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They recognise the urgent need to protect the intangible cultural heritage for current and future generations. In this respect, they support the 2003 UNESCO Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

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