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**ADDENDUM**

The following nominations have been withdrawn by the submitting States Parties:

Draft Decision	Submitting State	Element	File No.
<a href="#">8.COM 8.6</a>	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Alasita festivity, the Iqiqu (Ekeko) and Illa ritual	<a href="#">00625</a>
<a href="#">8.COM 8.9</a>	Croatia	Moreška, a sword dance-drama of Korčula	<a href="#">00745</a>
<a href="#">8.COM 8.18</a>	Kazakhstan	Folk dance Kara-Zhorga	<a href="#">00906</a>



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**Summary**

At its seventh session, the Committee established a Subsidiary Body responsible for the evaluation in 2013 of nominations for inscription on the Representative List ([Decision 7.COM 12.c](#)). This document constitutes the report of the Subsidiary Body, which includes an overview of the 2013 nominations and working methods (Part A), the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body (Part B), comments and observations on the 2013 nominations (Part C) and a set of draft decisions for the Committee's consideration (Part D).

**Decisions required:** paragraph 57

**DRAFT DECISION 8.COM 8.10** 

## The Committee

1. Takes note that Cyprus, Croatia, Spain, **Greece**, Italy, Morocco and Portugal have nominated **Mediterranean diet** (No. 00884) for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity:

The Mediterranean diet involves a set of skills, knowledge, rituals, symbols and traditions concerning crops, harvesting, fishing, animal husbandry, conservation, processing, cooking, and particularly the sharing and consumption of food. Eating together is the foundation of the cultural identity and continuity of communities throughout the Mediterranean basin. It is a moment of social exchange and communication, an affirmation and renewal of family, group or community identity. The Mediterranean diet emphasizes values of hospitality, neighbourliness, intercultural dialogue and creativity, and a way of life guided by respect for diversity. It plays a vital role in cultural spaces, festivals and celebrations, bringing together people of all ages, conditions and social classes. It includes the craftsmanship and production of traditional receptacles for the transport, preservation and consumption of food, including ceramic plates and glasses. Women play an important role in transmitting knowledge of the Mediterranean diet: they safeguard its techniques, respect seasonal rhythms and festive events, and transmit the values of the element to new generations. Markets also play a key role as spaces for cultivating and transmitting the Mediterranean diet during the daily practice of exchange, agreement and mutual respect.

2. Decides that, from the information included in the file, the nomination satisfies the following criteria for inscription on the Representative List:

R.1: Transmitted from generation to generation, particularly through families, the Mediterranean diet provides a sense of belonging and sharing and constitutes for those who live in the Mediterranean basin a marker of identity and a space for sharing and dialogue;

R.2: Inscription of the element on the Representative List could contribute to raising awareness of the significance of healthy and sustainable food related practices in other parts of the world, while encouraging intercultural dialogue, testifying to creativity and promoting respect for cultural, environmental and biological diversity;

R.3: Safeguarding measures focus on raising awareness, transmission, documentation, revitalization as well as legislative actions; emphasis is placed on strengthening cooperation mechanisms between and among the communities and States concerned;

R.4: Through several meetings, the communities concerned in seven countries participated in the preparation of the nomination and gave their free, prior and informed consent;

R.5: The Mediterranean diet and its local manifestations have been the subject of research and documentation in each of the States Parties concerned and figure into one or more inventories in each State.

3. **Inscribes Mediterranean diet** on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.