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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda : Requests for International Assistance

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

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Joya de Ceren (El Salvador)

**Background:** El Salvador received preparatory assistance in 1992 to prepare the nomination dossier for Joya de Ceren. This site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1993, at which occasion the Committee noted the fragility of the archaeological remains and recommended that particular attention should be given to its conservation.

El Salvador has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund including for 1994.

**Description of the request:** The conservation and management of this site requires an integral approach. The structures that have been excavated so far are extremely fragile and their conservation poses many problems. Many other structures are still buried under thick layers of earth. Excavation, conservation measures, training, presentation, tourism and administration are all complex matters which should be looked at in an integral manner.

To do so, the authorities of El Salvador propose to organize in late 1994 a workshop to define an integral development plan for Joya de Ceren in the context of a wider area of archaeological importance (sites such as San Andres, El Cambio, etc.). Participants in the workshop would be representatives of all national institutions involved and a limited number of external experts.

The integral development plan would reflect a consensus of all institutions, authorities and technicians involved in the management of the site and would provide the framework for all future actions. National, bilateral and international cooperation would be guided by the development plan and to this effect, it could be considered to organize in 1995 a donors-conference.

**National contribution:** US\$ 10,000 in kind (local facilities, secretarial assistance, transportation, etc.).

**Amount requested from the Bureau:** US\$25,000 for the participation of six external experts in the workshop.

**Action by the Bureau:** The Bureau is asked to approve the request, particularly in view of the fragility of the site and the complexity of its conservation and management.