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Item 10A of the Provisional Agenda: International assistance requests

Background: The World Heritage Centre received **four** requests for International Assistance as of 1 April 2004 for decision by the Committee.

Action by the Committee: The Committee is requested to :

- take decisions concerning the approval of the four requests presented in this document;
- take decisions in order to ensure fair and equitable distribution of International Assistance resources during the next two years when the World Heritage Fund shall continue to have inadequate funds

GENERAL ISSUES

As noted in document *WHC-04/28.BUR/2* page 2, the International Assistance budget, which represented half of the total World Heritage Fund budget during the biennium 2002-2003, dropped to one third for the biennium 2004-2005. As a result, the requests submitted for approval to the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee since the beginning of the year have drastically decreased the funds available for requests to be presented at the time of the Committee session.

It is especially the case for the technical co-operation and training budgets set aside for cultural properties. Consequently, the funds available for cultural heritage under technical co-operation are nearly exhausted in 2004 (only US\$1,848 left) and there are only US\$54,229 available under training.

In view of the fact that this situation is likely to recur next year (2005) and the following biennium due to the overall decrease of the World Heritage Fund, it is suggested that the Committee takes the decisions proposed below on priorities for granting international assistance and rules for their approval.

SECTION I

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

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Cultural Properties

N°	Region	State Party - Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
1	Asia	Bangladesh – Study of the drainage problems and monitoring of the internal moisture conditions of the monuments of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur	40,000	40,000
<i>Requests for decision by the Bureau (cf details of the request in WHC-04/28.BUR/2 p. 11 to 23)</i>				
	Africa	Uganda – Kasubi Tombs, World Heritage Property Uganda, Research Program on the thatched roofs	14,915	14,915
	Arab States	Morocco – Elaboration of a management plan for Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou	20,000	20,000
	Arab States	Iraq – Equipment for training on photogrammetry techniques for Iraqi experts	30,000	30,000
	Arab States	Sudan – Elaboration of the Management Plan for Jebel Barkal and the properties of the Napatan region	30,000	30,000

Funds available as at 11 May 2004 for approval: US\$1,848

Total amount of requests submitted for approval by the Bureau and the Committee: US\$134,915

Comments of the Secretariat:

Insufficient funds. All the requests must be re-submitted in 2005 for consideration for approval, in accordance with normal procedures. Given the current situation of the Fund, the Centre advises against using the 2005 budget to approve these requests at the 28th session of the World Heritage Committee as it was done with regard to projects submitted last biennium.

Details of individual requests attached.

Draft decision: 28 COM 10A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that no funds are available in 2004 for consideration of technical co-operation requests for cultural properties,
2. Also noting that the Bureau did not approve technical co-operation requests in advance on the 2005 budget (cf Decision **28 BUR 2.3**),
3. Agreeing with the Bureau's recommendation not to approve requests in advance on the 2005 budget as it did at its last session in 2003 with regard to the use of the 2004 budget,
4. Decides that the following request:
 - Bangladesh: Study of the problems and monitoring of the internal moisture conditions of the monuments of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur,

be submitted again in 2005 for decision by the Committee, in accordance with the Operational Guidelines in force at that time, provided the relevant State Party has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2004.

REQUEST N° 1
Technical Co-operation
Cultural Heritage
Asia

State Party: BANGLADESH

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2003: all dues paid

Name of Activity: Study of the drainage problems and monitoring of the internal moisture conditions of the monuments of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur

Amount requested: US\$40,000

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property/activity:

- Technical Co-operation (1986), US\$20,000
- Training Assistance (2003), US\$35,000

Background:

In accordance with the decisions of the 26th and 27th sessions of the World Heritage Committee, two UNESCO missions visited the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur in Bangladesh in October 2002 and 2003 to determine whether this property should be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger or not. After a careful study of the property, the mission members concluded that the property was not in a position to be put on the List of World Heritage in Danger. Nevertheless, in order to maintain its present status, the experts recommended some measures to fight the continuous environmental damages and the mobilization of significant international financial and technical resources to address the conservation challenges that the property is facing. They also met with the Head of Bangladesh World Heritage Board of Advisors, in order to transmit the recommendations for further action. The situation could be improved by having a flexible, multidisciplinary team to obtain advice when necessary, and provide further training to key management staff members. Moreover, a comprehensive programme should be developed for continued maintenance.

The Department of Archaeology has been unable to implement such measures, mainly due to lack of funds. Moreover, studies on the drainage system of the Monastery need to be undertaken.

Objectives:

1. Study the effectiveness of the existing drainage system of the Monastery and recommend future action plan following experts' advice;
2. Study the current system and determine the future technology transfer execution to improve the protection strategy of this World Heritage Property;
3. Monitor the internal moisture conditions of the monuments, especially the Monastery.

Project plan:

This activity is expected to last eight months.

Expected outcomes:

Enhanced conservation and management of the ruins of the Buddhist Vihara.

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$)	40,000
National or other contributions in kind (equivalent in US\$)	information not available yet
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$)	40,000
1. One International Consultant Level P-IV International travel + per diem + honorarium + study + report writing + terminal expenses, etc.	13,000
2. One Regional or sub-regional Expert International travel + per diem + honorarium + study + report writing + terminal expenses, etc.	13,000
3. One Local Expert (Hydrologist: for 6 months) Local travel + per diem + honorarium + study + report writing, etc.	3,000
4. One Local Expert (Archaeologist: for 6 months) Local travel + per diem + honorarium + study + report writing, etc.	3,000
5. Two Local experts (assistants) Local travel + per diem + honorarium + study + report writing, etc.	2,000
6. Programme support costs Monitoring, evaluation and field visits, etc.	3,000
7. National Seminar to assess the study	1,500
8. Publication of the study report Editing, page layout, printing, etc.	1,500

Comments of the Advisory Bodies:

1. ICOMOS supports this International Assistance request, but would appreciate more information on the project activities and their link to the overall programme and its objectives. A more detailed work plan, including time allocation for the national seminar and consultants, plus a coherent budget would also be useful.
2. ICCROM considers that, while the amount devoted to the various consultants has been carefully calculated using UNESCO standard DSA per diem and fee rates, the overall amount devoted to consultants (in particular outside consultants) is rather large compare to the amount allocated to the national seminar, which should accompany the consultants work (US\$1,500), especially in relation to potential benefits from this seminar.

ICCROM believes that the proposed studies should be supported as urgent priorities, subject to the State Party re-examining the budget as suggested above. The State Party should consider whether the proposed national seminar can achieve its objectives within the proposed budget. If necessary, this part of the proposal could be strengthened, perhaps by reducing funds allocated for international and regional consultants.

ICCROM would be pleased to work with the State Party to review these points and reconsider any details of resulting proposals.

Comments of the Secretariat:

This activity is an immediate follow-up of the on-going training assistance, approved by the Committee at its 27th session. The project is designed to mitigate the potential threats to the property, and the Secretariat would support in principle this technical co-operation request.

Draft decision: Please refer to Decision 28 COM 10A.1 paragraph 4

SECTION II

TRAINING

- Cultural and Mixed Properties

N°	Region	State Party - Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
2	Africa	Ghana – Workshop on History, Slavery, Religion, and Culture in Ghana, linked with conservation and protection of the World Heritage in Ghana.	35,000	35,000
3	Arab States	Sudan – Conservation of the mural paintings of Jebel Barkal and the properties of the Napatan region	38,900	38,900
4	Africa	Botswana – International Training Workshop for decision-makers on the World Heritage from Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands	48,645	48,645
<i>Request for the Bureau (cf details of the request in WHC-04/28.BUR/2 p. 24 to 32)</i>				
	Latin America	Brazil – XIII Specialization Course on the Conservation of Monuments and Rehabilitation of Historical Cities - XIII CECRE	50,000	25,000
	Global	Argentina – Ninth International Seminar of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage: 'Heritage and Management-Centre and Periphery'	27,620	27,620

Funds available as at 11 May 2004 for approval: US\$54,229 for cultural heritage and US\$84,880 for natural heritage.

Total amount of requests submitted for approval by the Bureau and the Committee: US\$175,165

Draft decision: 28 COM 10A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the Bureau's recommendations 28 BUR 2.4 et 28 BUR 2.5,
2. Does not approve the request presented by Ghana: "Workshop on History, Slavery, Religion, and Culture in Ghana, linked with conservation and protection of the World Heritage";
3. Approves the request presented by Sudan: "Conservation of the mural painting of Jebel Barkal and the properties of the Napatan Region" for an amount of US\$ 38,900;
4. Approves the request presented by Botswana: "International Training Workshop for decision-makers on the World Heritage from Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands", for an amount of US\$ 48,645, of which 15,329 from the cultural heritage and 33,316 from the natural heritage budget for training assistance;
5. Recommends to the State Party of Botswana, in the implementation of the above activity and in close consultation with the Centre and the concerned Advisory Bodies, to give adequate consideration to natural heritage values and to adopt a methodology, which takes into consideration the concepts emerging from the current revision of the Operational Guidelines and the approaches to sustaining Outstanding Universal Value on World Heritage properties, which could lead to a much wider relevance and application.

Draft decision: 28 COM 10A.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Authorizes the Secretariat to transfer from the budgets relative to Promotional and Educational International Assistance and World Heritage Education the amounts of US\$ 10,000 and 15,000 respectively to the pertaining budget item to enable the funding of the request presented by Argentina: "Ninth International Seminar of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage: 'Heritage and Management Centre and Periphery".

REQUEST N° 2
Training
Cultural Heritage
Africa

State Party: GHANA

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2003: US\$561 of outstanding dues

Name of Activity: Workshop on History, Slavery, Religion, and Culture in Ghana, linked with conservation and protection of the World Heritage.

Amount requested: US\$35,000

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property/activity:
None

Background:

Referring to the project 'The Slave Route', launched by the UNESCO General Conference at its 57th session in 1994 and further to the request of the same General Conference, the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed 2004 'International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition'. Within the framework of this Commemoration, a workshop will take place in Ghana.

It is noted that heritage value of sites such as 'places of memory of slavery' do not appear to benefit from global recognition, which could also be said of the Forts and Castles of Ghana. In this regard, Ghana is an example for future sites that could commemorate slavery and its abolition.

Foreseen Programme:

The workshop will facilitate presentations and discussions among local and international statesmen, researchers, students, social workers and interested parties. The Cape Coast of Ghana, of which parts are listed as World Heritage Property, including Elmina Castle, will be visited during a two-day tour.

The seminar will take place partly in Accra and partly in Kumasi and will provide performances, music and site visits.

The presentations and the drama will highlight:

1. Colonization of and slavery in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands by European powers;
2. The irreversible political, social, medical, educational, economic, cultural and religious impacts that colonization and slavery have brought to Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands so far as they affect natives, generations of freed slaves and settlers alike.

Period:

3-11 March 2005

Objectives:

The workshop will consist of eight themes:

1. Cultural Heritage/Cultural Diversity and the Society;
2. Slave Trade and its global significance;
3. Identification of memory places of Slave Trade and of their heritage significance;
4. Strategy for nomination of serial sites for World Heritage listing;
5. Basics of Conservation and Management of World Heritage serial sites;
6. Design of Management Plans, components and Integral Conservation of serial sites;
7. Implementation of Management Plans in serial sites;
8. Monitoring and Evaluation: The Construction of a Future Vision of places of memory of Slave Trade for World Heritage listing.

The workshop will also:

1. Create global awareness about the importance of African Diaspora;
2. Create a global network of professionals (e.g. historians and researchers) to work on the Slave Trade memory places and propose a transboundary serial nomination;
3. Increase awareness of the countries concerned about the importance of the Slave Trade memory places.

Expected Outputs:

1. List of potential sites established for each country involved;
2. Strengthening international co-operation between countries;
3. Long-term production of a joint nomination file for the inscription of a "Transatlantic Slave Trade" and 'The Indian Ocean Slave Trade' on the World Heritage List;
4. Better awareness of the importance and memory value of the 'The Slave Trade Routes';

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$)		40,000
Contribution from Ghana National Commission for UNESCO in kind (equivalent in US\$)		5,000
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$)		35,000
1. Resource persons		6,300
International travel		
Per diem	2,500	
Honoraria	2,000	
	1,800	
2. International participants (10 persons, one from each country)		25,200
International travel	18,200	
Per diem (lump sum)	7,000	
3. Local Organization		2,500
Rental conference room	500	
Hire of local transport	1,000	
Purchase of stationery	500	
Hire of computers and secretarial services	500	
4. Publication of the seminar report		1,000

Comments of the Advisory Bodies:

ICOMOS considers that the supplementary information is very helpful in establishing firm support and commitment for the seminar in Ghana, which was not obvious after the first request. It is very satisfactory that the Universities will be involved.

There remains the question of how the conference will be structured. The request points out that what is needed is a methodology for assessing the qualities and values of the Slave Trade sites and the debate will be certainly beneficial. The question is whether it will be preferable to start at a regional level in West Africa with a limited number of participants.

ICOMOS still has reservations about the cost and scale, and would prefer to see a smaller and more tightly structured workshop, which would be easier to manage and would allow other countries to host future events.

Comments of the Secretariat:

The Centre supports this activity for the requested amount of US\$35,000 and sees it as an important way of enforcing and promoting the International Year to commemorate the Struggle against slavery and its abolition.

Draft decision: Please refer to Decision 28 COM 10A.2 paragraph 2

REQUEST N° 3
Training
Cultural Heritage
Arab States

State Party: SUDAN

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2003: all dues paid.

Name of Activity: Conservation of the mural paintings of Jebel Barkal and the sites of the Napatan region

Amount requested: US\$38,900

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property/activity:

None

Background:

This property was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2003, and includes five distinct properties, representing the most important and best-preserved elements of the Napatan culture (9th - 4th century BCE). The property is under the responsibility of the central administration of the NCAM, in Khartoum.

The state of conservation of the property is particularly disturbing with particular regard to wall paintings. The frescoes in the Mut Temple (Jebel Barkal) have been affected by termite attacks and microbiological damages; in many areas, the painted film has become detached from the underlying plaster layer, which, in some parts, has lost its cohesive properties. The deterioration is mainly due to the inadequate microclimatic conditions, but is also caused by the obsolete protective shelter (built in the 1950s) covering the decorated room. Mural paintings in the El Kurru funerary chambers suffer from the same problems, though to a lesser extent. But unless they are appropriately maintained and conserved, all these mural paintings may lose their significance, directly linked to the outstanding universal value of the property. The property, moreover, does not have a permanent team working at the site and the NCAM, in spite of its enthusiasm and goodwill, have few people skilled in conservation of wall paintings.

Upon inscription on the World Heritage List in July 2003, the World Heritage Committee recommended to the State Party to work together with the World Heritage Centre to strengthen the management of the property, 'including active conservation programmes'. In February 2004 the Centre sent a mission to help identify the main management and conservation issues for the World Heritage property. The conservation of these very significant mural paintings and the strengthening of local staff's capacity in preserving them appeared as one of the most urgent priorities.

Objectives:

1. To conduct a detailed assessment and mapping of the state of conservation of the mural paintings, including the masonry on which they are standing, both in the temple of Mut in Jebel Barkal and in the funerary chambers at the necropolis of El Kurru;
2. To conduct immediate and selected conservation actions (especially against biological attack) to stop, or at least considerably slow down, the deterioration process of the mural painting in the short term;
3. To identify the most suitable methods and materials that will be applied in conservation work (including treatment of biological attacks, cleaning and polishing, consolidation treatments) testing those procedures and materials *in situ*, in order to check the short and long-term physical implication of different treatments;
4. To define the most suitable microclimatic parameters to preserve the painted rooms;
5. To elaborate a comprehensive project with cost estimates, to be submitted to potential donors, for the complete conservation of the Mut Temple, including provisions for the protection of the paintings during the future execution of works to replace the existing roof, the rehabilitation of the modern shelter and the installation of a climatic control system in the decorated chambers;
6. To train the staff of the NCAM in the appropriate methodology for the conservation of mural paintings, including the mapping of their state of conservation and some basic techniques of intervention. This know-how could be then applied to other sites throughout the country.

Project plan:

Two international experts will spend around one month in Sudan, with three weeks at Jebel Barkal. The first international expert should be a chemist skilled in diagnosing causes of decay of wall paintings, including climatic factors influencing conservation. The second international expert should be a restorer with a solid experience in conservation of wall paintings. Throughout the project, the two international experts will work in close co-operation with a team of five technicians from the NCAM (a restorer, a chemist, an architect and two draftsmen).

In addition, essential materials and equipment for conservation work will be purchased and delivered to the NCAM at the end of the project.

The entire duration of the project will be one month, including preparation and collection of documentation by international experts and NCAM staff.

Expected outcomes:

1. Staff from the NCAM trained in the appropriate methodology for the conservation of mural paintings;
2. Improvement in the conservation of the mural painting.

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$)		40,000
Contribution from the Sudanese Government in kind (equivalent in US\$)		1,100
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$)		38,9000
1. Two International Experts		22 000
Travel: air tickets	3 000	
Per diem (US\$ 150 x 2 persons x 30 days)	9 000	
Honoraria (US\$ 5,000 x 2 months)	10 000	
2. Equipment		6,900
- Digital camera	400	
- Lap-top computer	1,500	
- Printer	500	
- Software	1,500	
- Conservation materials	3,000	
3. Support to logistics		10,000
Laborers, materials, lodging and internal travel for international experts and Sudanese team (lump sum)		

Comments of the Advisory Bodies:

ICOMOS expresses its reservations regarding training technicians without specific backgrounds, in short sessions, in conservation of mural paintings and who will afterwards work without the supervision of an expert. Therefore, ICOMOS does not support the purchase of a laptop computer, a printer and a software (US\$3,500), as it is fundamental that basics techniques are understood before using high technology.

However, except the above-mentioned remarks, ICOMOS supports this request.

ICCROM considers the programme objectives and budget adequate to conduct the proposed work, which would initiate further needed campaigns. Taking into consideration that the materials needed for the preventive conservation treatments envisaged are not readily available in Sudan, ICCROM suggests that the selected expert studies the need for basic conservation materials before undertaking the mission to Sudan.

Moreover, ICCROM underlines that sampling and testing of materials to analyse conservation problems (such as the types of salts present, water content in walls, etc.) will have to inform the decisions about climatic control strategies and the design of a new protective shelter/ enclosure. These may require a long-term analysis, according to present conditions, and may not lead to final decisions on environmental control requirements at the end of the expert mission. Therefore, ICCROM suggests that the mission results include a framework to pursue decisions on microclimatic parameters to preserve the painted rooms.

As far as the training of local staff is concerned, ICCROM recommends to focus it on documentation and simple protective measures to protect the wall paintings.

Comments of the Secretariat:

The Centre supports in principle this request of US\$38,900.

The Centre agrees with ICOMOS and ICCROM on the importance of training first in the basic techniques and methods of conservation, as well as on documentation and simple protective measures. At the same time, the Centre considers the purchase of equipment fundamental for an effective conservation of the property, taking into consideration the need to provide the NCAM with the basic equipment required for documenting the state of conservation of the mural painting, as well as for the necessary basic conservation action.

Following ICCROM advice, the Centre will ask the expert to take into consideration the need of materials for the conservation treatments not easily available in Sudan, as well as the need for a long-term analysis of the climatic conditions, in order to suggest effective environmental control systems.

Draft decision: Please refer to Decision 28 COM 10A.2 paragraph 3.

REQUEST N° 4

Training

Mixed heritage

Africa

State Party: BOTSWANA

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2003: all dues paid

Name of Activity: International Training Workshop for decision-makers on the World Heritage from Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands

Amount requested: US\$48,645

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property/activity:

None

Background:

The first of its kind in the region, the convening of an 'International Training Workshop for World Heritage Cultural and Natural Site Managers from Eastern and Southern Africa' forms part of the recommendations of the Africa Periodic Report – an exercise undertaken from 1999 to 2002 aiming at enhancing the 'State of the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*' and the 'State of the conservation of World Heritage sites'. The Africa Report was approved by the 26th session of the Committee in Budapest, Hungary in 2002.

One of the most important recommendations of the above-mentioned Report was to assist in organizing a workshop with a view to increase awareness of the high-level decision-makers involved in safeguarding World Heritage properties in the States Parties. Taking into consideration the economical, organizational and conservation problems that several countries in Eastern and Southern Africa are facing at existing World Heritage sites, it would be of great importance to organize an International training workshop for decision-makers.

Objectives:

1. To increase the decision-makers' awareness on the provisions of the *World Heritage Convention*;
2. To inform participants on the new *Operational Guidelines*;
3. To exchange information on legislative and administrative provisions adopted by States Parties, in particular on obligations and commitments defined in the *World Heritage Convention*;
4. To identify common problems in States Parties concerning the application of the *Convention*;
5. To exchange opinions on the organizational structure of decision-making and financial problems of the World Heritage conservation;
6. To increase knowledge on conservation and protection of World Heritage Properties in Africa.

Themes and problems to be discussed:

1. The UNESCO policy concerning the application of the *World Heritage Convention*;
2. UNESCO's, IGO's and NGO's regulations concerning World Heritage;
3. The UNESCO format on periodic reporting and the Africa Periodic Report;
4. Policies of the States Parties in Eastern and Southern Africa on the application of the *World Heritage Convention*: problems and proposals;
5. African coordination on the safeguarding of World Heritage;
6. Conservation of Rock Art in Sub-Saharan Africa – a case study;
7. Community-based tourism at World Heritage sites;
8. Use of World Heritage Sites for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

Tentative programme :

A one-week meeting to be held in November 2004, including a training course, thematic studies in Maun, field trip to Tsodilo World Heritage site and Okavango Delta and field reports presentations.

Participants:

1. Countries from Eastern and Southern Africa: Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Comoro, Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, Mozambique, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland;
2. Participants from Botswana (Botswana National Commission for UNESCO, Botswana National Museum, National Committee for World Heritage)
3. Advisory Bodies: ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM;
4. 5-6 national and international experts/trainers.

Expected outcomes:

1. Decision makers well informed on the values and the use of the *World Heritage Convention* tool for development;
2. Information provided on the strategies for putting in place appropriate juridical, administrative and legislative instruments for World Heritage protection;
3. Shared knowledge of common problems and their solutions;
4. Possibilities for partnerships, both local and international.

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$)		78 645
Contribution from Botswana National Museums in kind (equivalent in US\$)		15 000
Contribution from other funds (to be confirmed) for - Organizational and administrative		1 500
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$)		48 645
1. International participants (20 persons, one from each country)		44 111
International travel	26 111	
Per diem (lump sum)	10 000	
Three international experts	8 000	
2. National participants		
National trainers		1 566

3. Local Organization Field trip, camping at Tsodilo, trip to Delta		2 000
4. Publication of the seminar report		968

Comments of the Advisory Bodies:

1. IUCN is of the opinion that it may be more appropriate at this time for this workshop to deal only with cultural issues, as some information is lacking (e.g. a detailed training programme, especially on the part of natural heritage), but IUCN tends to think this would be unfortunate. The State Party's willingness to involve IUCN is most welcome, and IUCN will be happy to co-operate further on the programme. As due to budget constraints, the State Party has expressed that it will not be possible to invite a cultural and a natural expert from each country, IUCN would like to receive some clarification on how an adequate number of natural heritage experts can be involved in the workshop.
2. ICOMOS supports this request for an international seminar. ICOMOS stresses the desirability of this seminar working out and adopting a methodology, which takes into consideration the new *Operational Guidelines* and the approaches to sustaining outstanding universal value in World Heritage sites. This could lead to a wider relevance and application.

Comments of the Secretariat:

The Centre supports this activity for the requested amount of US\$48,645 and sees it as an important way of enforcing and promoting the *World Heritage Convention* in general and international co-operation in particular. An amount of US\$968 is added to the request to ensure the training be concluded with a report, including recommendations.

Draft decision: Please refer to Decision 28 COM 10A.2 paragraphs 4 and 5.