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I - Seat of the meeting

1. At the generous invitation of the Government of Tunisia, the fifteenth session of the World Heritage Committee will be held in Carthage, Tunisia, from 9 to 13 December 1991.

2. The Secretariat of the World Heritage Committee will function at the seat of the meeting as of 5 December 1991. From that date, all communications, including personal mail, should be addressed as follows:

Postal address: Fondation Nationale de Carthage
(c/o World Heritage Committee)
Ancien palais beylical
2016 CARTHAGE, Tunisia

Telephones: (216) 1-731.204 and 277.275
Fax: (216) 1-262.452

3. Up to 4 December 1991, all communications and enquiries, except as regards hotel reservations (see paragraph 19), should be addressed as follows:

Postal address: Ms. Mireille Jardin
Division of Ecological Sciences
UNESCO
1 rue Miollis
75015 PARIS, France

Telephone: (33) 1-4568.4050
Telex: 204461 Paris
270602 Paris
Fax: (33) 1-40.65.98.97

II - Registration of participants

4. All participants are requested to register at the meeting reception desk at the Fondation Nationale de Carthage on 8 December 1991 from 10h00 am to 20h00, or on 9 December 1991 from 9h00 to 10h00. On registration, each participant will receive a set of meeting documents, a name badge and other requisite material. Delegates are encouraged to wear their badges during the period of the meeting to facilitate identification. The reception service will function from 9h30 to 13h30 and 14h30 to 19h00. During the meeting, delegates will be able to receive mail, messages and cables at the registration desk. Mail may also, of course, be addressed to delegates' rooms at their hotel.

III - Opening session

5. The meeting will start at 10h00, on Monday, 9 December 1991, in the main conference room of the Fondation Nationale de Carthage (see paragraph 2).

IV - Schedule of sessions

6. Meetings will normally take place as follows:

Mornings: 10h00 to 13h00
Afternoons: 15h00 to 18h00

The daily schedule of meetings will be posted at the registration desk; delegates are advised to check daily for any possible schedule changes.

V - Meeting documents

7. Delegates will receive a complete set of meeting documents prior to the meeting. Additional copies will be available in Carthage. All working documents and information notes, as well as documents prepared during the meeting - including the draft final report - will be provided in the Committee's working languages, English and French.

8. Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be able to type, translate or reproduce any documents other than those relating directly to the work of the Committee.

VI - Working languages

9. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. All statements made at meetings in one of the working languages will be interpreted simultaneously into the other working language.

VII - Media facilities

10. An equipped media centre will be set up on site to facilitate the work of journalists who wish to cover the proceedings or to interview delegates.

11. The Tunisian authorities will provide media relations support in co-operation with the Secretariat, to assist journalists. Statements, news releases, media advisories, etc. will be provided by this office.

VIII - Other services

12. Staff at the hotel provide a full range of tourism, travel and accommodation services which will be at the disposal of the delegates and their spouses. Delegates wishing to visit other areas in the region (in addition to the organized post-meeting excursions) may be assisted by secretarial support staff and hotel staff.

13. Facilities in Carthage provide a full range of banking, medical, communications and recreational services, as well as a number of restaurants.

IX - Entry requirements

14. All delegates and other participants entering Tunisia must be in possession of a valid passport. An entry (visitor's) visa, delivered by the nearest Tunisian diplomatic or consular mission, is also required, except for delegates and other participants of countries whose nationals do not require a visitor's visa in order to visit Tunisia (generally the case for most countries). Delegates and other participants who do require a visa and who are from countries where Tunisia has no diplomatic or consular mission, may contact the Tunisian mission in another country at their convenience. Travel agents are usually knowledgeable and helpful in this respect. In order to avoid delays or difficulties, delegates who do require a visa should take steps to obtain it one month prior to their date of departure for Tunisia. To obtain the visa, they will need to possess: (1) a valid passport; (2) a document justifying their visit to Tunisia, and (3) a return air ticket.

X - Entry arrangements

15. Delegates and other participants are invited to fax their name, status, date of arrival in Tunisia, and their flight number not later than 30 November 1991 to:

World Heritage Committee
c/o Mr. Azedine Beschouch
Fondation Nationale de Carthage
2016 CARTHAGE, Tunisia

Fax: (216.1) 262-452

This information will enable the Tunisian authorities to facilitate entry formalities as far as possible.

XI - Health requirements

16. Visitors entering Tunisia for periods of less than six months do not require a medical examination.

XII - Currency regulations

17. The Tunisian dinar is not convertible. There is no limit on the amount of foreign currency or travellers cheques delegates may bring with them into Tunisia. Banks in Carthage are able to change foreign currency. In July 1991, the Tunisian dinar was valued at 1.1 US dollars, or 6 Ffr. Monetary denominations in Tunisian currency are:

Coins: 0.010; 0.020; 0.050; 0.100; 0.500; 1.000 dinar
Notes: 1 dinar; 5 d.; 10 d.; 20 dinars.

XIII - Climatic information

18. In December, in Carthage, it is the winter season, but meridional. The temperatures vary between +10° to +14° C. Rain is possible.

XIV - Accommodation

19. In Carthage, a World Heritage site, two hotels are suggested for delegates and participants. Rooms, at a special convention rate, have already been block booked. The Hotel AMILCAR, (3 stars) is by the sea and comprises 100 rooms:

Price: full board single = 20.000 DT and double = 32.000 DT.

The second Hotel REINE DIDON, is situated on a hill with a view of the town, opposite the Museum, and comprises 20 rooms:

Price: full board single = 29.500 DT and double = 49.000 DT.

Delegates wishing to spend additional time before or after the sessions will be able to take advantage of the special conference room rate in these hotels.

XV - Reception on arrival and departure

20. Tunisian personnel will staff a reception and information desk at the international airport of Tunis on the 8 and 9 December 1991. They will assist arriving delegates with transportation and

other arrangements. Upon arrival, delegates are requested to identify themselves at the reception desk. On departure, staff at the registration desk at the seat of the meeting will assist delegates with their travel arrangements.

XVI - Transportation

21. Delegates travelling with Tunis Air will receive a reduced rate by identifying themselves as delegates to the World Heritage Committee meeting. On 8 and 9 December 1991, special ground transportation on chartered buses, staffed with knowledgeable guides, will be provided to accompany delegates from the international airport at Tunis to Carthage. Delegates arriving on other days may travel to Carthage on regular commercial services available at the airport. Similar transportation arrangements from the hotels to the airport will be provided for returning delegates on 13 and 14 December. Rental cars are also available at the airport, and may be reserved in advance or at the time of arrival at the airport. While many European licences are accepted by the rental firms, an international driver's licence is preferred.

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HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST/DEMANDE DE RESERVATION DE CHAMBRES D'HOTEL

Kindly complete and send by airmail
or fax the following form

Postal address/Adresse postale
World Heritage Committee
c/o Fondation Nationale de Carthage
Avenue de la République
2016 CARTHAGE, Tunisia

Prière d'envoyer par voie aérienne
ou de télégrapher les renseignements
ci-après.

FAX: (216) 1-262.452

PLEASE TYPE OR USE CAPITAL LETTERS/PRIERE DE DACTYLOGRAPHIER OU D'ECRIRE EN LETTRES MAJUSCULES¹

Name (Mr./Ms., etc.)/Nom (M./Mme., etc.)

Title/Titre

Delegate/observer from country/organization²/Délégué/observateur du pays ou de l'organisation

Postal address/Adresse postale

Date of arrival at Carthage/Date d'arrivée à Carthage

Airline, flight number and time of arrival/Compagnie aérienne, numéro du vol et heure d'arrivée

Accompanying spouse or other family member/
Conjoint ou autre membre de la famille accompagnant le participant

Stay/Séjour

Dates: From / Dates: de

To/à

Single room/Chambre individuelle

Double room/Chambre double

Date of departure from Carthage (airline, flight number)/

Date du départ de Carthage (compagnie aérienne, numéro du vol)

Date:

Signature:

¹ A separate form should be filled in by each participant. Additional copies may be obtained from UNESCO./Un formulaire doit être rempli par chaque participant. Des exemplaires supplémentaires peuvent être demandés auprès de l'UNESCO.

² Cross out whatever does not apply./Rayez la mention inutile.

Annex

Social Activities

(a) Restaurants

1. The town of Carthage is a major international tourist spot. There is a wide variety of restaurants in the town and its neighbourhood (Sidi Bon Saïd, La Marsa, La Goulette).

(b) Exhibits, presentations, special events

2. Exhibits of Tunisia's World Heritage Programme will be set up for the meeting. Staff of the National Institute of Archaeology are organizing several special presentations and guided tours (two World Heritage Sites : Carthage and Medina of Tunis; the world famous museum of Bardo).

3 During the week, receptions hosted by Tunisian central and local authorities, will be provided for delegates. More complete details of this programme will be provided later to all delegates.

(c) Tours, excursions, shopping and other activities

4. The meeting is being held in Carthage, a World Heritage Site, which is within easy travelling distance (about 15km) of another World Heritage Site, The Medina of Tunis (Old City).

5. Four optional post-meeting excursions will be made available for interested delegates and their spouses.

- * Tour A (one day) - 14 December:
National World Heritage Site : "National Park of Ichkeul, includes a stop at the "Utica" site, a punic and roman town.
- * Tour B (one day) - 14 December:
"Thugga", the most famous ancient city, includes visit to "Testour", a Moorish-Andalusian settlement.
- * Tour C (two days) - 14 and 15 December:
Excursions through the Cap Bon, staying overnight at Hammamet (garden city and beach), includes a visit to "Kerkouane", World Heritage Site, and "Nabeul" (local handicraft centre).
- * Tour D (two days) - 14 and 15 December:
Two World Heritage Sites : Kairouan and the Medina of Sousse, staying overnight at "Sousse-Nord" (the touristic part of the modern city).

6. To help the organizers in arranging the tours, please indicate your interest in one of the tours by writing, as soon as possible (at the latest by 20 November) to :

World Heritage Committee
c/o Mr. Azedine BESCHAOUCH
Avenue de la République
2016 Carthage
(TUNISIA)

Fax : (216.1) 262452

NB : * one-day bus tours will be provided at no cost to delegates.

* delegates will be responsible for their own accommodation costs on the two-day tours (hotels, transport and meals).

7. Several commercial tours and recreational services are also available in Tunis for delegates and others who may wish to tour the country before and after the meeting,

Please write as soon as possible to :

Office National du Tourisme
Avenue Mohamed V
Tunis, TUNISIA

or to one of the tour-operators in your country.

8. In the neighbourhood of Carthage, the town of Sidi Bou Saïd provides a range of shopping opportunities for visitors. More extensive shopping is also available in Tunis, the capital city of Tunisia.