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## **GROUP OF FRIENDS OF UNESCO TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES (TSG)**

## **LETTER OF COMMITMENT**

(This letter can be used for Ministers, Ambassadors and representatives of Permanent Delegations.)

I understand that my role as a member of the Group of Friends of UNESCO TSG is a significant responsibility and will be part of my key priorities. Members of the Friends of Traditional Sports and Games (TSG) are committed to promoting and safeguarding traditional sports and games in their national policies, as well as regionally and internationally. The Group will play a significant role in UNESCO's strategic planning and implementation process through a broad dialogue-based and consensus-building approach. Each Member of the Group of Friends shall individually, as well as on a collective basis, undertake to:

- \* Raise awareness of the need to address the necessary safeguarding and promotion of traditional sports and games;
- Promote institutionalization of Safeguarding and Promoting TSG through coordination and cooperation between UNESCO, the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, national, regional and international authorities;
- \* Support the mission, adhere to the vision and promote the values of the programme for the Safeguarding and Promotion of Traditional Sports and Games;
- \* Emphasize the importance of coordination and conveying a unified message and approach to safeguard and promote Traditional Sports and Games with the guidance of the Secretariat and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee;
- \* Provide political support to efforts by the Secretariat and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to safeguard and promote Traditional Sports and Games;
- \* Share lessons learned and best practices involved around various topics pertaining to the safeguarding and promotion of Traditional Sports and Games including, but not limited to, the importance of good governance, gender equality, women's and youth engagement, education, development, intercultural dialogue;
- \* Support communities to actively safeguard and promote Traditional Sports and Games;
- \* Provide a forum for discussion and coordination between UNESCO, the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, the Ad Hoc Working Groups, governments, civil society and other stakeholders to ensure a mainstream approach and non-duplicative efforts;
- \* Contribute to the fundraising strategy and mobilization of donors and mobilize more resources in order to secure sustained funding for mediation activities; and
- \* Attend to the meetings on a regular basis to discuss the programme, new initiatives and other activities at Ministerial level, level of Permanent Representatives and Experts

I have read and fully agree to this Letter of Commitment and look forward to provide my cooperation in this matter.

Signed	Date
Print name	

(Please kindly sign this letter and return a hard copy via courier to Mr. M Dally, Coordinator of the Programme, (UNESCO, 7, place de Fontenoy, 75352, Paris 07 SP, France) and kindly email a scanned version of the signed letter to the office of the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, Mr. K Khan, (chairman@unescotsg.org) with a copy to Mr. Dally (m.dally@unesco.org) and to (office@unescotsg.org) in order to communicate your acceptance of the terms and conditions provided herein.)