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Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda: Report of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee

Examination of the proposal for a new additional voluntary contribution by States Parties to the World Heritage Fund

Background: At the twenty-fifth session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, (Paris, 25-30 June, 2001) the Chairperson informed the Bureau of his letter of 18 June 2001 concerning a proposal for voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund. A circular letter containing the Chairperson's letter and the proposed draft resolution of the thirteenth General Assembly was circulated to all States Parties in July 2001 (CL-WHC-6-01) in preparation for discussions at the thirteenth General Assembly.

Action required: The General Assembly is required to examine the proposed draft resolution for a new additional voluntary contribution by States Parties to the World Heritage Fund.

Proposed Draft Resolution of the 13th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

Background

1. Table 1 shows the current situation of the compulsory and voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund.
2. In 2001 the total **compulsory** contributions to the World Heritage Fund will be only **US\$1 990 778**.
3. In 2001 the total **voluntary** contributions to the World Heritage Fund requested of 8 States Parties¹ will be only **US\$1 315 138**.
4. As a way of increasing the total contributions to the World Heritage Fund (US\$3 305 916 in 2001), it is proposed that an additional contribution be made by each State Party on a voluntary basis.
5. Table 1 shows the proposal for a new voluntary contribution to equal the existing 1% compulsory and voluntary contribution. If States Parties agree, this would result in a total contribution to the World Heritage Fund equal to 2% of their contribution to the Regular Budget of UNESCO.

Table 1: Proposals for a new additional voluntary contribution by States Parties to the World Heritage Fund

	1% - CURRENT SITUATION 2001 US\$	PROPOSED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF 1% US\$	TOTAL US\$
Compulsory	1 990 778	1 990 778	
Voluntary	1 315 138	1 315 138	
CURRENT TOTAL	3 305 916	3 305 916	6 611 832

Text of Draft Resolution

Recalling Article 16 of the World Heritage Convention concerning States Parties compulsory and voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund;

Considering the need to increase the resources of the World Heritage Fund to ensure the provision of International Assistance according to Articles 19 to 26 of the World Heritage Convention, especially in the case of emergency situations;

*Encourages all States Parties to make additional **voluntary** contributions to the World Heritage Fund;*

Invites all States Parties to make additional voluntary contributions of an amount equal to their compulsory contribution or of a sufficient amount to bring their total contribution up to \$300, whichever is the greater.

Requests that the Director-General includes the relevant amount in the annual assessment letters.

¹ Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, and the United States of America.