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Dear Mr. Germann,

Thank you for your letter concerning your study on the implementation of the UNESCO Convention on Cultural Diversity to Director General Pascal Lamy, who has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Mr. Martin Roy has been keeping me informed of contacts with him regarding the questions you refer to. While we appreciate and understand the importance of the study you are undertaking, the WTO Secretariat is not in a position to monitor the implementation of the UNESCO Convention by Member governments. Nor is the Secretariat in a position to pronounce itself on the interpretation or implementation of Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention. None of these matters have been raised by WTO Members in any discussions. We therefore have no registered views of Member governments on these issues.

Yours sincerely,

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**Study on the Implementation of the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions for the European Parliament**

Dear Mr. Lamy,

We are in the process of completing a study for the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (tender procedure IP/B/CULT/IC/2009-057). The overall objective of this study is to provide a summary of the state of implementation of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions of 2005, in particular in fields where the European Community would be expected to provide leadership or coordination.

For additional information on this mandate, please find attached our press release and updates on [www.diversitystudy.eu](http://www.diversitystudy.eu)

In the context of this study, my colleague Jonathan Henriques contacted Martin Roy from your organization who indicated that he could not reply to the questions of our survey – please find attached a copy of the email exchanges.

I would highly appreciate if you could facilitate the gathering of the information we request. Please find attached our list of interview questions. I believe that the WTO should be able to respond at least to questions 3 and 4. Accordingly, I kindly suggest that you instruct your staff to deliver answers to these two questions.

I stay at your disposal for any additional information you may need in this matter.

Yours sincerely,  
SIG.  
Dr Christophe Germann