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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**BUREAU OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

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**Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda: Organization of the General  
Assembly of States Parties in 1995 and election of seven members  
to the World Heritage Committee**

Following the election of members to the World Heritage Committee, which took place at the occasion of the Ninth General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, it became evident that there were serious omissions in the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly which paralysed the smooth running of this election.

In order to remedy this prejudicial situation, the agenda of the next General Assembly will contain a proposal to modify its Rules of Procedure and could include the following main points:

**Rule 13.8** of the Procedure would be modified as follows:

Members of the World Heritage Committee will be elected in such a manner as to limit the number of ballots by using the rule of simple majority at the third ballot.

States having obtained the absolute majority in the first ballot are declared elected, unless the number of these States is superior to the number of seats to be filled.

In this last case, States having obtained the greatest number of votes, up to the number of seats to be filled, are declared elected.

If the number of States having obtained the absolute majority is inferior to the number of seats to be filled, a second ballot will take place with absolute majority ruling.

The election will be limited to States having obtained the greatest number of votes in the preceding ballot, up to twice the number of seats to be filled.

Finally, if all the seats are not filled at the end of the second ballot, a final ballot will take place with a simple majority.

With regard to item 29 of the report of the Ninth General Assembly and the necessity for equitable rotation of States Parties to the Committee, it would be possible to add the following rule:

**Rule 13.12:** it is forbidden for an outgoing State Party to stand for election for a second mandate immediately.