PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURES

21st session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)

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Proposals to increase the efficiency and role of the ICPRCP
Proposals concerning Membership, Sessions and Participants

- use of gender-neutral and gender-inclusive language in all publications and documents, including in the proposed amendments of the Rules of Procedure.
- promote diversity and inclusivity by limiting the mandate of its members to two consecutive mandates.
- encourage the nomination of specialists in the field of cultural property as the States member’s representatives.
- update the list of organizations that participate in an advisory capacity in the meetings of the Committee.
Proposals concerning the Agenda, the Bureau and the Conduct of Business

- reflect the current practice in preparation of the agenda for the sessions of the Committee.
- strengthen the complementarity between the work of other UNESCO organs, particularly the governing bodies of the 1970 Convention, and the Committee
- clarify about the meetings and composition of the Bureau and the role and responsibilities of the Rapporteur in harmonization with other culture Committees.
- elaborate on the section “conduct of Business” to group various segments of the original text relating to the management and organization of the sessions under one banner, in an effort to harmonize it with those of other Culture Sector committees.
Proposals concerning Procedures for Return and Restitution and Alternative Means of Dispute Resolution

- add new section in the new rules of procedure of the Committee covering the procedures for return and restitution.
- add a provision on information cases in order to strengthen the role of the Committee in promoting multilateral and bilateral cooperation.
- add a provision on procedure for mediation and conciliation in order to enhance the process of restitution of cultural objects.
Proposals concerning Voting

- facilitate the understanding of the rules concerning “voting”.
- clarify the regulations concerning the secret ballot, in line with the practice of other International and Intergovernmental Bodies (IIBs).
Proposals concerning Cooperation between the ICPRCP and the Subsidiary Committee

- provisions to emphasize the complementary and mutually reinforcing nature of the activities of the ICPRCP and the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention.
Proposals concerning the Secretariat of the Committee, Documents and Reports

- provisions on the duties of the Secretariat
- provisions regarding the documents and reports, the deadlines and means of distribution of the documents, the reports of the sessions and the summary records of the Committee’s meetings.
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