Subject: Invitation to the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge

Dear Colleague,

The Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention together with the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, are pleased to extend an invitation to the next meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge.

As recently announced, the meeting will take place on 25 – 27 March 2014 in Bratislava, the Slovak Republic.

The purpose of the meeting is a further discussion on and hopefully finalization of the Protocol on Cultural Heritage (and Traditional Knowledge) to the Carpathian Convention. It was agreed at the last Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee meeting, held on 18 – 20 February 2014 in Prague, the Czech Republic, that another meeting of the Working Group is necessary, to reach a common agreement on the draft Protocol’s future.

Therefore, we would like to draw your attention to above mentioned issue and suggest to you to undertake actions needed for the last steps towards the finalization of the draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage by consensus of all Parties, taking into account that the adoption of the Protocol should become one of the main highlights of the forthcoming Fourth Conference of the Parties, to be held on 23 – 24 September 2014 in Mikulov, the Czech Republic.
In order to reach the required consensus, we would like to encourage you to make sure that your country's delegation will include the relevant expert of the competent Ministry of Culture of your country.

Please find attached the draft Agenda of the meeting and the Registration Form.

We remain at your disposal for any further information or clarification you may need.

Yours sincerely,

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