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**NOMINATIONS OF NEW ITEMS OF DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE TO BE INSCRIBED
ON THE MEMORY OF THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL REGISTER**

SUMMARY

In accordance with Sections 8.5.1.1 and 8.5.3.5.4 of the General Guidelines of the Memory of the World (MoW) Programme as approved by the Executive Board at its 211th session (211 EX/Decision 10), the Director-General submits hereby the nominations decided upon by the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme at its fourteenth ordinary session and at an extraordinary session held online on 11 April 2023 for the endorsement of the Executive Board. The list of 64 nominations is contained in the information document 216 EX/12.INF.

Decision required: paragraph 4.



INTRODUCTION

1. In line with Section 8.5 of the General Guidelines of the Memory of the World Programme and in compliance with 211 EX/Decision 10 adopted by the Executive Board at its 211th session, the Secretariat issued a call for nominations for the 2022-2023 nomination cycle of its Memory of the World International Register. The nomination submission period ran from 1 July to 30 November 2021.

2. At its fourteenth ordinary session held from 8 to 10 March 2023 at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, and at an extraordinary session held online on 11 April 2023, the International Advisory Committee (IAC) assessed 88 submitted nominations regarding items of documentary heritage for possible inscription on the Memory of the World International Register for the 2022-2023 nomination cycle. Consequently, the IAC decided to nominate 64 new items of documentary heritage to be inscribed on the Memory of the World International Register.

3. In accordance with Section 8.5.3.5.4 of the General Guidelines of the Memory of the World Programme as approved by the Executive Board at its 211th session (211 EX/Decision 10), these nominations decided upon by the IAC are hereby submitted to the Executive Board for its endorsement. The details of the 64 nominations of new items of documentary heritage are contained in the information document 216 EX/12.INF.

Proposed draft decision

4. In light of the above, the Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 211 EX/Decision 10,
2. Having examined documents 216 EX/12 and 216 EX/12.INF,
3. Welcomes the important contribution of the Memory of the World Programme to the Organization's work with regard to the identification, preservation and accessibility of the world's documentary heritage;
4. Endorses the nominations of the new items of documentary heritage decided upon by the International Advisory Committee (IAC) for inscription on the Memory of the World International Register in the 2022-2023 nomination cycle;
5. Invites the Director-General to issue the call for nominations for the 2024-2025 nomination cycle, in accordance with Section 8.5.1.1. of the General Guidelines of the Memory of the World Programme, not later than 1 July 2023.