/REP/19		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	N/A		
Summary of debate	<p>The Chairperson opened the session dedicated to the last item of the timetable, on the five reports, and that does not require a resolution, these reports being presented to Member States for their information. Three Member States took the floor to share information on different challenges and experiences in the area of World Heritage conservation, return and restitution of cultural property, as well as actions to promote cultural development through international cooperation, among others.</p> <p>Having examined the above-mentioned culture-related reports, the CLT Commission recommended the General Conference to take note of these reports.</p>		

	<p>The Chairperson gave the floor to the Assistant Director General for Culture, who thanked Member States for their cooperation and productive contributions for a successful work of the Culture Commission, with appreciation for the leadership of the Chairperson. The Chairperson therefore officially closed the meeting, announcing that the Oral Report will be presented at the General Conference on 21 November, and that a Written Report will be made available online.</p>
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