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**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF  
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

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

**14. Examination of International Assistance requests**

## **SUMMARY**

This document contains under Part I an update on the International Assistance requests received by the World Heritage Centre for which the decision is to be taken by the World Heritage Committee. Part II presents the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2016-2017 as of 30 April 2016, Part III includes an update of the status of implementation of the International Assistance request from Madagascar as requested by the Committee in Decision **37 COM 14**, and Part IV presents a report on the implementation of the revised timeline for the examination of International Assistance requests as requested by the Committee in Decision **36 COM 14**.

The present document contains also an Annex listing the International Assistance requests approved as of 30 April 2016 for the biennium 2016-2017, as well as the final list of those approved during the biennium 2014-2015.

**Draft Decision: 40 COM 14**, see *Point V*

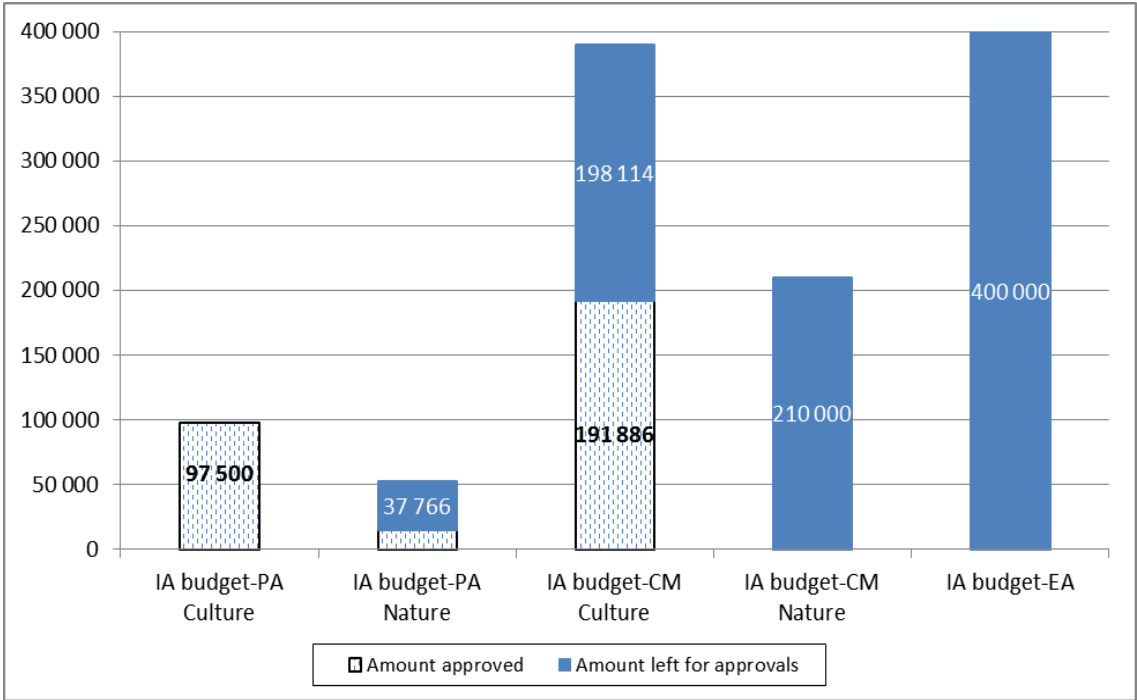
**I. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS FOR DECISION BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Paragraph 241 of the *Operational Guidelines*, International Assistance requests for amounts above US\$ 30,000 are to be approved by the World Heritage Committee. In the current cycle, only one such request was received and examined by the International Assistance panel on 12 January 2016. Further to the recommendation for non-approval, the International Assistance request was subsequently withdrawn by the State Party concerned on 17 February 2016 (Bulgaria: Conservation, restoration, and display of the Thracian Tomb near the village of Sveshtari - improving authentic appearance of the site).

**II. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2016-2017 AS OF 30 APRIL 2016**

2. By Decision **39 COM 15**, the International Assistance budget approved for the biennium 2016-2017 is as follows: US\$ 150,000 for Preparatory Assistance (instead of US\$ 120,000 in 2014-2015), US\$ 600,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance (instead of US\$ 330,000 in 2014-2015), and US\$ 400,000 for Emergency Assistance (the same as in 2014-2015). The overall budget for International Assistance is therefore higher by 66.6% compared with the budget approved for 2014-2015. Nonetheless, despite the effort made to increase the International Assistance budget, it might be worth noting that it represents only 50% of the IA budget 10 years ago (US\$ 0.75 million in 2016-2017 against US\$ 1.5 million in 2006-2007). For easy reference, the total number of inscribed World Heritage properties in 2006 was 830, while the current number of properties is 1031.

3. As can be seen from the chart below, as of the end of April 2016, the 2016-2017 International Assistance budget for Preparatory Assistance-Culture has already been fully earmarked for approvals.



Figures in US dollars.  
 PA = Preparatory Assistance; CM = Conservation & Management assistance; EA = Emergency assistance

4. Furthermore, there is one Preparatory Assistance request which could not be approved in 2016 due to lack of funding. In case no additional funds are received from States Parties or other donors, the possibilities for funding of Preparatory Assistance requests for cultural heritage will be greatly diminished for the 2017 cycle.
5. The table below lists contributions which have been made available since 2008 for the approval of International Assistance requests, where the International Assistance budget is insufficient. It is to be noted that since the 39th session of the Committee, additional funding for International Assistance has been received only from the Philippines and from Turkey.

Donor	Amount, excluding support costs (received on)	Amount approved between 2010 and 2016	Amount left for approvals after the second panel (April 2016)
Turkey <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>US\$ 4,558 and US\$ 18,182</b> (December 2015 and January 2016)	US\$ 21,979	US\$ 4,761
Philippines	<b>US\$ 4,545</b> (October 2015)	US\$ 4,545	<b>US\$ 0</b>
Republic of Korea	<b>US\$ 54,545 and US\$ 27,272</b> (November 2013 and June 2015)	US\$ 81,817	<b>US\$ 0</b>
Finland <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>EUR 200,000</b> , equivalent to US\$ 247,036 (November 2013)	US\$ 235,730	US\$ 11,306
Private partnership <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>US\$ 45,454</b> (April 2013)	US\$ 45,454	<b>US\$ 0</b>
India	<b>US\$ 90,864</b> (September / November 2011)	US\$ 90,864	<b>US\$ 0</b>
Italy <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>EUR 250,000</b> , equivalent to US\$ 357,348 (September 2008)	US\$ 373,438	<b>US\$ 0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> US\$ 5,014 from ICOM-Turkey, US\$ 10,000 from Bursa Metropolitan Municipality and US\$ 10,000 from ONE Association

<sup>(2)</sup> For the approval of natural or mixed heritage requests under Conservation & Management or Emergency Assistance.

<sup>(3)</sup> Funds secured by the World Heritage Centre from an extra-budgetary project with the private sector

<sup>(4)</sup> Funds approved are a bit higher than the funds received, because the amounts left after the completion of some requests could be used again for approvals.

6. The additional funds allowed the approval of more requests, namely for an average amount of **US\$ 265,567 per biennium** from 2010 to 2015<sup>1</sup>. This clearly shows that voluntary contributions dedicated to International Assistance have been crucial and the Committee may wish to encourage States Parties and other stakeholders to continue to provide additional funds toward the International Assistance budget.
7. As of 30 April 2016, all additional funds mentioned above have been exhausted, except the contributions of Finland (with a remaining US\$ 11,306) and Turkey (US\$ 4,761 left). It is therefore of utmost importance that States Parties choose either to directly contribute to the specific sub-account dedicated to International Assistance by the General Assembly of States Parties in November 2013 (Resolution **19 GA 8**), or to increase the World Heritage Fund by choosing one of the options recommended by the General Assembly in the same Resolution. The Committee, by Decisions **39 COM 14**, paragraph 4, and **39 COM 15**, paragraph 10, also strongly appealed 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**.

<sup>1</sup> Namely US\$ 235,994 in 2010-2011; US\$ 241,402 in 2012-2013; and US\$ 319,907 in 2014-2015.

8. Indeed, the importance of the International Assistance as a major mechanism to assist States Parties to the *Convention* to protect their cultural and natural heritage is highlighted by the *World Heritage Convention* itself. The fact that International Assistance is the subject of 10 articles in the *Convention* (art. 13; art.19 to art. 26; art. 28) speaks for itself. Since the first budget of the World Heritage Fund was voted nearly 40 years ago and to date, 2033 International Assistance requests have been approved for a total amount of US\$ 42,861,866.

### III. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR ATSIANANA FORESTS (MADAGASCAR) APPROVED IN 2010 BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

9. In accordance with Decision **34 COM 15.2** (Brasilia, 2010), the World Heritage Committee approved an amount of US\$ 100,000 for 'Madagascar: Rainforests of the Atsinanana', under the category 'Conservation and Management', according to five modalities. Following 3 reports on the implementation of this decision at the 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Committee in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively, the Committee requested the Centre to provide further information under the agenda item relating to International Assistance (Decision **37 COM 14**).
10. Four of the five modalities mentioned above have been implemented (see document WHC-13/37.COM/14, page 1). The fifth modality, which was the "allocation of a second payment of US\$ 65,000 as a contribution to the implementation of the Emergency Plan, subject to co-financing from the government and other donors", is still under implementation.
11. On 11 September 2012, the State Party submitted details on the procedure for the inventory, confiscation, bidding and timber sale, as well as the specialists mobilized and the involvement of civil society and partner organizations in this process. In parallel, the World Bank decided to fund three studies to stimulate the reflection on the reorganization of the wood sector, namely a feasibility study of the inventory and marking of stocks, an analysis of the legal framework governing the exploitation and export of timber in Madagascar and a feasibility study on the inventory liquidation.
12. Further to these developments made, the activities originally proposed for the use of the US\$ 65,000 approved under the International Assistance request became irrelevant. Therefore in June 2013, by Decision **37 COM 14**, the World Heritage Committee requested the Secretariat to submit the revised budget and activities for the second installment of US\$65,000 for approval by the Chairperson of the Committee. In March 2014, the State Party submitted the revised budget and an outline of the requested activities which were subsequently approved by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee on 29 March 2014.
13. A contract was established with the Fondation pour les aires protégées in May 2014, in order to organize surveys in Masoala and Marojejy National Parks on illicit trafficking of timber, as well as an awareness-raising campaign on this issue. Nevertheless, institutional difficulties delayed the implementation of the activities, which were as follows: establishment of focal point to strengthen the fight against illicit trafficking of precious wood and improve the conservation of the parks; organization of information and awareness campaign towards local communities to contribute to the sustainable management of the sites; monitoring of the parks. The related contract being no longer valid, it was liquidated and on 16 March 2016, the Bureau of Financial Management of UNESCO granted an exceptional authorization to re-obligate the remaining funds. Therefore a new contract will be established to strengthen the monitoring of sites and contribute in fighting poaching and the illegal logging of precious wood.

14. In the meantime, a project proposal was developed thanks to extra-budgetary funding received from Bulgaria. This proposal, for an amount of US\$ 1,095,000, was approved for funding by Norway in the beginning of 2013. For the past 2 years, the activities undertaken within the framework of this project have contributed to the implementation of the corrective measures in complement to the support from the International Assistance.

#### **IV. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED TIMELINE OF SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS**

##### **Background**

15. In the beginning of the 2000s, the World Heritage Centre, by way of internal reorganization and a revision of the *Operational Guidelines*, set up an improved mechanism for processing International Assistance requests. As from 2007, the World Heritage Centre's internal monthly International Assistance panels became official panels, involving the Secretariat, the Advisory Bodies and the Chairperson or one of the Vice-Chairpersons (Decision **30 COM 14A**).
16. The rigorous process put in place was a guarantee of quality for States Parties, but it did not achieve resolving the "first come, first serve" issue. It was thought that a single panel every year could be a solution to help prioritizing, since all the requests which could be approved under the budget of a given year would be examined together in January. In addition to the regular January meetings between WHC and the Advisory Bodies, which facilitated the presence of the Advisory Bodies representatives in Paris, the choice of January was made taking into account the annual nature of the budget, the World Heritage Fund budget being approved for a biennium and operated by calendar years (January-December). Requests assessed positively could be approved already in February and start to be implemented in the first trimester. Finally, it would allow the requests for amounts above US\$ 30,000 for which the Decision is to be taken by the World Heritage Committee (in June/July) to be examined within a reasonable timeframe.
17. Therefore, in 2012, through a revision of the *Operational Guidelines* a one-year cycle for International Assistance was established, starting in January 2013, with one single deadline (31 October) and only one or two panels per year (a main panel in January and a "catch-up" panel in April). This was conceived as means of ensuring a fairer and more equitable distribution of International Assistance, while respecting the priorities that have been set by the Committee (Decision **36 COM 13**).
18. By Decision **36 COM 14**, the World Heritage Committee also requested "the World Heritage Centre to implement the revised calendar for the yearly examination of International Assistance requests on an experimental basis until 2016" and "to submit a report on the implementation of the new calendar at the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2016, under the agenda item relating to International Assistance".

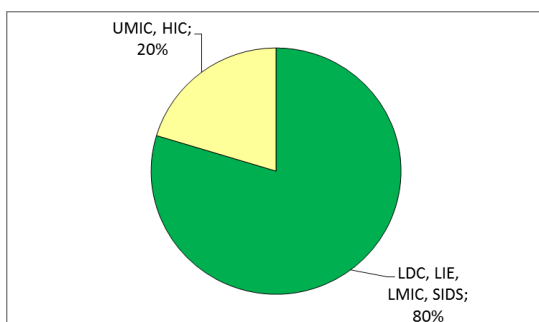
##### **Assessment**

19. Most of the workload related to International Assistance is now concentrated in the period November-April. As can be seen in the table below, on the one hand the workload is less in terms of organization and logistics, since there are less panels: 8 currently against 14 previously, and the "catch up" panel in April is much lighter than the January one (since it concerns only revised requests).

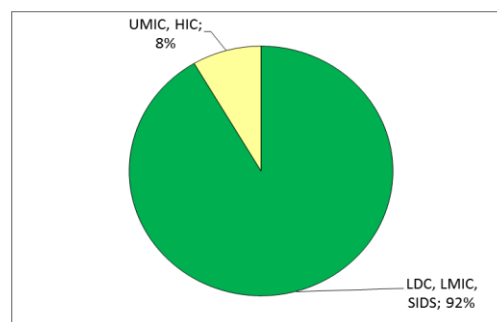
Years	Number of panels	Number of requests examined
<b>2009, 2010, 2011 &amp; 2012</b>	14 panels (4 + 3 + 3 + 4)	130 (average per panel: 9)
<b>2013, 2014, 2015 &amp; 2016</b>	8 panels (2 + 2 + 2 + 2)	187 (average per panel: 23)

20. On the other hand, the workload related to the evaluation and examination of requests has increased, due mainly to the increase of number of requests received and examined (+ 43%). This increase is possibly related to the new “unique” deadline, which is widely publicized through circular letters sent to States Parties every year (this was not the case before).
21. While the new unique deadline has entailed no significant change in the type of submitting States Parties (such as LDCs, LIEs etc.), it is to be noted that there is a slight increase in the number of requests submitted by the Africa region (+ 8%).
22. Last but not least, the new timeline with a main annual panel at the beginning of each year did help prioritization, especially in the context of a reduced International Assistance budget between 2012 and 2015. All requests for a given year being assessed within the same day, the same approach is applied very consistently, thus guaranteeing a fair treatment. As it could be seen in the charts below, the main result is that priority-requests from LDCs, LIEs, LMICs and SIDS constitute now the overwhelming majority of requests approved.

Percentage of priority-requests from LDCs, LIEs, LMICs and SIDS approved in **2009-2010-2011-2012**



Percentage of priority-requests from LDCs, LIEs, LMICs and SIDS approved in **2013-2014-2015-2016**



23. Nevertheless, the “first come, first serve” logic persists to some extent:
- Currently, the requests received in the first year of biennium will be all funded, if the level of the biennial budget allows. But the funds remaining for the second year may be not enough: e.g. three requests were recommended for approval but could not be funded due to lack of funding in 2013 and seven in 2015. In that case, such requests can come back the following year, although they would not be given an automatic priority; they will be assessed together with other requests received, on the basis of their own merits and in line with the priorities set in the *Operational Guidelines*. Until now, almost all requests which were not funded in 2013 and 2015 and which were submitted again during the following cycle, were eventually funded (in 2014 and 2016 respectively).
  - If the budget of the biennium was divided in two equal portions, there would be a possibility that some requests face a lack of funding already in the first year, and hence will be delayed until the second year. Thus, there will be no major difference with the situation described in paragraph a) above.

- c) If the panel would be no longer annual but biennial, all the requests could be approved in the first year of the biennium. But there would be still no guarantee that the budget available would be enough to cover all requests recommended for approval, and the possibility to come back would be given two years later instead of the year after.
24. Therefore, it becomes clear from the above that the actual issue is not the timeline as such, but the level of the budget available for funding of International Assistance requests.

#### **“Marketplace” proposal**

25. Considering the low level of funding available for International Assistance over the past biennia and the fact that during this time a number of projects have been recommended for approval but have not been funded due to a lack of resources in International Assistance budget, the World Heritage Centre suggests to present such non-funded proposals, which have already been reviewed and recommended for approval by the International Assistance (IA) panel to potential donors, through a dedicated “Marketplace” web-page. This proposal is made keeping also in mind the discussions of the ad hoc working group about the need of attracting new donors for World Heritage without duplicating existing mechanisms and modalities, such as the International Assistance and Partnerships for Conservation (PACT). It is hoped that presenting “ready-made” projects which have already been developed and recommended for approval by the IA panel, in line with the requirements and principles of the *World Heritage Convention*, could allow to attract necessary funds matching the needs and thus, contribute ultimately towards providing enhanced assistance to eligible States Parties.
26. The “Marketplace” webpage will be available within the International Assistance page, on the website of the World Heritage Centre. It will showcase projects that have been successfully implemented as well as IA requests/projects that have been positively assessed but which have not been funded due to lack of funding. It will also provide potential donors with information on relevant modalities. The World Heritage Centre will disseminate this information to the States Parties to the *Convention* and to other potential donors.

#### **Redesigning of the International Assistance web-page**

27. The new home page for the International Assistance web-based database was developed in 2016 in order to present content in a seamless and user-friendly manner, and enhance the visibility of activities undertaken in the framework of International Assistance.
28. All available information on a given International Assistance request can now be viewed in a straightforward single-page format. The World Heritage Centre is also in the process of providing access to summaries of results obtained for each completed request initially from 2010 onwards.
29. In addition to being a tool for processing and monitoring of International Assistance requests, the database can also be used by States Parties by States Parties as a capacity-building tool that provides them with examples of successful requests for each category of assistance in the language in which they were submitted and could thus contribute to improving the content of their IA requests. The World Heritage Centre is now trying to identify funds for translation in order to make these available in both English and French.

30. The IA database also enables users to easily access data in view of conducting comprehensive analyses on IA over time, with the help of features such as integration with other World Heritage databases, advanced search, interactive charts and statistics, as well as an extensive bank of verified data. The ease with which information can be accessed (such as on assistance already granted, per site or per State Party) facilitates well-informed and consistent decision-making.

## V. DRAFT DECISION

### **Draft Decision: 40 COM 14**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/14,*
2. *Takes note of the status of implementation of the International Assistance request for Atsinanana Forests (Madagascar) approved in 2010 by the Committee and requests the Secretariat to include any relevant information concerning the implementation of this request in the state of conservation reports for this property, to be examined by subsequent sessions of the Committee;*
3. *Also takes note of the report on the implementation of revised timeline for examination of International Assistance requests and decides not to propose any changes in this regard;*
4. *Notes with great concern the low level of the International Assistance budget;*
5. *Warmly thanks the States Parties of Italy, India, the Republic of Korea, Finland, the Philippines and Turkey for their contributions which made possible the funding of several International Assistance requests since 2010;*
6. *Recalling Decision **39 COM 14**, paragraph 4, 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**;*
7. *Commends the World Heritage Centre for its initiative to propose International Assistance requests which have been recommended for approval but not funded due to lack of funding, to potential donors, through a dedicated web-page.*



## I. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2016-2017 (AS OF 30 APRIL 2016)

A. 6 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2016-2017 UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET (as of 30 April 2016)

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 (4 requests)</b>				<b>91 010</b>		
<b>Culture (4 requests)</b>				<b>91 010</b>		
AFR	<b>Gambia</b>	Review and update of the management plan of the Stone Circles of Senegambia	Stone Circles of Senegambia ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2006</i> )	27 018	05 April 2016	A.1, A.2, A.3, C.10, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.34
ARB	Palestine	Management and Conservation Plan for the World Heritage Site of Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines: the Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir	<b>Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2014</i> )	30 000	12 February 2016	A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, C.10, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.34
APA	Uzbekistan	Development of a Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Bukhara	Historic Centre of Bukhara ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1993</i> )	29 000	12 February 2016	A.1, A.2, A.3, C.10, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.34
EUR	Albania	Development of monitoring indicators for the World Heritage property "Historic Centres of Gjirokastra and Berat"	Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2005-2008</i> )	4 992	02 February 2016	n.a.

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>53 890</b>		
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>				<b>53 890</b>		
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Assistance project for the preparation of the nomination of the sacred house (Kamablon) Kangaba and associated sites including the historic site of Kurukan Fuga Kangaba and the sacred house of Kéniéro on the World Heritage List	Kamablon ( <i>on Tentative List since 1999</i> )	23 890	12 February 2016	A.1, A.2, A.3, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.27
AFR	<b>Eritrea</b>	Conservation master plan of the Historic City of Asmara	The Historic Perimeter of Asmara and its Modernist Architecture ( <i>on Tentative List since 2005</i> )	30 000	05 April 2016	A.1, A.2, A.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.27

#### B. 4 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2016-2017

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (2 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>					
EUR	Armenia	Technical assistance for land improvement of Sanahin Monastery Complex	Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1996</i> )	05 April 2016	This activity would be premature at this stage; it would be necessary to have first a Plan of Management which would include an indication of priority tasks and an indicative program for conservation.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
EUR	Armenia	International workshop for drafting a concept note on management plan for World Heritage sites in Armenia	n.a.	05 April 2016	This activity would be premature at this stage; it would be a logical successor to IA n°2778, once it is implemented.
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (2 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>					
AFR	Ghana	Nomination of the Tongo-Tengzuk Cultural Landscape and Shrines for Inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List	Tenzug - Tallensi settlements ( <i>on Tentative List since 2000</i> )	12 February 2016	It is premature to consider the drafting of a revised nomination at this stage without substantial surveys and research on the potential Outstanding Universal Value of the cultural landscape, as well as without more work to define larger boundaries and revive traditional practices. Without all these elements, a revised nomination is unlikely to succeed.
EUR	Belarus	Organization of an advisory mission of international experts in cultural and natural Heritage for the completion of Augustow channel nomination file for submission to UNESCO World Heritage List	Augustow Canal ( <i>on Tentative List since 2004</i> )	05 April 2016	The nomination dossier submitted in 2008 for this site was evaluated for non-inscription.

## II. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2014-2015

### A. 32 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

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>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (7 requests)</b>				<b>400 000</b>		
<b>Culture (6 requests)</b>				<b>325 000</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> (on the World Heritage List since 2002 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2002)	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
APA	Nepal	Post-Earthquake Assistance for emergency operations and to re-build the capacity of management authorities for the safeguarding of the Kathmandu Valley World Heritage Property (approved for 16% under Emergency Assistance budget, for 19% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 29% under the Finnish funds earmarked for IA and for 36% under the Korean funds earmarked for IA)	Kathmandu Valley (on the World Heritage List since 1979)	11 763	21 May 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23
APA	Vanuatu	Emergency Assessment of the Impacts of Cyclone Pam on Chief Roi Mata's Domain	Chief Roi Mata's Domain (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	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
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 (on the World Heritage List since 1992)	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)
LAC	Chile	Post-earthquake 2014 Emergency Assistance for Humberstone and Santa Laura Salpeter Works	<b>Humberstone and Santa Laura Salpeter Works</b> (on the World Heritage List since 2005 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2005)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2000)	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> (on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1996)	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>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (17.5 requests)</b>				<b>335 169</b>		
<b>Culture (17.5 requests)</b>				<b>335 169</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 (on the World Heritage List since 1985)	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 (approved for 63% under IA culture budget, for 36% under IA nature budget, and for 1% under Korean earmarked funds for IA)	Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (on the World Heritage List since 2012)	4 950	12 March 2015	n.a.
AFR	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Protection of vernacular architecture of the World Heritage site with better understanding and implementation of the World Heritage Convention	Konso Cultural Landscape (on the World Heritage List since 2011)	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

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>Ethiopia</b>	Defining the boundary and geo-mapping of the Lower Omo Valley World Heritage property (approved under the Conservation & Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines)	Lower Valley of the Omo (on the World Heritage List since 1980)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2001)	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
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

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>Togo</b>	Elaboration of a new management plan for the site of Koutammakou ( <i>approved under the Conservation &amp; Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines</i> )	Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2004</i> )	4 950	21 May 2015	n.a.
ARB	<b>Yemen</b>	Preparation of the conservation plan - Old City of Sana'a (phase I - inventory update)	Old City of Sana'a ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1986</i> )	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</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1993 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2000</i> )	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
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.

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	Paraguay	Ecological belt at the buffer zones of the serial World Heritage property Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad del Parana and Jesus de Tavarangue (approved for 72% under the Conservation & Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines, and for 28% under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget)	Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	18 000	08 July 2015	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34
LAC	Bolivia	Elaboration of the integral and participative management plan for the conservation and management of city of Potosí (approved under the Conservation & Management assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines)	<b>City of Potosí (on the World Heritage List since 1987 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2014)</b>	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>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (7.5 requests)</b>				<b>174 105</b>		
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>				<b>89 994</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) (on Tentative List since 2012)	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 (on Tentative List since 1992)	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



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	Maldives	Preparatory assistance for the serial nomination of coral stone mosques: Further survey on construction techniques of Coral Stone Mosques towards the identification of OUV, comparative analysis and review of the choice of mosques for World Heritage nomination	Coral Stone Mosques of Maldives ( <i>on Tentative List since 2013</i> )	30 000	08 July 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, C.17, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
<b>Mixed (4.5 requests)</b>				<b>84 111</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
AFR	<b>Liberia</b>	World Heritage Tentative List workshop for Liberia ( <i>approved for 19.5% under the Preparatory assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines and for 80.5% from the Preparatory assistance-Cultural heritage budget</i> )	n.a.	29 998	08 July 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, C.17, D.18, E.29, E.30
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

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	Paraguay	Preparatory assistance for updating and formulating the Tentative List of cultural and natural heritage of Paraguay (approved under the Preparatory assistance-Natural heritage budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines)	n.a.	5 000	21 May 2015	n.a.

**B. 0.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS + A PERCENTAGE OF 2 REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE ITALIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

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>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>13 905</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>13 905</b>		
APA	Nepal	Post-Earthquake Assistance for emergency operations and to re-build the capacity of management authorities for the safeguarding of the Kathmandu Valley World Heritage Property (approved for 16% under Emergency Assistance budget, for <u>19% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA</u> , for 29% under the Finnish funds earmarked for IA and for 36% under the Korean funds earmarked for IA)	Kathmandu Valley (on the World Heritage List since 1979)	13 905	21 May 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23

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**

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%</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

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)
		<i>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>				

**D. A PERCENTAGE OF 2 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

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> )	<b>619</b>	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 (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.	<b>3 100</b>	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. 7 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS + A PERCENTAGE OF 1 REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE FINNISH FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

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>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>22 000</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>22 000</b>		
APA	Nepal	Post-Earthquake Assistance for emergency operations and to re-build the capacity of management authorities for the safeguarding of the Kathmandu Valley World Heritage Property (approved for 16% under Emergency Assistance budget, for 19% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 29% under the Finnish funds earmarked for IA and for 36% under the Korean funds earmarked for IA)	Kathmandu Valley (on the World Heritage List since 1979)	22 000	21 May 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (7 requests)</b>				<b>183 730</b>		
<b>Nature (5 requests)</b>				<b>132 994</b>		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Protection of the biodiversity of Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve	<b>Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (on the World Heritage List since 1981 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992)</b>	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>Guinea</b>	Support for the capitalization of the achievements of the Mount Nimba Biodiversity Conservation Program through integrated and participatory management	<b>Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (on the World Heritage List since 1981 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992)</b>	27 000	08 July 2015	A.1, A.2, 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)
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
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 2 REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE KOREAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

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>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>27 272</b>		
<b>Culture (a percentage of 1 request)</b>				<b>27 272</b>		
APA	Nepal	Post-Earthquake Assistance for emergency operations and to re-build the capacity of management authorities for the safeguarding of the Kathmandu Valley World Heritage Property (approved for 16% under Emergency Assistance budget, for 19% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 29% under the Finnish funds earmarked for IA and for <u>36% under the Korean funds earmarked for IA</u> )	Kathmandu Valley (on the World Heritage List since 1979)	27 272	21 May 2015	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23
<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 (approved for 63% under IA culture budget, for 36% under IA nature budget, and for <u>1% under Korean earmarked funds for IA</u> )	Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (on the World Heritage List since 2012)	50	12 March 2015	n.a.
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (2 requests)</b>				<b>54 495</b>		
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>				<b>54 495</b>		
AFR	Comoros	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage (approved for <u>82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA</u> , 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)	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (on Tentative List since 2007)	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

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>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 (on Tentative List since 2012)	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

**G. 10 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2014-2015**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
<b>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 (on the World Heritage List since 1979 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2001)</b>	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)			
ARB	Egypt	Historical Cairo Center for training on preservation and conservation	Historic Cairo (on the World Heritage List since 1979)	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.



Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
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.
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (4 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>					
AFR	Ghana	Consultative conference for stakeholders on the final assessment of the consolidated nomination dossier for the inclusion of Tongo-Tenzuk cultural landscape on the UNESCO World Heritage List	Tenzug - Tallensi settlements ( <i>on Tentative List since 2000</i> )	08 July 2015	Bringing together cultural institutions for a better cooperation falls out of the scope of International Assistance.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
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.