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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda : Consideration of nominations to the World Heritage List

1. At its second session (28 to 30 May 1979), the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee examined 75 nominations to the World Heritage List which had been presented by 20 States Parties to the Convention. Of these 75 properties, the Bureau recommended 42 for inscription on the List.

2. The Bureau considered that a decision as to the inscription of 31 properties should be deferred until such time as the information and documentation supporting the nominations had been completed. The Bureau decided however to re-examine at its third session (Cairo, 21 October 1979) any of these 31 nominations for which the necessary additional information and documentation had been received in time to allow their adequate processing by the Secretariat and the competent non-governmental organization (IUCN or ICOMOS).

3. The Bureau furthermore has recommended to the Committee that two properties should not be considered further for the World Heritage List.

4. Seventeen additional nominations of cultural and natural properties had been received too late to enable the Secretariat and the competent non-governmental organization to process them in time for examination by the Bureau at its second session.

5. All the nominations examined by the Bureau at its second session are listed below, together with the recommendations of the Bureau thereon.

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I PROPERTIES RECOMMENDED FOR INSCRIPTION ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

6. The Bureau has recommended that the following properties be entered on the World Heritage List :

n°	Name of property	State Party	N C*
8	Ichkeul National Park	Tunisia	N
19	Fasil Ghebbi, Gondar region	Ethiopia	C
20	Ancien city of Damascus	Syrian Arab Republic	C
31	Auschwitz Concentration Camp	Poland	C
33	Bialowieza National park	Poland	N
36	Medina of Tunis	Tunisia	C
37	Archaeological Site of Carthage	Tunisia	C
38	Amphitheatre of El Djem	Tunisia	C
39	Ngorongoro conservation area	Tanzania	N-C
42	Boyana Church	Bulgaria	C
44	Thracian tomb of Kazanlak	Bulgaria	C
45	Rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo	Bulgaria	C
58	Urnes stave church	Norway	C
59	Bryggen	Norway	C
64	Tikal national park	Guatemala	C-N
65	Antigua Guatemala	Guatemala	C
71	Dinosaur provincial park	Canada	N
72	Kluane national park, Wrangell-St Elias National monument	Canada and U.S.A.	N
75	Grand Canyon national park	U.S.A.	N
76	Everglades national park	U.S.A.	N
78	Independence hall	U.S.A.	C
80	Mont St.-Michel and its Bay	France	C-N
81	Chartres cathedral	France	C
83	Palace and Park of Versailles	France	C

* N : natural C : Cultural

n°	Name of property	State Party	N-C
84	Vezelay, Church and Hill	France	C
85	Decorated grottoes of the Vezere valley	France	C
86	Memphis and its Necropolis The Pyramid fields from Giza to Dahshur	Egypt	C
87	Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis	Egypt	C
88	Open air museum of Nubia and Aswan	Egypt	C
89	Islamic Cairo	Egypt	C
90	Abu Mena	Egypt	C
92	Convent of St.Guilia/ St.Salvator	Italy	C
94	Rock drawings in Val Camonica	Italy	C
95	Old City of Dubrovnik	Yugoslavia	C
96	Stari Ras and Sopocani	Yugoslavia	C
97	Historical complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian	Yugoslavia	C
98	Plitvice lakes national park	Yugoslavia	N
113	Tchogha Zanbil	Iran	C
114	Persepolis	Iran	C
115	Meidan-e Shah, Esfahan	Iran	C
120	Sagarmatha national park	Nepal	N
121	Kathmandu valley	Nepal	C

II NOMINATIONS ON WHICH THE BUREAU RECOMMENDED THAT A DECISION BE DEFERRED

7. At its second session, the Bureau was unable to formulate a recommendation as to the inscription of the following sites on the World Heritage List, for reasons stated :

Lower Valley of the Awash - n° 10 - Ethiopia
Adulis - n° 11 - "
Tiya - n° 12 - "
Melka Kontoure - n° 13 - "

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Matara	- n° 14 -	Ethiopia
Aksum	- n° 15 -	"
Yeha	- n° 16 -	"
Lower Valley of the Omo	- n° 17 -	"

These nominations had already been examined by the Bureau at its first meeting in 1978; the necessary complementary documentation has not been received. For this reason, consideration thereof was once more deferred.

Ancient City of Aleppo	- n° 21 -	Syrian Arab	Republic	
Ancient Town of Bosra	- n° 22 -	"	"	"
Site of Palmyre	- n° 23 -	"	"	"

ICOMOS felt that some additional information and documentation was necessary in support of these nominations and the Bureau consequently decided to re-examine them once they have been completed.

Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary - n° 25 - Senegal

The Bureau decided to defer its recommendation with respect to this site. In making this decision, the Bureau was influenced by two factors : the quality and the threats hanging over the site. According to IUCN, other wetlands exist in the same region which surpass Djoudj in universal importance. Furthermore, there is an additional serious threat of damage to the site from the development works on the delta of the River Senegal.

Warsaw Historical Centre - n° 30 - Poland

The inscription of this site on the List was supported by ICOMOS. The documentation is excellent and the centre of Warsaw is an exceptional example of reconstruction. Furthermore, it has been made into a symbol by the patriotic feeling of the Polish people. However, opinion was divided in the Bureau, since the site did not meet the criteria of authenticity, and the Bureau deferred its recommendation so that the questions raised in this respect could be thoroughly studied.

Forts and castles, Volta Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions - n° 34 - Ghana

ICOMOS had expressed a favourable opinion with respect to the inscription on the World Heritage List of the Forts and Castles proposed by Ghana because they represent unique artistic or esthetic achievements and constitute characteristic examples of architectural styles. However, the Bureau considered it necessary to have further details on this nomination. Since it concerns a series of thirty-six forts and castles which do not have the same legal status and the state of conservation of which varies considerably, the nomination

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should include a complete inventory of all the monuments and a map showing their geographical location as well as the protection zone around the buildings. The Bureau was of the opinion that in view of the bad state of conservation of some of the monuments, it would be preferable to enter in the List only those which are the most representative of the series and it felt that the Government of Ghana should be invited to reconsider the nomination in the light of these comments. The Bureau considered that it would be desirable to obtain a complete proposal in time to enable the Bureau and the Committee to discuss the matter next October. In this connection, preparatory assistance for the elaboration of the nomination could be provided to the Government of Ghana if it so wished.

Asante traditional buildings - n° 35 - Ghana

The Bureau wished to receive more information on these buildings; a map of the region, a list of the buildings and photographs would be welcome.

Madara rider - n° 43 - Bulgaria

The recommendation on this nomination was deferred at the suggestion of ICOMOS which considered that a comparative study was necessary in order to evaluate this property.

Røros	- n° 55 -	Norway
Valley of Heidal	- n° 56 -	"
Kjerringøy	- n° 57 -	"
Eidsvoll Building	- n° 60 -	"
Vingen	- n° 61 -	"
Mølen	- n° 62 -	"

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Following the report of ICOMOS, the Bureau deferred examination of these nominations for which complementary information should be obtained. A site such as the Eidsvoll Building, nº 60, was undoubtedly of national importance but the justification of the universal value of all these sites should be further developed.

Virunga National Park - nº 63 - Zaire

Virunga National Park was recognized as worthy of inscription on the List, but the nomination was incomplete. Supplementary information and documentation should be made available to the Bureau to enable it to re-examine the dossier at its meeting in October.

Edison National Historic Site - nº 77 - U.S.A.

Although inscription of this property on the List had been recommended by ICOMOS under criterion (vi) relating to cultural property, examination of this nomination had brought to light the difficulty of applying that criterion. In fact, the Bureau considered that its present wording could lead to an inordinate number of nominations. The decision on this nomination was consequently deferred pending revision of criterion (vi) which seemed necessary. It was moreover suggested that the Government of the United States of America reconsider which criteria the proposal is based on.

Paphos, Birthplace of Aphrodite - nº 79 - Cyprus

In view of ICOMOS' opinion that more precise information should be made available on the delimitation of the sites and on their unique character, the Bureau deferred its recommendation until supplementary information had been provided.

The Historic Centre of Rome - nº 91 - Italy

There was no doubt that the historic centre of Rome is of outstanding universal value. But the Bureau, in agreement with ICOMOS, considered that the documentation was insufficient. A precise inventory of what should be preserved and a description of the safeguarding measures foreseen for the centre should be provided. It was considered that the nomination of a site of such importance should be accompanied by very precise documentation and the hope was expressed that a more detailed proposal would be available for the next Bureau meeting.

"The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci - nº 93 - Italy

The inscription of this property on the World Heritage List was recommended by ICOMOS. However, the Bureau felt that complementary information was necessary with respect to preservation and restoration plans, and especially on any plans to transfer the painting. The recommendation on this nomination was deferred until such information had been received. If the property came to be considered as "movable property" it could not be considered to fall within the terms of Article 1 of the Convention.

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Ohrid region with its cultural and historical aspects and natural environment - n° 99 - Yugoslavia

IUCN was of the opinion that as far as the natural features were concerned, the site could not be recommended for inscription on the World Heritage List because it did not possess the necessary integrity, since only half of the lake and a small part of the basin are in Yugoslav territory. ICOMOS, on its side, felt that the cultural elements in the proposal should be examined more thoroughly before a recommendation on their universal value could be formulated. Given these viewpoints, the Bureau decided to defer its recommendation to enable ICOMOS to complete its study of the proposal.

Durmitor National Park - n° 100 - Yugoslavia

The Bureau deferred its recommendation on the advice of IUCN which would like a more precise technical report on the different zones of the Park.

Bale Mountain National Park - n° 111 - Ethiopia

The Bureau deferred its recommendation in view of the lack of documentation and since IUCN considered it necessary to undertake a more thorough evaluation of the site.

Abijatta Shalla Lakes National Park - n° 112 - Ethiopia

The Bureau deferred its recommendation at the request of IUCN which would like further information to enable it to formulate its recommendation.

8. The Bureau has recommended that the following properties should not be considered further for the World Heritage List :

- Zembra and Zembretta Islands National Park, Tunisia (N° 5); and
- The Madeleine Island, Senegal (N° 73).

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III NOMINATIONS NOT CONSIDERED BY THE BUREAU

9. Nominations for the following properties were received too late to be considered by the Bureau at its second session :

N°	Name	Country	N-C
101	The Dey's Palace at Algiers	Algeria	C
102	Kalaa Beni Hammad	Algeria	C
103	Setif Citadel	Algeria	C
104	Church of Orosi	Costa Rica	C
105	National monument of San José	Costa Rica	C
106	Guayabo de Turrialba National Archeological Park	Costa Rica	C
107	Historic House of Santa Rosa	Costa Rica	C
108	National Theatre of San José	Costa Rica	C
109	Ruins of Ujarras	Costa Rica	C
110	Church of Nicoya	Costa Rica	C
116	Town of Djenne	Mali	C
117	National Park of the Baoulé Loop	Mali	N
118	Land of the Dogon	Mali	N-C
119	Timbuktu	Mali	C
122	Birni Gazargamu and Gambaru	Nigeria	C
123	Kainji Lake National Park	Nigeria	N
124	Town of Ouro Preto	Brazil	C

C : Cultural N : Natural