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**Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda : Requests for International Assistance**

Amendment to the following item, originally appeared on pages 4/5 of document WEC-94/CONF.001/5. (Mainly indicated by the underlined text).

**B.1.2 Antigua Guatemala (Guatemala)**

**Background:** The town of Antigua Guatemala was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979. Emergency assistance for Antigua Guatemala was provided in 1979 for an amount of US\$ 60,710. Training assistance for individual fellowships was provided in 1981 for a total amount of US\$ 6,150.

Guatemala has paid its dues to the World Heritage Fund including the 1992-1993 period.

**Description of request:** The monitoring mission to this site, undertaken in 1991, concluded that the town for the most part, particularly the residential buildings, is well preserved, but that the state of conservation of the majority of the ruins (churches, convents, some public buildings) is of great concern. The mission also concluded that major attention should be given to the management of tourism as well as to aspects of the integral urban development and traffic control.

In line with the conclusions of the monitoring mission, the authorities of Guatemala presented a request for technical assistance for the amount of US\$ 18,000 for the structural reinforcement of the ruins and the preparation of a master plan

for the town. This request was reviewed with the national authorities and the National Council for the Protection of Antigua Guatemala during a mission of a programme specialist of the World Heritage Centre (27 April-2 May 1994), who was informed that a master plan for the town is presently being prepared in collaboration with the Agencia Española para la Cooperación Internacional (AECI). It was concluded, therefore, that the most appropriate assistance would be for the consolidation of the ruins in the form of urgently needed equipment. A revised request has been received giving a detailed list of the "injection" equipment required for emergency structural reinforcement of the ruins.

**National Contribution:** The national contribution will consist of local labour and expertise (personnel of the National Council for the Protection of Antigua Guatemala) and future maintenance of the equipment.

**Amount requested from the Fund:** US\$20,000 for equipment.

**Action by the Bureau:** The Bureau is asked to approve the request for US\$20,000.