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**Meeting of States Parties to the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (UNESCO, Paris, 1970)**

**Third Meeting**  
**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room II**  
**18-20 May 2015**

**Provisional agenda item 7:** Elections to the Subsidiary Committee to the Meeting of States Parties

**Decision required: paragraph 5**

## I. Background and distribution of seats

1. Pursuant to Article 14.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) (hereinafter “the 1970 Convention”), the Subsidiary Committee shall be composed of representatives of 18 States Parties, 3 per regional group, elected by the Meeting of States Parties. The election of the Committee shall obey the principles of equitable geographical representation and rotation.

2. In accordance with Article 14.5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of four years. A member to the Committee may not be elected for two consecutive terms.

3. During the Extraordinary Meeting of States Parties (1 July 2013, UNESCO Headquarters), 18 States Parties were elected as members of the Subsidiary Committee. Pursuant to Article 14.5 of the Rules of Procedure the duration of the term of office of these members was designated by lot. The list was provided in Resolution Extra.MSP4 and as follows:

<b>Group I</b>	
Greece	2013-2017
Italy	2013-2017
Turkey	2013-2015
<b>Group II</b>	
Bulgaria	2013-2017
Croatia	2013-2015
Romania	2013-2015
<b>Group III</b>	
Ecuador	2013-2017
Mexico	2013-2017
Peru	2013-2015
<b>Group IV</b>	
China	2013-2015
Japan	2013-2017
Pakistan	2013-2015
<b>Group V(a)</b>	
Chad	2013-2015
Madagascar	2013-2017
Nigeria	2013-2017

Group V(b)	
Egypt	2013-2015
Morocco	2013-2017
Oman	2013-2015

## II. Procedure for the election of members of the Subsidiary Committee

4. The Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention make no provision for the election of the Subsidiary Committee's members. In line with the practice in force for elections to the intergovernmental committees established by other Culture Sector conventions, the Secretariat proposes that the following rules be applied:

### Step 1

Before the vote, and at the latest two working days before the beginning of the meeting, that is, before 10 a.m. on 13 May 2015, those States Parties wishing to stand for election to the Subsidiary Committee shall so inform the Secretariat by e-mail at ([convention1970@unesco.org](mailto:convention1970@unesco.org)). Once the list of candidates has been drawn up by the Secretariat, it shall be transmitted to the Chairperson at the opening of the meeting.

### Step 2

Before the vote, the Chairperson shall appoint two tellers from among the delegations of States Parties present. The Chairperson shall hand to them the list of States entitled to vote and the list of States Parties candidates. He/She shall announce the number of seats to be filled.

### Step 3

The Secretariat shall distribute to those Delegations one ballot paper bearing the list of all the States candidates.

### Step 4

Each Delegation shall cast its vote by circling the names of those States for which it wishes to vote.

### Step 5

The tellers shall collect from each Delegation the ballot papers and shall count the votes, under the supervision of the Chairperson. If more names of States have been circled than there are seats to be filled, ballot papers shall be considered invalid. Shall be considered as abstentions empty envelopes and ballot papers on which no names of States have been circled.

### Step 6

The three candidates who obtain the most votes in each electoral group shall be declared elected. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, the Chairperson shall hold a second vote. If the second vote does not produce the required result, the

Chairperson shall hold a third vote. If the third vote does not produce the required result, the Chairperson shall draw lots to allocate the remaining seats.

Step 7

The Chairperson shall announce the results of the election.

5. The Third Meeting of States Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution:

**III. DRAFT RESOLUTION 3.MSP 7**

The Third Meeting of States Parties,

1. Having examined document C70/15/3.MSP/7,
2. Recalling Articles 14.4 and 14.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention, adopted at the Second Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention, in June 2012,
3. Elects the following 9 States Parties as Members of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention:

Group I: \_\_\_\_\_

Group II: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Group III: \_\_\_\_\_

Group IV: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Group V(a): \_\_\_\_\_

Group V(b): \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_