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**ITEM 7 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA: Requests for International Assistance
CULTURAL HERITAGE**

1. Studenica Monastery (Yugoslavia)

At its 13th session, the World Heritage Committee asked Yugoslavia to revise its request for this property providing additional information. This amended request is now being submitted to the Bureau for recommendation to the Committee.

Background: The Studenica Monastery was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1986. In October 1988, two ICCROM experts travelled to Yugoslavia to assess the threats to the Monastery and evaluate the impact of the possible construction of a dam some ten kilometres away from the property (US\$ 2.500). In 1989, a specialist from Yugoslavia was granted a fellowship to attend the Stone Conservation Course organized by the Venice Office. A fellowship (US\$ 5.000) was also awarded to enable a Yugoslav specialist to attend the 1990 ICCROM Architectural Conservation Course. Since 1982, US\$ 84.800 have been granted to Yugoslavia under the World Heritage Fund for the purchase of equipment to be used on cultural properties.

In 1990, US\$ 9.000 have been approved for an expert mission for the preservation of the marble facades of the Studenica Monastery. Training is also foreseen for two fellows (two months each) early next year if the computer equipment indicated below (which they are to use) is approved by the Committee.

Description of the request: The Monastery of Studenica, one of the oldest and most important cultural monuments in Serbia, is located in a very active seismic area. In addition, marbles and frescoes are badly damaged by the climate and humidity. The Yugoslav Authorities request the purchase of equipment for the restoration of mural paintings (US\$ 7.000), computer equipment (US\$ 35.000) and photographic equipment (US\$ 9.000).

National contribution: the research and conservation work will be financed by Yugoslavia during the next ten years.

Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund: a sum of US\$ 51.000 is requested for the restoration and preservation of the Studenica Monastery.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is invited to make a recommendation on this request to the Committee.

2. Ngorongoro Conservation Area (United Republic of Tanzania)

At their 13th session, the Bureau and the World Heritage Committee deferred their recommendation or decision on the request submitted by the United Republic of Tanzania for the purchase of a Land Rover and communication equipment (US\$ 49.782) to be used on the archaeological and palaeontological site of Olduvai, situated within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

The Bureau had requested ICOMOS to present to the Committee an evaluation of the property, inscribed in 1979 on the World Heritage List under three natural criteria. The evaluation was submitted to the Committee which deferred its decision and requested the State Party to provide additional information.

Until now, contributions from the World Heritage Fund amounting to approx. US\$ 420.000 have been provided to the United Republic of Tanzania. In particular, US\$ 135.000 were approved in 1988 and 1989 for the purchase of vehicles for Mweka College, Selous Reserve and Ngorongoro.

The information requested by the Committee is at the disposal of the members of the Bureau. The request is aimed at providing communication and transport equipment between Olduvai and Ngorongoro or Karatu, situated some 48 and 65 kms away and at monitoring the protection and preservation of the site.