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Permanent Delegate of Slovakia to
UNESCO
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Dear Ambassador,

I would like to congratulate you for the inscription of 'Bagpipe culture' on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (December 2015, Windhoek). The nomination file, related documents and decisions are available for public access on [the website of the Convention](#).

I am pleased to send you herewith a copy of the certificate of inscription signed by the Director-General. The original is at your disposal at the Secretariat of the Section (office 3.075). May I ask you to kindly retrieve and transmit it to the entity concerned?

I should be grateful if you would kindly inform the communities and other stakeholders concerned regarding the rules governing the use of the emblem of the Convention. Any utilization must have the prior authorization of the appropriate authorities. Additional information on the use of the emblem is available at <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/emblem>.

Finally, as you know, I am leaving the Organisation at the end of this month after having spent many years of service at UNESCO dedicated to promoting its ideals, most notably through the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. I am now passing the torch to my successor, Mr Tim Curtis, who undoubtedly will carry it with the same pride and determination to recognize, promote and safeguard the living heritage of communities throughout the world. I am convinced that Mr Curtis will be able to count on the full cooperation of the authorities of your country and yourself to fulfil his new functions.

Yours sincerely,

Cécile Duvelle
Secretary, Convention for the Safeguarding of
the Intangible Cultural Heritage
Chief, Intangible Cultural Heritage Section

Enclosures: Decision 10.COM 10.b.27
Electronic copy of the certificate

cc: Slovak Commission for UNESCO
Mr Juraj Hamar, Director, SLUK