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WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Eighteenth session  
Phuket, Thailand

12-17 December 1994

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The eighteenth session of the World Heritage Committee is opened by the outgoing Chairperson, Mrs Olga Pizano on Monday, 12 December at 10 a.m.

The meeting is then addressed by Mr Adnan Badran, the Deputy Director-General, on behalf of the Director-General of UNESCO.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Committee is invited by the outgoing Chairperson to examine the proposed draft Agenda and Timetable before adoption. Upon adoption, the timetable will indicate the order in which different items of the Agenda will be dealt with.

3. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur

The members of the Committee are asked to propose candidates for the position of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee. Upon election, the new Chairperson will ask the members of the Committee to nominate five vice-chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

4. Report on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the seventeenth session of the Committee

The Director of the World Heritage Centre reports to the Committee on the activities undertaken by the Centre since the seventeenth session of the Committee which was held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 6-11 December 1993.

5. Report of the Rapporteur of the sessions held in 1994 by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee

The Rapporteur of the outgoing World Heritage Bureau presents the main conclusions of the two Bureau meetings held since the last session of the Committee.

The Committee is asked to take note of the two above-mentioned reports.

6. Constitution of working groups to examine specific items on the Committee's agenda

To facilitate the work of the Committee, two working groups are proposed: Working Group on Administrative and Financial Matters (Working Group 1), and Working Group on the Revision of Operational Guidelines (Working Group 2).

The main tasks of the **Working Group 1** will be to examine the proposed budget ceiling for 1995 and allocation of this budget along various budget lines; examination of proposals concerning technical co-operation which require amounts above the limit of US\$ 30,000, and elaboration of the functional autonomy of the World Heritage Centre within UNESCO, as announced by the Director-General of UNESCO at the 145th session of the Executive Board.

**Working Group 2** will examine the proposals for the revision of the Operational Guidelines, notably on monitoring, and any other requirements the Committee may decide upon at this session.

7. Examination of Unesco's Medium-Term Plan 1996-2001 and World Heritage Conservation

The Secretariat will presents to the Committee a draft Medium-Term Plan for the World Heritage Centre covering the period 1996-2001.

The Committee is asked to revise this draft Plan before it is submitted to the Executive Board of UNESCO and the General Conference for adoption.

8. Strengthening of the World Heritage Centre in 1994 and its further development

This item of the Agenda will be dealt with by the Committee once Working Group 1 has terminated its work. The Committee then examines the proposals of this Working Group including those concerning the Center's functional autonomy, and decides on its recommendations to the Director-General.

9. Monitoring of the state of conservation of the World Heritage cultural and natural properties, with particular focus on properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger

The World Heritage Committee examines proposals for systematic monitoring of the state of conservation of World Heritage properties and decides on the relevant modifications in the Operational Guidelines. The World Heritage Centre and the advisory bodies present to the Committee reports on the state of conservation of selected World Heritage properties, particularly those which require special actions on the part of the Committee.

10. Progress report on the preparation of global strategy for a representative World Heritage List

A report is presented to the Committee on the work of an expert group which has prepared an outline for global strategy aimed at ensuring a more representative World Heritage List. The Committee is asked to consider the findings of the expert group and decides on the follow-up.

11. Information on tentative lists and examination of nominations of cultural and natural properties to the World Heritage List and List of World Heritage in Danger

Prior to examining the new proposals for the World Heritage List the Committee takes note of the tentative lists received by the World Heritage Centre to date (in accordance with para. 7-8 of the Operational Guidelines). Having taken note of the evaluations made by ICOMOS and IUCN, the Committee decides whether the newly nominated properties should be included in the World Heritage List at this session of the Committee.

12. Requests for international assistance

This item will be dealt with by the Committee after the Working Group 1 has finished its work. Following its recommendations, the Committee takes decisions regarding the requests for international assistance surpassing the limit of US\$ 30,000.

13. Examination of the World Heritage Fund and approval of the budget for 1995, and presentation of a provisional budget for 1996

The Committee examines the findings of the Working Group 1 and adopts a ceiling for the 1995 World Heritage budget, considers the state of the World Heritage Fund and allocates the budget along the budget lines.

The Committee may want to make a special appeal to replenish the World Heritage Emergency Fund.

The Committee also establishes a provisional budget for 1996.

14. Revision of the Operational Guidelines, including the introduction of a new chapter on monitoring

Under this item, the Committee examines the proposals prepared by Work Group 2 and decides on the proposals for updating the Operational Guidelines, in particular by including a new chapter on monitoring.

15. Promotional activities and fund-raising

Upon examining the "Strategic Recommendations for Promoting and Fund-raising for World Heritage" presented by Messrs. de haes and Mitchell, the Committee decides on the World Heritage logo, and its legal protection, and other questions expressed by the Director-General in Part C of document WHC-94/CONF.003/11. The Committee also examines the rest of promotional and educational activities, as presented in the Centre's report.

16. Organization of the General Assembly of States Parties in 1995

The World Heritage Committee examines the proposal of the Bureau regarding the General Assembly of the States Parties to be held in 1995, and may wish to formulate its own recommendations thereupon.

17. Date and place of the nineteenth session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee

The Committee, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (para 125 of the Operational Guidelines), decides on the date and place of the nineteenth session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee.

18. Date and place of the nineteenth session of the World Heritage Committee (December 1995)

The Committee, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (para 123-124 of the Operational Guidelines), decides on the date and place of its nineteenth session.

19. Other business

Under this item the Committee may deal with any other business it finds of sufficient importance.

20. Adoption of the Report of the Committee

The Rapporteur presents a draft Report for adoption by the Committee.

21. Closure of the session

The Chairperson closes the meeting on Saturday, 17 December, 1995, no later than 18.00.