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Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda: Revised structure of the budget of the World Heritage Fund

Proposed revised structure of the budget of the World Heritage Fund (updated from WHC-02/CONF.202/13D Rev)

SUMMARY

As requested by the Committee at its 25th session (Helsinki, 2001), this document presents a proposal for a new budget structure for the World Heritage Fund. The proposal is an improvement on the proposal presented, but not discussed by the Committee at its 26th session (WHC-02/CONF.202/13 D Rev).

The document is presented in three parts:

- I. Background
- II. Proposed New Budget Structure
- III. Draft Decision

Decision required:

The Committee is requested to examine the new budget structure and provide orientations to the Secretariat for the preparation of the next biennial budget (2004-2005). A draft decision is presented in Section III.

For further background on this Agenda Item, see also:

WHC-03/6 EXT.COM/INF.6 Proposed revised structure of the budget of the World Heritage Fund (document WHC-02/CONF.202/13D Rev, prepared for the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee, Budapest 2002)

I. BACKGROUND

1. Reference is made to:

- the decision contained in §XVI.7 of the Report of the 25th session of the Committee (Helsinki, 2001) which suggested that “the Centre take necessary steps to restructure the budget in line with the current reform process” (WHC-01/CONF.208/24), and
- the recommendations of the 26th session of the Bureau (April 2002) contained in §§ IX.19 to IX.22 of the Report of the Rapporteur (WHC-02/CONF.202/2) which read as follows:

"Structure of the budget of the World Heritage Fund

IX.18 The Director of the Centre recalled that the 25th session of the Committee (Helsinki, 2001) had established a working group to prepare a proposal for a clearer presentation and structure of the budget of the World Heritage Fund. He expressed his interest in receiving the comments of the working group in preparation for the 26th session of the Committee (Budapest, June 2002).

IX.19 The Observer of St Lucia informed the Bureau that the working group had almost finalised the preparation of specific proposals to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre.

IX.20 The Observer of Argentina requested that the new budget (i) avoid duplication of budget lines, (ii) show other extra-budgetary resources alongside the resources from the World Heritage Fund, and (iii) provide distinct budget lines for each type of International Assistance.

IX.21 The Director of the Centre highlighted two additional budget issues that require the decision of the 26th session of the Committee (Budapest, June 2002):

- (i) a review of the budget ceilings for International Assistance (there is now a 10 month period between Committee and Bureau sessions when it may be necessary to provide the Chairperson with greater flexibility to approve International Assistance requests), and
- (ii) a potential change in the emergency reserve of the World Heritage Fund."

2. Following the 26th session of the Bureau (April 2002), a proposal for a budget structure was provided to the Secretariat by the working group established at the time of the 25th session of the Committee (Helsinki, 2001).

3. The main characteristics of this proposal presented in WHC-02/CONF.202/13D and WHC-02/CONF.202/13D Rev (reproduced in WHC-03/6 EXT.COM/INF.6) were to :

- establish a budget comprised of seven chapters in place of the existing five chapters;
 - show side by side the budgets related to each of the three sources of funding (World Heritage Fund, UNESCO Regular Programme and extra-budgetary funds), thus giving the Committee a global view of resources for an improved implementation of the Convention's objectives;
 - show the Secretariat budgeted costs under a dedicated chapter I "Secretariat of the WH Committee" regrouping in particular the costs of all personnel and consultants contracted by the World Heritage Centre;
 - show in a dedicated chapter the expenditure to be incurred under partnership agreements; and,
 - distribute technical assistance costs according to the strategic objectives set up by the Committee, i.e., Credibility of the List, Conservation and Capacity-Building.
4. The proposal was discussed with the working group at two meetings (16 and 29 April 2002), at which time the Secretariat expressed a number of views. The proposal and the comments of the Secretariat were initially referred to the 26th session of the Committee (Budapest, June 2002) in document WHC-02/CONF.202/13D Rev (reproduced in WHC-03/6 EXT.COM/INF.6).
 5. The World Heritage Committee decided at its 26th session (decision **26 COM 17.4**) in view of the time constraints to defer this item until its 6th extraordinary session in March 2003.

II. PROPOSED NEW BUDGET STRUCTURE

6. On 15 January 2003, at a meeting of the working group and the Centre, a new revised budget structure was presented by the Centre. The working group agreed on the principles and the approach taken. Following this constructive meeting the revised budget structure was revised to reflect the discussion with the working group for presentation to the 6th extraordinary session of the Committee. It is set out below in Tables 1, 1bis and 2 and Annexes 1 to 5. This new proposal takes into account the Secretariat's remarks laid out under Section II of WHC-02/CONF.202/13D Rev (reproduced in WHC-03/6 EXT.COM/INF.6) in that it represents:
 - a simplification
 - a coherent approach with the 32 C/5 budget structure.

TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF BUDGETED INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

	2002-2003	2004-2005
<i>INCOME</i>		
WORLD HERITAGE FUND		
- Contributions from State Parties		
- Contributions, Gifts & Bequests from Others		
- Investment & Proprietary Income		
- Other Resources		
OTHER EXTRA-BUDGETARY*		
- Personnel		
- Activities		
UNESCO REGULAR BUDGET (C5)**		
- Personnel		
- Activities		
TOTAL		
<i>EXPENDITURE***</i>		
Main Line of Action 1 SUPPORT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE GOVERNING BODIES		
Main Line of Action 2 PROTECTION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE		
TOTAL		

* Representing Committed Funds

** Subject to approval by UNESCO General Conference

*** The 2002-2003 figures have been determined on the basis of the chapters of the approved budget

TABLE 1bis: OVERVIEW OF WORLD HERITAGE FUND EXPECTED FLOW

	2002-2003	2004-2005
OPENING RESERVE BALANCE		
- Contingency reserve		
- Operating reserve		
INCOME		
EXPENDITURE		
CLOSING RESERVE BALANCE		
- Contingency reserve		
- Operating reserve		

TABLE 2: GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE 2004-2005 PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

Main Line of Action 1 SUPPORT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE GOVERNING BODIES	World Heritage Fund	Other Extra- budgetary	UNESCO (Regular Budget)	Total
1.1. Organisation of meetings				
1.2. Studies and Evaluations				
1.3. Information				
1.4. Personnel costs				
1.5. General Operating Expenses				
TOTAL				
Main Line of Action 2 PROTECTION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE				
2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List				
2.2. Conservation of World Heritage Sites				
2.3. Capacity Building of State Parties				
2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication				
2.5. Personnel costs				
2.6. General Operating Expenses				
TOTAL				
GRAND TOTAL				

ANNEX 1: DETAILED PRESENTATION OF THE 2004-2005 WORLD HERITAGE PROGRAMME & BUDGET CHAPTER BY CHAPTER

Main Line of Action 1 SUPPORT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE GOVERNING BODIES	World Heritage Fund	Other Extra- budgetary	UNESCO (Regular Budget)	Total
1.1. Organisation of meetings . World Heritage Committees . World Heritage Bureaux or Extraordinary Committees . 15th General Assembly of State Parties . Meetings with State parties . Meetings with Advisory Bodies . Attendance at meetings by Committee members . Documentation				
1.2. Studies and Evaluations . Studies to support future policy development . Evaluation				
1.3. Information . Information Management System				
1.4. Personnel costs . Established posts . Associate Experts . Temporary personnel				
1.5. General Operating Expenses				
TOTAL				
Main Line of Action 2 PROTECTION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE	World Heritage Fund	Other Extra- budgetary	UNESCO (Regular Budget)	Total
2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List . Registration of World Heritage Nominations and Other Related Documentation . Global Strategy . Analyses of the List & Tentative Lists . Africa . Arab States . Asia & Pacific . Europe & North America . Latin America & Caribbean . Thematic Studies . International Assistance - Preparatory . Evaluation Services				

<p>2.2. Conservation of World Heritage Properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . International Assistance - Technical co-operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Africa . Arab States . Asia & Pacific . Europe & North America . Latin America & Caribbean . International Assistance - In Danger Sites . International Assistance - Emergency . Thematic Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Tourism . Earthen Architecture . Cities . Forests Periodic Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Europe & North America . Latin America & Caribbean . Regional Programmes following Periodic Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Africa . Arab States . Asia & Pacific . Reactive Monitoring 				
<p>2.3. Capacity Building of State Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . International Assistance - Support to Policy Development & Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Africa . Arab States . Asia & Pacific . Europe & North America . Latin America & Caribbean . Thematic . Regional Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Africa 2009 				
<p>2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Promotion of Partnerships . World Heritage Education . Awareness Building . International Assistance - Promotional and Educational . Cooperation with other Conventions & Organisations 				

2.5. Personnel costs				
. Established posts				
. Associate Experts				
. Temporary personnel				
2.6. General Operating Expenses				
TOTAL				
GRAND TOTAL				

ANNEX 2: SUMMARY OF THE 2004-2005 PROGRAMME AND BUDGET RELATED TO THE ADVISORY BODIES

	World Heritage Fund	Other Extra-budgetary	UNESCO (Regular Budget)	Total
ICOMOS				
1.1 Organisation of meetings - Meetings with Advisory Bodies				
2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List - Global Strategy . Analyses of the List & Tentative Lists . Thematic Studies . Evaluation Services ...				
2.2. Conservation of World Heritage Properties . Thematic Programmes . Reactive Monitoring ...				
2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties ...				
2.4 Communication ...				
TOTAL				
IUCN				
1.1 Organisation of meetings - Meetings with Advisory Bodies				
2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List - Global Strategy . Analyses of the List & Tentative Lists . Thematic Studies . Evaluation Services				
2.2. Conservation of World Heritage Properties . Thematic Programmes . Reactive Monitoring ...				
2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties ...				
2.4 Communication ...				
TOTAL				

ICCROM				
1.1 Organisation of meetings - Meetings with Advisory Bodies				
2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List - Global Strategy ...				
2.2. Conservation of World Heritage Properties . Thematic Programmes . Reactive Monitoring ...				
2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties - Regional Programmes .Africa 2009 ...				
2.4 Communication ...				
TOTAL				
OTHER				
1. Support to the World Heritage Governing Bodies ...				
2. Protection of the World Heritage ...				
TOTAL				
TOTAL				

**ANNEX 3: SUMMARY, REGION BY REGION, OF THE 2004-2005 PROGRAMME AND BUDGET
(MAIN LINE OF ACTION 2)**

	World Heritage Fund	Other Extra- budgetary	UNESCO (Regular Budget)	Total
Arab States 2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List 2.2 Conservation of World Heritage Properties 2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties 2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication				
Africa 2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List 2.2 Conservation of World Heritage Properties 2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties 2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication				
Asia and Pacific 2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List 2.2 Conservation of World Heritage Properties 2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties 2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication				
Latin America and Caribbean 2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List 2.2 Conservation of World Heritage Properties 2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties 2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication				
Europe and North America 2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List 2.2 Conservation of World Heritage Properties 2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties 2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication				
Other Activities not Budgeted by Region 2.1. Credibility of World Heritage List . Global Strategy . Analyses of the List & Tentative Lists . Thematic Studies				

	World Heritage Fund	Other Extra- budgetary	UNESCO (Regular Budget)	Total
. Evaluation Services 2.2 Conservation of World Heritage Properties . International Assistance - In Danger Sites . International Assistance - Emergency Thematic Programmes 2.3 Capacity Building of State Parties . International Assistance - Support to Policy Development & Training . Thematic 2.4. Public Awareness, Involvement & Support for World Heritage Through Communication . Promotion of Partnerships . World Heritage Education . Awareness Building . International Assistance - Promotional and Educational . Cooperation with other Conventions & Organisations				
TOTAL*				

* Excluding Personnel Costs and General Operating Expenses

ANNEX 4: WORLD HERITAGE FUND 2004-2005: ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE STATES PARTIES

State Parties	Compulsory / Voluntary	Status of contributions as at 31.12.2003	Compulsory Contributions due for 2004-2005	Voluntary Contributions due for 2004-2005	Total assessed (compulsory or voluntary)
Afghanistan	O				
Albania	O				
Total					
Total assessed contributions of States Parties (compulsory and voluntary)					

Only 8 countries are concerned by voluntary obligations: the proposal is to present a general table for the contributions, with clear indication of the nature (C/V = O/V) and two separate columns.

ANNEX 5: STAFFING TABLE (as of 15 May 2003)

Posts financed from Regular Programme	Number	Amount in US dollars
<u>Established Posts</u> (according to approved 31C/5) - professional staff - general service staff <u>Sub-total staff costs :</u>		
Temporary Assistance : - supernumerary staff - consultants - fee contractors		
Sub-total		
Posts financed from Extra-budgetary Funds and Seconded Personnel		
<u>Established Posts</u> - professional staff - general service staff <u>Sub-total staff costs :</u>		
Temporary Assistance : - supernumerary staff - consultants - fee contractors		
Associate Experts		
Seconded Personnel		
Sub-total		
Grand Total (posts and contracts)		

III. DRAFT DECISION

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Thanks the working group and the World Heritage Centre for their constructive and collaborative proposal for a new budget structure of the World Heritage Fund;*
2. *Decides to adopt the revised Budget Structure proposed in Tables 1, 1bis and 2 and Annexes 1 to 5 of WHC-03/6 EXT. COM/6;*
3. *Requests the World Heritage Centre to use the revised Budget Structure in the preparation of the 2004-2005 budget of the World Heritage Fund to be presented to the 27th session of the World Heritage Committee (Suzhou, China 29 June -5 July 2003).*