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Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda: Examination of international assistance requests

A. Natural Heritage

A.1 Technical Cooperation

A.1.1 Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Zaire)

Background: The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1980 for its outstanding natural habitats and recognized as one of the last population of mountain gorillas. The site is situated in the region of South Kivu, one of the most densely populated areas of Zaire. It is threatened by the impact of refugee camps established after the influx of refugees from Rwanda. One of the World Heritage sites in Zaire, Virunga National Park, was included on the List of World Heritage in Danger at the eighteenth session of the World Heritage Committee. Zaire benefited from several technical cooperation projects under the World Heritage Fund, including one for Kahuzi-Biega (purchase of a jeep in 1988 for an amount of US\$ 14,848).

Zaire has outstanding contributions to the World Heritage Fund from 1993 to 1995 amounting to US\$ 1,261. The Centre has informed the national authorities about the outstanding dues.

Description of the request: The request is for a 4-WD Toyota Land Cruiser Station Wagon which would be used to increase surveillance and control of the Park. Improvements of control mechanisms are recommended by the Operation Plan of the Park. Furthermore, the vehicle could be used for activities planned during the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Park which will take place in 1995.

As results of this project it is expected to improve the mobility of the personnel and the surveillance of the World Heritage site.

National Contribution: Rations for patrolling, salaries of personnel, maintenance of the vehicle and the anti-poaching bonuses are paid by the State Party.

Amount requested from the Fund: The amount of US\$ 30,000 is requested from the Fund for the purchase of the 4-WD Toyota Land Cruiser Station Wagon. The technical side of this request was reviewed by the Chief of the Equipment Section of UNESCO and the budget of US\$ 30,000 was judged realistic.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to approve the request for US\$ 30,000 subject to the payment of outstanding dues to the World Heritage Fund.

A.2 Rwenzori Mountains National Park (Uganda)

Background: The first two sites from Uganda, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and Rwenzori Mountains National Park were inscribed on the World Heritage List in December 1994, both sites recognized as significant habitats for an exceptional variety of species. Both nominations were prepared with preparatory assistance from the World Heritage Fund. This is therefore, the first technical cooperation project received from Uganda.

Uganda has outstanding contributions to the World Heritage Fund for the period 1989 to 1995 amounting to a total of US\$ 2,261. The Centre has communicated this information to the Ugandan authorities.

Description of request: The technical assistance request was sent by the Director of Uganda National Parks. This request is for radio equipment, ranger field equipment and rescue gear for Rwenzori Mountains National Park. The project was reviewed by the Centre and the specialists from the UNESCO Equipment Section. The equipment is mainly for the development of effective rescue, trail management and ranger services in the central Rwenzori Mountains National Park.

National Contribution: US\$ 15,000, including ranger salaries and field allowances, funding from other sources (WWF/USAID) amounts to US\$ 10,000.

Amount requested from the Fund: The amount requested from the Fund is for a total of US\$ 20,000.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to approve the request of US\$ 20,000 subject to the payment of the outstanding contributions to the World Heritage Fund.

A.3 Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Guinea/Côte d'Ivoire)

Background: The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1981 and included on the List of World Heritage in Danger at the sixteenth session of the World Heritage Committee. The site benefited from several technical cooperation projects, including US\$ 30,000 (seventeenth session of the Bureau in July 1993) and an international assistance project for US\$ 45,000 (seventeenth session of the World Heritage Committee in December 1993) to ensure continuity for the site management after the close-down of the pilot project. A multi-disciplinary mission to the site was carried out in May 1993 and state of conservation reports were regularly presented to both the World Heritage Committee and its Bureau.

Guinea has outstanding contributions to the World Heritage Fund for the period 1993 to 1995 for a total of US\$ 861. The Centre has communicated this information to the Guinean authorities.

Description of request: The technical assistance request is for the following:

- the establishment of the administrative centre for Mt. Nimba, le "Centre de gestion de l'environnement des Monts Nimba" (CEGEN);
- the preparation of a donors meeting including a landscape model to help explain the complexity of the area;
- consultation with surrounding communities with respect to socio-economic impacts;
- refurbishing (maintenance) of the Headquarters buildings (including staff housing);
- preparation of the short-, medium- and long-term plan of the administrative structure.

National Contribution: The Government of Guinea will provide US\$ 15,000 for salaries of local operational staff. This is an interim administrative step to ensure management continuity while regulations and budget for the CEGEN are approved. In addition, IUCN (with funding from France) is supporting an international consultant.

Amount requested from the Fund: The amount requested from the Fund is for a total of US\$ 18,000. This includes US\$ 13,000 for operational costs and communications for five months and US\$ 5,000 for technical assistance personnel and travel support.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to approve the amount of US\$ 18,000 subject to the payment of the outstanding contributions to the World Heritage Fund.