

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO CONSULTATION

The purpose of this consultation exercise is to seek views on UNESCO's *Preliminary draft Convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions*.

Negotiations on the draft will be conducted in UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris. After a preliminary meeting in September this year, these negotiations will take place during a number of meetings throughout 2005, culminating in the autumn General Conference. DCMS officials will lead on the negotiations taking into account advice received through this consultation process. But other Government Departments will also be represented in these negotiations.

We would like to hear your views on the current text of the draft convention.

How to respond

When responding please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of an organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.

The deadline for responses is Friday 10 December.

Responses may be sent by letter, fax or email to:

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Additional copies should also be sent to

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The DCMS may make your response public. If you do not want all or part of your response or name made public, please state this clearly in the response. Any confidentiality disclaimer that may be generated by your organisation's IT system, or

included as a general statement in your fax cover sheet, will be taken to apply only to information in your response for which confidentiality has been requested.

We will handle any personal data you provide appropriately in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

This letter and attachments are being posted on the Department's web site (www.culture.gov.uk).

What happens next?

After the consultation closes we will analyse the responses to the consultation document and will provide feedback within three months. A copy of the feedback will be available on the Department's web site.

Complaints

If you should wish to complain about the manner in which this consultation has been carried out, you should write to: Paul Walker, Strategy, Policy and Delivery, DCMS, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH.