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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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**Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda: International Assistance**

**14. Examination of International Assistance requests**

## **SUMMARY**

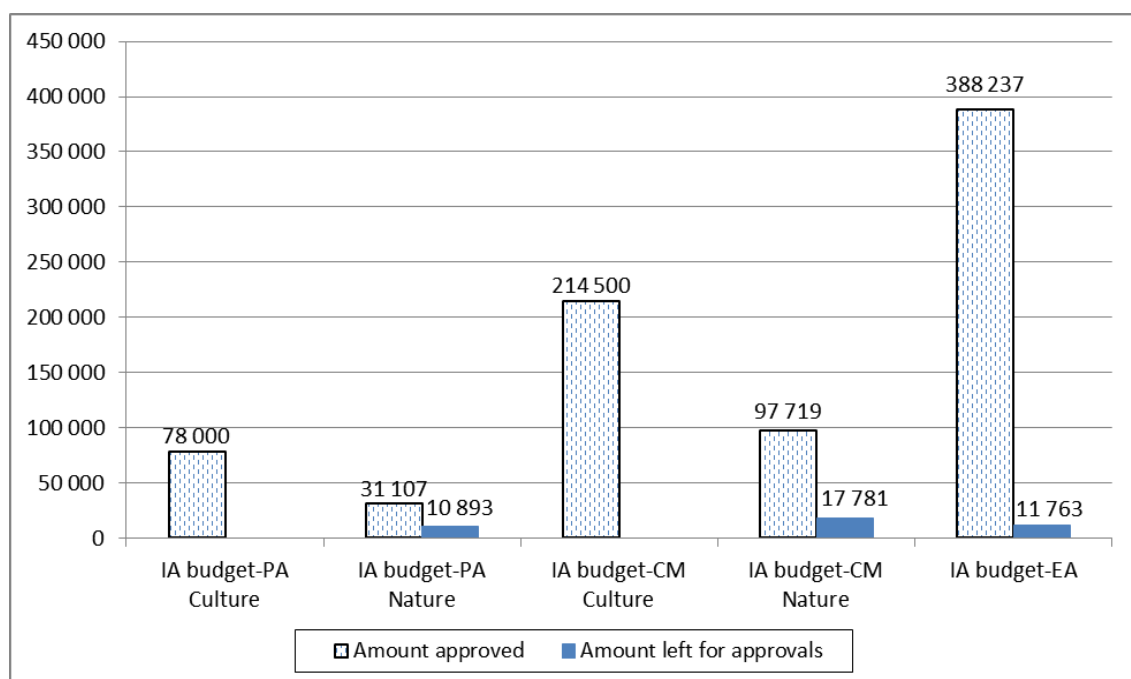
This document comprises two parts: Part I contains the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2014-2015 as of 30 April 2015, and Part II provides the rationale for a reallocation of funds in favor of the International Assistance budget line.

The present document contains also an Annex, with the lists of International Assistance requests approved for the biennium 2014-2015 as of 30 April 2015.

**Draft Decision: 39 COM 14, see Point III**

**I. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2014-2015 AS OF 30 APRIL 2015**

- By Decision **37 COM 15.I**, the International Assistance budget approved for 2014-2015 amounts to US\$ 720,000 for Preparatory and Conservation & Management Assistance, and US\$ 400,000 for Emergency Assistance. But due to the significant funding shortfall, the World Heritage Centre utilized the reduced allocations to implement the budget. Therefore the International Assistance budget on which the approvals were based amounts to US\$ 450,000, namely US\$ 120,000 for Preparatory Assistance and US\$ 330,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance (following Decision **36 COM 13.I** by which each type of assistance has an earmarked budget), and US\$ 400,000 for Emergency Assistance.
- As can be seen from the chart below, as of end of April 2015 the 2014-2015 International Assistance budget has been almost totally utilized for approved requests.



Figures in US dollars.

PA = Preparatory Assistance; CM = Conservation & Management assistance; EA = Emergency assistance

- In addition to the 35 requests approved since the beginning of the biennium, 5 requests for Conservation & Management assistance and 3 requests for Preparatory Assistance were also recommended for approval by the International Assistance panels of 2014 and 2015. However, after applying the prioritization criteria set out in the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraphs 236 to 241), it was not possible to submit these requests for approval because there were not enough funds available. As a result, in 2014-2015, **8 requests** (1 in 2014 and 7 in 2015) amounting to US\$ 179,057 in total could not be approved due to lack of funding. If the States Parties concerned wish so, they can submit these requests again for the 2016 cycle.
- This occurred despite the fact that in 2014 the contribution by Finland was used to approve 3 natural heritage requests, in order to save the funds under the Conservation & Management budget for natural heritage (US\$ 115,500). The funds subsequently saved were used for the approval of cultural heritage requests instead, as provided for by the provisions of paragraph 240 of the *Operational Guidelines*. In other words, without the Finnish contribution, **4** cultural heritage requests, namely 3 from African

LDCs and 1 for a site on the List of World Heritage in Danger, amounting to US\$ 95,910, would not have been approved in 2015, in addition to the 8 requests mentioned above.

5. The International Assistance budget proposed for 2016-2017 (see document WHC-15/39.COM/15) is higher by 66.6% compared with the budget approved for 2014-2015 (US\$ 750,000 in 2016-2017 against US\$ 450,000 in 2014-2015). But despite such an improvement, the International Assistance budget will remain at a level well below what it was 10 years ago (US\$ 0.75 million in 2016-2017 against US\$ 1.5 million in 2006-2007). Nevertheless, it is hoped that the increase foreseen for next biennium will help decreasing the number of requests that have to be rejected for lack of funding.
6. The increase expected in the International Assistance budget is most needed since no additional voluntary contributions for International Assistance have been received since November 2013 (see table below), despite several appeals and the creation of a specific sub-account dedicated to International Assistance by the General Assembly of State Parties in November 2013 (Resolution **19 GA 8**).

Donor	Amount, excluding support costs <i>(received on)</i>
Italy	<b>EUR 250,000</b> , equivalent to US\$ 357,348 <i>(September 2008)</i>
India	<b>US\$ 90,864</b> <i>(September / November 2011)</i>
Private partnership*	<b>US\$ 45,454</b> <i>(April 2013)</i>
Finland**	<b>EUR 200,000</b> , equivalent to US\$ 247,036 <i>(November 2013)</i>
Republic of Korea	<b>US\$ 54,545</b> <i>(November 2013)</i>

\* Funds secured by the World Heritage Centre from an extra-budgetary project with the private sector

\*\* For the approval of natural or mixed heritage requests under Conservation & Management Assistance.

7. All the funds mentioned above are now exhausted, except the contribution from Finland (with US\$ 90,306 remaining as of 30 April 2015). All these additional funds made approvals possible for an average amount of **US\$ 226,042 per biennium** since 2010<sup>1</sup>. This clearly shows that voluntary contributions dedicated to International Assistance have been crucial.
8. It is therefore of utmost importance that States Parties choose to increase the level of the World Heritage Fund by choosing one of the options recommended by the General Assembly in its Resolution **19 GA 8**. The Committee, by Decision **38 COM 12**, also strongly encouraged “the States Parties to contribute to the sub-account for International Assistance and make voluntary contributions by choosing among the options described in Resolution **19 GA 8**”. The circular letter to States Parties which will be issued in June 2015 for the 2016 cycle will include once again an appeal for voluntary contributions to the sub-account for International Assistance.
9. Indeed, International Assistance was conceived as a major means to help States Parties to the *Convention* to protect their cultural and natural heritage. This is why International Assistance is the subject of 10 articles in the *Convention* (art. 13; art.19 to art. 26; art. 28).

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<sup>1</sup> Namely US\$ 206,994 in 2010-2011; US\$ 241,402 in 2012-2013; and US\$ 229,730 in 2014-2015 (as of 30 April 2015)

## II. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

10. After a careful review of the funds still available under the World Heritage Fund as of 31 March 2015, a reallocation totaling US\$ 60,000 was deemed possible without jeopardizing the activities to be undertaken before the end of the biennium – for details about this reallocation, please see document WHC-15/39.COM/15.
11. This US\$ 60,000, coming in addition to the little funds still available under the International Assistance budget, allowed the International Assistance panel held on 21 April 2015 to recommend the following International Assistance requests for approval:
  - a) Paraguay (Lower Middle Income Country): Ecological belt at the buffer zones of the serial World Heritage property “Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue” – Conservation & Management / Culture - US\$ 18,000
  - b) Liberia (Least Developed Country): World Heritage Tentative List workshop for Liberia – Preparatory Assistance / Mixed - US\$ 29,998
  - c) Maldives (Small Island Developing State): Preparatory assistance for the serial nomination of Coral Stone Mosques: Further survey on construction techniques of Coral Stone Mosques towards the identification of Outstanding Universal Value, comparative analysis and review of the choice of mosques for World Heritage nomination – Preparatory Assistance / Culture - US\$ 30,000
12. Therefore, if the World Heritage Committee decides to reallocate the US\$ 60,000 as proposed in draft Decision **39 COM 15**, the 3 requests mentioned above will be subsequently submitted to the Chairperson for approval.

## III. DRAFT DECISION

### **Draft Decision: 39 COM 14**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined Document WHC-15/39.COM/14,*
2. *Notes with concern the low level of the International Assistance budget;*
3. *Warmly thanks the States Parties of Italy, Finland, India, and the Republic of Korea for their generous contribution which made possible the approval of several International Assistance requests since 2010;*
4. *Recalling Decision **38 COM 12**, paragraph 13, strongly appeals to all States Parties to contribute to the sub-account of the World Heritage Fund for International Assistance by choosing among the options described in Resolution **19 GA 8**.*

## I. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2014-2015 (AS OF 30 APRIL 2015)

A. 26.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET  
(as of 30 April 2015)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (4.5 requests)</b>				<b>109 107</b>		
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>				<b>59 994</b>		
AFR	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	Launching of the elaboration of the nomination of the sites of ancient metallurgy for iron reduction in the boose and bwi spaces: Ronguin, Tiwega, Yamane, Kindbo, Bekuy, Douroula	Les sites de métallurgie ancienne de réduction du fer dans les espaces boose et bwi (Ronguin, Tiwega, Yamane, Kindbo, Bekuy, Douroula) ( <i>on Tentative List since 2012</i> )	29 994	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.25, E.26, E.28
APA	<b>Cambodia</b>	Preparation assistance request for the nomination of the Sambor Prei Kuk Group	Groupe de Sambor Prei Kuk ( <i>on Tentative List since 1992</i> )	30 000	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.25, E.27
<b>Mixed (2.5 requests)</b>				<b>49 113</b>		
AFR	<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	Establishment of a Tentative List for the Republic of Equatorial Guinea	n.a.	27 628	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30
AFR	<b>Cabo Verde</b>	Update of the Tentative List ( <i>approved for 78% under IA budget, and for 22% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i> )	n.a.	11 485	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	El Salvador	Updating and formulating the Tentative List of Cultural and Natural Heritage of El Salvador ( <i>approved for 50% under IA nature budget, and for 50% under Italian funds earmarked for IA</i> )	n.a.	10 000	29 March 2014	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (16 requests)</b>				<b>312 219</b>		
<b>Culture (16 requests)</b>				<b>312 219</b>		
AFR	<b>Benin</b>	Evaluation of the conservation and management plan and presentation of the site of the Royal Palaces of Abomey (2007-2011)	Royal Palaces of Abomey ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1985</i> )	5 000	15 May 2014	n.a.
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Information and awareness-raising workshop on the conservation and management plan of the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam ( <i>approved for 63% under IA culture budget, for 36% under IA nature budget, and for 1% under Korean earmarked funds for IA</i> )	Historic Town of Grand-Bassam ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2012</i> )	4 950	12 March 2015	n.a.
AFR	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Protection of vernacular architecture on the World Heritage site with better understanding and implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>	Konso Cultural Landscape ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2011</i> )	9 550	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.47
AFR	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Defining the boundary and geo-mapping the Lower Omo Valley World Heritage property ( <i>approved under the Conservation &amp; Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines</i> )	Lower Valley of the Omo ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980</i> )	15 018	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.34
AFR	<b>Madagascar</b>	Conservation and protection of the properties of the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga - Antananarivo	Royal Hill of Ambohimanga ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2001</i> )	15 445	17 December 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.15, D.18, D.19, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Protection of the World Heritage site of Djenné (approved under the Conservation & Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines)	Old Towns of Djenné (on the World Heritage List since 1988)	25 000	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
AFR	Mauritius	Preparation of a Local Economic Development Plan for the Buffer Zones of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property	Aapravasi Ghat (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	29 500	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.36
AFR	<b>Senegal</b>	Elaboration of the management plan for the Island of Gorée	Island of Gorée (on the World Heritage List since 1978)	27 410	16 June 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
AFR	<b>Tanzania (United Rep. of)</b>	Construction of pavement block at Mongomi Wa Kolo rock painting site	Kondoa Rock-Art Sites (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	5 000	11 June 2014	n.a.
AFR	<b>Tanzania (United Rep. of)</b>	Strengthening coastal sea on the Gereza Fort in Kilwa Kisiwani (approved under the Conservation & Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines)	Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (on the World Heritage List since 1981)	25 900	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
ARB	<b>Yemen</b>	Preparation of the conservation plan - Old City of Sana'a (phase I - inventory update)	Old City of Sana'a (on the World Heritage List since 1986)	29 830	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.39, E.42
ARB	<b>Yemen</b>	Community participation programme for better conservation process - Historical Town of Zabid World Heritage site in danger	<b>Historic Town of Zabid (on the World Heritage List since 1993 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2000)</b>	29 830	16 June 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
APA	Vietnam	Strengthening the management capacity for the Complex of Hué Monuments	Complex of Hué Monuments ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1993</i> )	29 930	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.39, E.42
EUR	Malta	Studies for Stabilising the Facade of Ggantija Temples - Phase 1 - Movement sensors	Megalithic Temples of Malta ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980</i> )	24 864	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34
LAC	Paraguay	Technical Support in view of the drafting of a request for international assistance on a "Feasibility study for the expansion of the current ecological belt of Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue"	Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1993</i> )	5 000	11 June 2014	n.a.
LAC	Bolivia	Elaboration of the integral and participative management plan for the conservation and management of city of Potosí ( <i>approved under the Conservation &amp; Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines</i> )	<b>City of Potosí</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1987 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2014</i> )	29 992	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
<b>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (6 requests)</b>				<b>388 237</b>		
<b>Culture (5 requests)</b>				<b>313 237</b>		
APA	<b>Afghanistan</b>	Preparatory work for the conservation plan for the World Heritage Property of Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam	<b>Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2002 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2002</i> )	73 750	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.23
EUR	Czech Republic	Elimination of the effects after the flood of 2 and 3 June 2013 - revised version after ICOMOS's and ICCROM's review	Historic Centre of Prague ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1992</i> )	75 000	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.22



Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
APA	Vanuatu	Emergency Assessment of the Impacts of Cyclone Pam on Chief Roi Mata's Domain	Chief Roi Mata's Domain <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2008)</i>	18 140	16 April 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23
LAC	Chile	Post-earthquake 2014 Emergency Assistance for Humberstone and Santa Laura Salpeter Works	<b>Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2005 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2005)</i>	75 000	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.22, E.23
LAC	Nicaragua	Post-earthquake emergency intervention on the site of the Ruins of León Viejo inscribed on the World Heritage List	Ruins of León Viejo <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2000)</i>	71 347	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.22
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>				<b>75 000</b>		
AFR	<b>Democratic Rep. of the Congo</b>	Contribution to the protection of Garamba National Park and the adjacent hunting grounds	<b>Garamba National Park</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1996)</i>	75 000	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21

**B. 0.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS + A PERCENTAGE OF 1 REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE ITALIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2015)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (0.5 request + a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>12 732</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>2 732</b>		
AFR	<b>Comoros</b>	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage ( <i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i> )	Sultanats Historiques des Comores ( <i>on Tentative List since 2007</i> )	2 732	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27
<b>Mixed (0.5 request)</b>				<b>10 000</b>		
LAC	El Salvador	Updating and formulating the Tentative List of Cultural and Natural Heritage of El Salvador ( <i>approved for 50% under IA nature budget, and for 50% under Italian funds earmarked for IA</i> )	n.a.	10 000	29 March 2014	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

**C. A PERCENTAGE OF 1 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE INDIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2015)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>2 004</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>2 004</b>		
AFR	<b>Comoros</b>	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage ( <i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i> )	Sultanats Historiques des Comores ( <i>on Tentative List since 2007</i> )	2 004	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27

**D. A PERCENTAGE OF 2 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2015)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 2 requests)</b>				<b>3 719</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>619</b>		
AFR	<b>Comoros</b>	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage ( <i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i> )	Sultanats Historiques des Comores ( <i>on Tentative List since 2007</i> )	619	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>Mixed (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>3 100</b>		
AFR	<b>Cabo Verde</b>	Update of the Tentative List ( <i>approved for 78% under IA budget, and for 22% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i> )	n.a.	3 100	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

**E. 6 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE FINNISH FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2015)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (6 requests)</b>				<b>156 730</b>		
<b>Nature (4 requests)</b>				<b>105 994</b>		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Protection of the biodiversity of Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve	<b>Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1981 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992</i> )	20 366	16 June 2014	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
AFR	<b>Senegal</b>	Counting of large and medium-sized terrestrial, mammalian fauna, terrestrial, diurnal, of Niokolo-Koba National Park	<b>Niokolo-Koba National Park</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1981 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2007</i> )	30 000	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.34
APA	Palau	Is the endemic golden jelly in Jellyfish Lake, Palau, threatened by sunscreen?	Rock Islands Southern Lagoon ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2012</i> )	30 000	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.9, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Honduras	Studies in view of the redefinition of boundaries of Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve	<b>Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1982 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2011</i> )	25 628	12 March 2015	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
<b>Mixed (2 requests)</b>				<b>50 736</b>		
AFR	<b>Lesotho</b>	Documentation of Rock Art at Sehlabathebe National Park as Part of the Maloti-Drakensberg Park	Maloti-Drakensberg Park ( <i>on the World Heritage List for Lesotho part since 2013</i> )	20 736	16 June 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.39, E.42, E.43
AFR	<b>Tanzania (United Rep. of)</b>	Building the capacity of local communities and stakeholders for a dialogue towards sustainable livelihoods in tune with wildlife protection and ecosystem management in Ngorongoro Conservation Area	Ngorongoro Conservation Area ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1979</i> )	30 000	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.43

**F. 2 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS + A PERCENTAGE OF 1 REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE KOREAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2015)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (2 requests)</b>				<b>54 495</b>		
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>				<b>54 495</b>		
AFR	<b>Comoros</b>	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage ( <i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i> )	Sultanats Historiques des Comores ( <i>on Tentative List since 2007</i> )	24 645	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27
AFR	<b>Rwanda</b>	Support for research, documentation and collecting testimony on the memorial sites of Nyamata, Murambi, Gisozi and Bisesero	Sites mémoriaux du génocide : Nyamata, Murambi, Bisesero et Gisozi ( <i>on Tentative List since 2012</i> )	29 850	16 June 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27, E.28
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>50</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>50</b>		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Information and awareness-raising workshop on the conservation and management plan of the historic town of Grand Bassam ( <i>approved for 63% under IA culture budget, for 36% under IA nature budget, and for 1% under Korean earmarked funds for IA</i> )	Historic Town of Grand-Bassam ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2012</i> )	50	12 March 2015	n.a.

**G. 9 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2014-2015 (as of 30 April 2015)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (3 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>					
ARB	<b>Sudan</b>	Towards the conservation and revival of Suakin - Sudan's historical coral city	Suakin ( <i>on Tentative List since 1994</i> )	25 February 2014	Management activities or conservation measures for non-inscribed sites fall out of the scope of International Assistance.
LAC	Paraguay	Feasibility study for the expansion of the current ecological belt, as property protection on the World Heritage List	Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1993</i> )	25 February 2014	This third version has still not taken into account the Advisory Bodies comments made on the two previous versions already submitted in 2009.
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>					
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Preparation of the nomination dossier for candidature of Vjetrenica cave to the World Heritage List of UNESCO	Vjetrenica cave ( <i>on Tentative List since 2004</i> )	25 February 2014	The request needs to be thoroughly revised within the framework of the Dinaric Karst upstream project, in cooperation with the other States Parties involved in the process.
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (6 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (5 requests)</b>					
ARB	Egypt	Burg Al Arab- Mariotte, Dir Mary Mena- Alexandria (US\$ 30,000)	<b>Abu Mena</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1979 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2001</i> )	25 February 2014	The activity foreseen goes against the World Heritage Committee Decision <b>37 COM 7A.23</b> and would increase the conservation problems of the property.
ARB	Egypt	Burg Al Arab- Mariotte, Dir Mary Mena- Alexandria (US\$ 10,000)			

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
ARB	Egypt	Historical Cairo Center for training on preservation and conservation	Historic Cairo ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1979</i> )	25 February 2014	Contrary to what its title states, the request is not for a capacity-building activity and it does not constitute a priority for the conservation of the site either.
APA	Pakistan	Conservation and Management Assistance Request- Technical Cooperation for: The Tomb of Sultan Ibrahim at Makli Hill Monuments, Thatta	Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1981</i> )	25 February 2014	The activity does not correspond to priority conservation issues at the site.
LAC	El Salvador	Work of Conservation for the Archaeological Structures Complex n°2, Joya de Cerén Archaeological Site, El Salvador	Joya de Cerén Archaeological Site ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1993</i> )	16 June 2014	The approach proposed cannot respond to the issues at the site.
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>					
AFR	<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>	Youth education to environmental preservation	n.a.	25 February 2014	The activity proposed does not contribute to the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee and which are a priority for the sites in danger of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.