

Brazil has invested its best efforts in effectively managing its intangible cultural heritage and in implementing the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003 Convention) at the national level. Some of the country's best practices have been recognized by UNESCO and occasionally replicated in the region. At the international level, different safeguarding initiatives have also counted on Brazil's full support. Compliance with the 2003 Convention, geared at the identification, registration, support and promotion of intangible heritage, has also driven Brazil to allot financial resources to the organization of activities aimed at fostering and/or strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Furthermore, Brazil convened a number of expert meetings for the establishment of local and regional capacity-building and knowledge-sharing strategies for the identification, mapping, registration, management and promotion of intangible cultural heritage. The recent creation of the Lucio Costa Centre, a

UNESCO category II centre in Rio de Janeiro for cultural heritage management training, reinforces our actions in this field. The objective of the Lucio Costa Centre is to build capacities for cultural heritage management in South American countries and Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries in other regions, as well as to act as a reference centre for education, research, training, and networking through courses, projects and programmes. With these credentials, Brazil presents its candidacy to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO. Brazil hopes to deserve the endorsement all State Parties to its aspiration to a seat on the Committee and pledges to continue committed to the goals of the 2003 Convention.

The Brazilian Delegation*

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