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CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD CULTURAL
AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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Elections to the World Heritage Committee

1. Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage provides that:

'1. The term of office of States members of the World Heritage Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its third subsequent ordinary session'.

2. Since the end of the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference, the World Heritage Committee has been composed of the following 21 States Parties:

Algeria	Malawi
Australia	Mexico
Brazil	Norway
Bulgaria	Pakistan
Canada	Sri Lanka
Cuba	Tanzania, United Republic of
France	Tunisia
Greece	Turkey
India	United States of America
Italy	Yemen Arab Republic
Lebanon	

3. The 21 members of the Committee listed above were elected by the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention at its fourth, fifth and sixth sessions, held respectively on 28 October 1983, 4 November 1985 and 30 October 1987.

In accordance with Article 9, paragraph 2, of the World Heritage Convention, the terms of office of the members of the Committee extend as follows:

(i) until the end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference: Algeria, Australia, Lebanon, Malawi, Norway, Sri Lanka and Turkey;

- (ii) until the end of the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference: Bulgaria, Canada, Greece, India, Mexico, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen Arab Republic;
- (iii) until the end of the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference: Brazil, Cuba, France, Italy, Pakistan, Tunisia and the United States of America.

4. The present General Assembly is called upon to elect seven members to the World Heritage Committee to replace the seven members listed in subparagraph (i) of paragraph 3 above.

5. In this connection, it should be remembered that Article 16, paragraph 5, of the Convention provides that 'Any State Party to the Convention which is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year and the calendar year immediately preceding it shall not be eligible as a Member of the World Heritage Committee... The terms of office of any such State which is already a member of the Committee shall terminate at the time of the elections provided for in Article 8, paragraph 1, of this Convention'. A statement of compulsory and voluntary contributions as at 31 August 1989 appears in document CC-89/CONF.013/2, Annex III. The General Assembly will be informed of all compulsory or voluntary contributions received since 31 August 1989.