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Ratification by Cuba of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (Paris, 2 November 2001)



On 26 May 2008, Cuba deposited with the Director-General its instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage.

The instrument contained the two following declarations:

“La República de Cuba declara que, en virtud del Artículo 9, apartado 2 de la Convención, enviará mediante documento de la Presidencia de la Comisión Nacional de Monumentos avalado por el Consejo Nacional de Patrimonio Cultural del Ministerio de Cultura la correspondiente información de cualquier descubrimiento o actividad de patrimonio cultural subacuático en la zona económica exclusiva o en la plataforma continental de otro Estado Parte.” [Original: Spanish]

“La República de Cuba, con relación al apartado 3 del Artículo 25 relativo a la aplicación mutatis mutandis de las disposiciones sobre la solución de controversias enunciadas en la Parte XV de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Derecho del Mar, declara que reafirma la declaración realizada en virtud del Artículo 287 de dicha Convención, referente a la no aceptación de la jurisdicción de la Corte Internacional de Justicia y consecuentemente, la no aceptación tampoco de la jurisdicción de la Corte con relación a las disposiciones de sus Artículos 297 o 298.” [Original: Spanish]

In accordance with the terms of its Article 27, the Convention will enter into force three months after twenty instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession have been deposited. As of the above-mentioned date of deposit, seventeen instruments, including that of Cuba, have been deposited.

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Third Meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property

in the Event of Armed Conflict

On 4 June 2008, the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, opened the Third Meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, established by the Second Protocol (1999) to the 1954 Hague Convention. Commending the Committee on the success of its second meeting, held at UNESCO from 17 to 19 December 2007 and which resulted in the development of Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the Draft Guidelines for the Implementation of the Second Protocol, the Director-General encouraged it “to continue the important task of elaborating the draft guidelines through collective examination of three additional draft chapters, focusing on the dissemination and monitoring of the implementation of the Second Protocol, and international assistance...”

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Preparatory information meeting for Assembly of the States Parties to the 2003 convention

The director-General opened on June 2, 2008 an information meeting of the permanent delegates before UNESCO with the purpose of preparing the works of the general Assembly of the State Parties to the 2003 Convention for the protection of the intangible cultural heritage, which will take place in the headquarters of UNESCO, in Paris, from June 16 to 19.

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Ratification by Argentina of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Paris, 20 October 2005)



On 7 May 2008, Argentina deposited with the Director-General its instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

The instrument contained the following reservation:


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“La REPÚBLICA ARGENTINA considera que el artículo 27, párrafo 2, de la Convención, no es de aplicación respecto de los territorios sujetos a una controversia de soberanía entre dos Estados Parte de la Convención que sea reconocida por la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas” [original: Spanish]

In accordance with the terms of its Article 29, the aforementioned Convention will enter into force with respect to Argentina three months after the date of the deposit of its instrument, that is to say on 7 August 2008.


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Ratification by Hungary of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Paris, 20 October 2005)

 On 9 May 2008, Hungary deposited with the Director-General its instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. In accordance with the terms of its Article 29, the aforementioned Convention will enter into force with respect to Hungary three months after the date of the deposit of its instrument, that is to say on 9 August 2008.

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Ratification by Zimbabwe of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Paris, 20 October 2005)

 On 15 May 2008, Zimbabwe deposited with the Director-General its instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. In accordance with the terms of its Article 29, the aforementioned Convention will enter into force with respect to Zimbabwe three months after the date of

the deposit of its instrument, that is to say on 15 August 2008.

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Exchange session on the role and participation of civil society in the implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

*23 June 2008
Paris, France*

A meeting entitled ‘The role and participation of civil society in the implementation of the Convention for the Protection and the Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: An exchange between civil society and Parties to the Convention’, will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 23 June 2008 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room II (Decision 1.ICG 5C [PDF]).

This meeting will take place the day before the extraordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, which will be held from 24 to 27 June 2008, also at UNESCO Headquarters.

It aims to enable civil society and Parties to discuss the involvement of civil society in the implementation of the Convention and the relevant modalities. The working languages are English and French.

Representatives of Parties and non-governmental organizations with activities and interests in the fields covered by the Convention wishing to participate in the meeting are asked to register online no later than 15 June 2008 by filling in the registration form on the Convention website.

The following topics will be discussed during the meeting:

1. The role of civil society in the promotion and the implementation of the Convention:
 - a) Functions and contributions
 - b) Coordinated approach

2. Civil society's input to the work of the Organs of the Convention: options and proposals

3. The International Fund for Cultural Diversity and civil society: a contributor, a beneficiary, a service provider?

Organizers: UNESCO

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More info: <http://www.unesco.org/culture/en/diversity/convention/>

Capacity-Building Workshop on the Implementation of the 2003 Convention for the African States Parties to the 2003 Convention

23 - 24 June 2008

Paris, France

This workshop is the last in a series of three meetings targeting African states and aims at informing all African States Parties to the 2003 Convention about recent developments concerning operational aspects of the Convention (c.f. paragraph 04007 of UNESCO 34C/5), in particular, the preparation of nomination files for the Lists of the Convention and requests for international assistance.

It will immediately follow the second session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention (16 -19 June), which will, it is expected, approve the Operational Directives (e.g., selection criteria, calendar of ICH listings) which has been prepared by the Intergovernmental Committee over the last 16 months.

Observers from permanent delegations to UNESCO will be welcome. All relevant documents will soon be made available on the website of the 2003 Convention (www.unesco.org/culture/ich/).

The workshop is jointly financed by the UNESCO Regular Programme and the Government of Norway within the framework of the UNESCO/Norway Funds-in-Trust.

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More info: http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?lg=EN&pg=00015&year=2008&meeting_id=00104#meet_00104
