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Dame Caroline Dinenage MP
Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Committee
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Dear Dame Caroline,

I promised to write to provide further details of the next steps of the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

In April this year, following close work with the Devolved Governments, my department published a consultation response on the approach to create inventories of living heritage (a phrase we prefer to 'Intangible Cultural Heritage') across the UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/2003-unesco-convention-for-the-safeguarding-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage>

Officials from my department and the Devolved Governments have since been developing the details needed to open the call for submissions, including creating the application forms, associated guidance, and drawing up the process for establishing the review panels and the approach for community engagement and support.

We need to ensure there is full agreement on these elements before opening the call so I do not have a fixed date to share with you, but we fully expect it to be in the coming months. At this point we will also publish information about the following steps we propose to take to support safeguarding.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Chris Bryant MP
Minister for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism