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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION
OF THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS**

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Item 12 of the provisional agenda: Date of the seventeenth session of the Committee

Decision required: paragraph 5

1. Article 23.2 of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Convention”) stipulates that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter “the Committee”) shall meet annually.
2. At its first session in 2007, the Conference of Parties decided that, as a rule, the Committee would meet at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (Resolution [1.CP 6](#), paragraph 3).
3. At its twelfth session in 2018, the Committee took into account Recommendation 79 of the Open-ended Working Group on the Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of UNESCO’s Governing Bodies, which states that “International and Intergovernmental Bodies and their Secretariats are requested to enhance coordination in scheduling of meetings to avoid overlap.” (See [Document 39 C/20](#) Annex I – Part 2, paragraph 79), and proposed to hold its annual meetings in February.
4. In June 2019, the seventh session of the Conference of Parties approved the recommendation to hold future sessions of the Committee in February (Resolution [7.CP 10](#), paragraph 7).
5. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. *Having examined document DCE/23/16.IGC/12,*
2. *Decides to convene its seventeenth session at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 27 February to 1 March 2024.*