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The Assistant Director-General for Culture

**To Ministers responsible for
relations with UNESCO
States Parties and members of the
Intergovernmental Committee**

Ref.: CLT/CEI/DCE/085

**Subject: First Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the
Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural
Expressions, Ottawa, Canada, 10-13 December 2007**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, at its first session in Paris in June 2007, decided to convene the Intergovernmental Committee for the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in Ottawa, Canada in December 2007. I have the honour of inviting your Government to designate one or more representatives to the Committee's first session, which will take place from 10 to 13 December 2007. Please note that registration of participants will begin at 8.45 a.m. on Monday, 10 December. The opening ceremony will take place that same day at 10 a.m.

The provisional agenda for the first session of the Committee, as well as an information note concerning the organization and logistics of the meeting in Ottawa, are enclosed herewith. The other working documents will be sent to you separately during the month of November. They will also be available on UNESCO's website and in the meeting room.

In accordance with usual practice, travel and subsistence expenses of participants in this meeting will be borne by the State they represent. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French.

For all information concerning visas and other formalities for entering Canada, please contact directly the Canadian consulate or mission in your city/country. This letter, together with an official letter from you indicating the names of your State's representatives, can be used by them when applying for a visa. To avoid delays, I encourage all participants to take the necessary steps to obtain their visa as early as possible. Please note that no personal letters of invitation can be provided for that purpose and that the Canadian authorities alone have the final say as to whether a visa is granted or not.

For all practical questions concerning stay and accommodation in Ottawa, please contact directly the authorities of the host country (contact details are included in the information note).

Finally, I would be grateful if you could send the list of your State's representatives for the first session of the Intergovernmental Committee, together with their title and complete contact information, to Ms Galia Saouma-Forero, Chief of the Section for the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, UNESCO, 1 Rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, email: convention2005@unesco.org, tel: +33 (0)1 45 68 42 77, fax: +33 (0)1 45 68 55 95, **no later than 30 October 2007**.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Françoise Rivière

Enclosure:

1. Provisional agenda of the first session of the Intergovernmental Committee
 2. Information note
- cc: Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO