



**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE
ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WORLD
HERITAGE CONVENTION
IN THE ARAB REGION**



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**DOCUMENT 9
SECTION I**



UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
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Convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage

Format for the periodic reporting on the application of the World Heritage Convention

Under the terms of Article 29 of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 1972, *the States Parties of this Convention shall, in the reports which they submit to the general Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on dates and in a manner to be determined by it, give information on the legislative and administrative provisions which they have adopted and other action which they have taken for the application of this Convention, together with details of the experience acquired in this field.*

The twenty-ninth General Conference of UNESCO, held in 1997, *invited the States Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage to submit to it in accordance with Article 29 of the Convention, through the World Heritage Committee, via its Secretariat, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, reports on the legislative and administrative provisions they have adopted and other actions which they have taken for the application of the Convention, including the state of conservation of the World Heritage properties located on their territories.*

It also requested the World Heritage Committee to define the periodicity, form, nature and extent of the periodic reporting on the application of the World Heritage Convention and on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties and to examine and respond to these reports in accordance with the principle of State sovereignty.

The World Heritage Committee, at its twenty-second session held in 1998, invited States Parties to submit periodic reports every six years using the attached Format and Explanatory Notes for periodic reports.

It also decided to examine the States Parties' periodic reports region by region as per the timetable included under (ii) (c) of the Introduction to the Explanatory Notes attached. In order to facilitate the preparation and examination of the periodic reports, the Committee requested the Secretariat, jointly with the Advisory Bodies, and making use of States Parties, competent institutions and expertise available within the region, to develop regional strategies for the periodic reporting process.

The Secretariat will consult States Parties in a timely fashion with regard to the development and implementation of the regional strategies.

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To facilitate management of information, States Parties are requested to submit reports in English or French in electronic as well as printed form.



SECTION I: APPLICATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION BY THE STATE PARTY

- (I.i) The *Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* was adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its seventeenth session on 16 November 1972. The World Heritage Committee, established under the World Heritage Convention, has prepared the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* which guide the work of the Committee in establishing the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger, granting international assistance and treating other questions related to the implementation of the Convention.
- (I.ii) In ratifying or accepting the World Heritage Convention, States Parties accept their duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage (Article 4) as defined in the Convention (Articles 1 and 2). These measures are further defined in several Articles in the Convention, e.g. Articles 5, 6, 11, 16, 17, 18, 27 and 28.
- (I.iii) In Section I of the periodic report, States Parties are requested to *"give information on the legislative and administrative provisions which they have adopted and other action which they have taken for the application of this Convention, together with details of the experience acquired in this field"* (Article 29.1 of the World Heritage Convention).
- (I.iv) States Parties are invited to provide information under the following headings:



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I.1. Introduction

a	Country (and State Party if different)	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	001
a	Year of ratification or acceptance of the Convention	1980	002
a	Organisation(s) or entity(ies) responsible for the preparation of the report	<p>Organisation : GENERAL ORGANISATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE HISTORIC CITIES OF YEMEN (GOPHCY)</p> <p>Person responsible: M. Mohammad JAGHMAN President of the GOPHCY Address : P.O. Box 960</p> <p>City and post code: SANA'A – YEMEN Telephone : 9671 273 474 – 288 118 Fax : 9671 288 119 E-mail :</p>	003
a	Date of the report		004
a	Signature on behalf of the State Party	<p>Surname and Given Name:</p> <p>Function:</p> <p>Date:</p>	005



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I.2. Identification of the cultural and natural properties

I.2.1. National inventories

<p>a Inventories of cultural and natural heritage of national significance form the basis for the identification of possible World Heritage properties</p> <p>Indicate: If there exists, at local, state, and/or national level, inventories, lists and/or registers.</p>	<p>Have you undertaken the preparation of lists or of national inventories: NO</p> <p>If YES, date:</p> <p>Planned for a later date: YES</p> <p>Indicate when: This process is under study and has not been precised yet.</p> <p>The World Bank is financing a pilot project to prepare the inventory of the Hadhramout region. According to the results of this experience, we foresee to implement this inventory on a larger scale. Nevertheless, the country shall need assistance to organise this inventory, including funding.</p> <p>Type of inventory: ① CULTURAL – man made landscape surrounding the old city</p>	<p align="right">000</p>
<p>b Indicate the institutions responsible for the preparation and updating of these national inventories.</p>	<p>Institutions responsible for the national inventories: GOPHCY for the old living cities - GOAMM (General organisation for antiquities, manuscripts & museums) for the archaeology and monuments – EPC (environment Protection Council)</p> <p>Person responsible : For GOPHCY : M. Mohammad JAGHMAN – President For GOAMM : Dr Yussuf ABDULLAH – Pesident For EPC : M. Mohsen AL HAMDANI</p> <p>GOAMM address : City and post code: SANA'A – P.O. Box 1136 Telephone : 9671 276 767 Fax : 9671 275 379 E-mail :</p>	<p align="right">000</p>

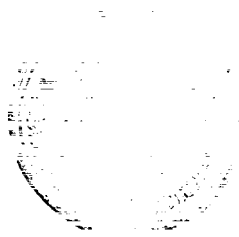
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I.2. Identification of the cultural and natural properties (cont.)

I.2.3. Nominations

a	List properties that have been nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List.	Names of the properties nominated for inscription 1. Name of the property: Old city of Shibam at its walls Date of submission: 1984 2. Name of the property: Old city of Sana'a Date of submission: 1986 3. Name of the property: Old city of Zabid Date of submission: 1993 .../	000
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I.2. Identification of the cultural and natural properties (cont.)

I.2.3. Nominations (cont.)

<p>b States Parties are encouraged to provide an analysis of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the process by which these nominations are prepared, • collaboration and co-operation with local authorities and people, • the motivation, • the obstacles and difficulties encountered in that process, <p>and perceived benefits and lessons learnt.</p>	<p>Process by which the nominations are prepared: These nominations has been initiated by international consultants and organisations and the forms has been finalised by the administration in charge (GOPHCY)</p> <p>Type of co-operation with the local authorities and people: Such co-operation was not fully foreseen in the past but should be considered for the future nomination files.</p> <p>Motivation : The impressive historical witness values of the historic cities of Yemen and its archaeological potentials.</p> <p>Obstacles or difficulties encountered: There is no widespread awareness in the public and private fields. Also the lack of a general inventory of monuments and sites.</p> <p>Conclusions, lessons learnt and effectiveness of the method used for the preparation and drafting of nominations: We have seen that the nomination process is now a tough challenge to meet. We think that we should intensify consultations at national and local levels for the future nominations and also ask for the assistance of the world heritage centre.</p>	000
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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural
heritage

<p>a Describe the efforts made by your country to integrate the Heritage in a national management and development policy, at the following levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) nationalii) provincialiii) local	<p>Process for integrating the heritage in a management and development policy at the following levels:</p> <p>For the time being such a national management and development policy integrating the Heritage exists in Yemen but not as a priority.</p>	000
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1.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

1.3.1. General policy development

<p>a Provide information on the adoption of policies that aim to give the cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of the community ..</p> <p>If YES, give the dates of their elaboration and implementation.</p>	<p>Are the policy and plans aiming to give the Heritage a function in the life of the community:</p> <p>Available NO</p> <p>Operational YES</p> <p>Under preparation YES</p> <p>Envisaged YES – Date : not yet precised</p>	000
<p>b Provide information on the way the State Party or the relevant authorities has(have) taken steps to integrate the protection of World Heritage properties into comprehensive planning programmes.</p>	<p>If it is the case, what are their main characteristics:</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>i) Are they linked to a national development plan: NO</p> <p>ii) Are they linked to a national conservation strategy: NO</p>	000
<p>c Areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working should be indicated.</p>	<p>If such a policy exists what progress has been made since its adoption and what are the difficulties encountered?</p> <p>Except GOPHCY's efforts to provide Historic cities with infrastructure</p> <p>In which areas would improvements be desirable, and towards which you should work?</p> <p>The adoption of a policy which aim is to give the heritage a function in the national life and to work out a strategy</p>	000




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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

I.3.2. Status of services for protection, conservation and presentation

a	Provide information on any services within the territories of the State Party which have been set up or have been substantially improved since the previous periodic report, if applicable,	Under which authority are the services responsible for conservation, a Ministry, an inter-ministerial committee (please underline the good answer) The Ministry of Culture and Tourism Which improvements has been made in their working methods, describe - Staff skillness improvements - Execution of a big variety of preservation/conservation projects - A 5 years plan is prepared and partly applied	000
b	Particular attention should be given to services aiming at the protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage,	Are these services responsible for : i) protection/conservation YES ii) presentation YES iii) exploitation NO	000
c	by considering their • appropriate staff • means to discharge their functions	Information concerning the resources: Workmanship: (see the attached list of staff) Remark : low wages and insufficient means and logistics support Other resources: Incentives not available and no risks coverage	000
d	Areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working should be indicated. 	In which areas would improvements be desirable? - Building capacity and training - Legal framework - Financial resources - Awareness and decentralisation of responsibilities - Revaluation of the fields of responsibilities - Management improvement - Co-ordination between the concerned agencies Which efforts are made to allow these improvements	000

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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

I.3.3. Scientific and technical studies and research

<p>a List significant scientific and technical studies or research projects of a generic nature that would benefit World Heritage properties, initiated or completed since the last periodic report.</p>	<p>Are there significant scientific and technical studies concerning World Heritage sites. YES</p> <p>If yes, list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studies on buildings restoration - Earth of the city walls - Review of the traditional methods of construction - Traffic - Gardens - Backed bricks quality 	<p align="center">000</p>
<p>b Are the search results available so that the sites managers or the local population could benefit for the Heritage protection and conservation.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>If Yes, how the access to the scientific data is made through :</p> <p>Seminars and congresses : Yes Which ;</p> <p>Local medias : Yes Which : T.V</p> <p>Internet : No How</p> <p>Newspapers : No Which ; Al Thawra</p> <p>Part of this information is available at the foreign missions and local research institutions in Sana'a</p>	<p align="center">000</p>
<p>c List the areas where improvement would be desirable and towards which the State Party is working.</p>	<p>On which important improvements is the State Party is working?</p> <p>Funding is the major problem. We also need to have equipment for documentation and a database.</p> <div align="center"> </div>	<p align="center">000</p>


Scientific studies or research projects concerning specific sites should be reported upon under Section II.4.

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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

I.3.4. Measures for identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation


<p>a Indicate appropriate legal and administrative measures that the State Party or relevant authorities have taken for the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation of cultural and natural heritage.</p> <p>Particular attention should be given to measures concerning visitor management and development in the region.</p> 	<p>Does your country have specific legislation and policies concerning the National Heritage: YES</p> <p>If YES, have they had an impact on the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in your country: YES</p> <p>If YES, how: By integrating in the legislation the general principles of the World Heritage Convention</p> <p>Are restoration and rehabilitation of the Heritage considered as priorities in your country: NO</p> <p>If YES, describe the actions undertaken to identify the priority heritage sites and to mobilise the necessary resources for their restoration and rehabilitation.</p> <p>They are not considered as priorities because the country is concentrating on water, health, education and infrastructure which concerns the old city of Sana'a.</p> <p>Describe the actions undertaken to encourage the active participation of the local communities, including indigenous people and women, in the conservation and protection of the World Heritage.</p> <p>In Sana'a and in Shibam, there is a co-ordination with the local communities, by the way of meetings and exchange of information.</p> <p>Describe the actions undertaken to involve the private sector in the conservation and protection of the World Heritage sites: - Tendering for works to be done in Heritage Conservation and Restoration - Restoration and operating state owned properties</p> <p>Describe the measures undertaken for the management of the visitor's frequentation</p> <p>Not available</p>	<p align="right">000</p>
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I.3.4. Measures for identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation

b	The State Party is also encouraged to indicate if, on the basis of the experiences gained, policy and/or legal reform is considered necessary.	Do you feel that a general heritage policy reform is necessary: YES If Yes, why Because it does not address the issues as deep as necessary	000
c	It is also relevant to note which other international conventions for the protection of cultural or natural heritage have been signed or ratified by the State Party	Other international conventions concerning the protection of the heritage signed or ratified by the State Party: ✦ Convention on Biological Diversity YES ✦ Framework Convention on Climate Change YES ✦ Convention to Combat Desertification YES ✦ Convention on Migratory Species YES ✦ Ramsar Convention on Wetlands YES ✦ The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict YES ✦ Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property YES Etc.	000
d	and if so, how the application of these different legal instruments is co-ordinated and integrated in national policies and planning.	We are foreseeing co-ordinating and integrating measures	
e	Indicate relevant financial, scientific, and technical measures that the State Party or relevant institutions within the State have taken for the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation of cultural and natural heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing the GOPHCY and its branches - Research centres - Craft centres - Budget for investment on projects and day to day functioning 	000

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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

I.3.4. Measures for identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation

F	Information on the presentation of the heritage can refer to: publications, Internet Web pages, films, stamps, postcards, books, etc.	By which means the presentation is made List the media used to diffuse information on the World Heritage sites: - publications - post cards - books - stamps - films - bank-notes -10 minutes programmes on T V from time to time, funded by the travel agencies	000
g	Areas where improvement would be desirable and towards which the State Party is working should be indicated.	Give details : - school education - University - Internet web pages - systematic and regular TV programs on historic cities for the youth and adults - newspapers - specialised publications on culture and the Heritage - tourist guides in Arabic and English	



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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

I.3.5. Training

a	<p>Provide information on the training and educational strategies that have been implemented within the State Party for professional capacity building,</p> <p>as well as on the establishment or development of national or regional centres for training and education in the protection, conservation, and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage, and the degree to which such training has been integrated within existing university and educational systems.</p>	<p>Describe the mechanisms in place, or being introduced, to increase co-operation between the different institutions responsible for actions having an impact on the conservation and protection of World Heritage</p> <p>This mechanism does not exist Some lecture are undergoing at the Sana'a university</p> <p>Describe what has been done in the following areas:</p> <p>i) Have you identified the training needs for institutions or individuals concerned with the protection and conservation of the heritage: YES If YES, list the primary needs: - Planning - Institutional building and management - Urban planning</p> <p>ii) Have you identified the existing training opportunities in your country and in other countries: YES If Yes, give details - Course on documentation at Sana'a university - Mud architecture at Mukalla university - Housing and rehabilitation at IHS in Rotterdam - Preservation at York University</p> <p>iii) Have you developed training modules or programmes for the World Heritage sites: NO If YES, give details :</p> <p>iv) Has your staff received heritage training in or outside of your country : YES If YES, give details : Preservation and planning in Holland, England and France</p> <p>v) Do you have a national or regional training centre for the protection and conservation of the cultural and natural heritage: YES If Yes, give details Within the GOPHCY, the CATS is a documentation, studies and training centre in preservation and conservation with links with the Sana'a university and the architectural schools.</p> <p>The CATS is in relation with other research centres in Yemen, including foreign organisations.</p>	000
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I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (cont.)

I.3.5. Training

b	Indicate the steps that the State has taken to encourage scientific research as a support to training and educational activities.	No steps taken until now because of a lack of funding	000
c	Areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working should be indicated.	Strengthening of the CATS, by means of funding and technical supports	000



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I.4. International co-operation and fund raising

a	<p>Provide information on the co-operation with other States Parties for the identification, protection, conservation and preservation of the World Heritage located on their territories.</p>	<p>Does such co-operation exist : YES</p> <p>If Yes, with which states Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Japan, USA, UK, Norway, South Korea and North Korea</p> <p>Do you have any publications or documents which could help other countries promote and improve the application of the Guidelines of the World Heritage Convention : NO</p> <p>If YES, give details and attach copies of these documents.</p>	000
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I.4. International co-operation and fund raising (Ctd)

<p>b) Indicate which measures have been taken to avoid damage directly or indirectly to the World Heritage on the territory of other States Parties.</p>	<p>Do any of these measures exist in your country : NO Why :</p> <p>Describe briefly all bilateral or multilateral activities for the protection and conservation of the World Heritage: - implemented: Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland - undertaken/ongoing: Holland and Germany - planned: Germany and Holland</p> <p>Do you have World Heritage sites that have been twinned with others at national or international level: YES If YES, give details Possibly for Sana'a</p> <p>Does your country have bilateral or multilateral activities concerning the World Heritage sites: NO If YES, give details :</p>	<p align="right">000</p>
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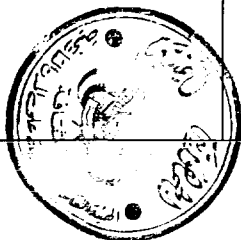


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I.4. International co-operation and fund raising (Ctd)

<p>c Have national, public and private foundations or associations been established for raising funds and donations for the protection of the World Heritage?</p>	<p>Does such foundations or associations exist in your country YES If Yes, what are their fields of activity Welfare and NGO co-ordination</p> <p>If Yes, which amounts are distributed and to whom : No information available</p> <p>Do you have national, public or private or specific foundations related to a site in view of its protection and conservation: YES If YES, give details - The Shibam welfare association - The co-ordination council for the associations for the preservation of the old city of Sana'a</p>	<p align="center">000</p>
<p>d Has the State Party given assistance to this end?</p>	<p>Which type of assistance the State Party is giving to them : Financing some of their activities and supporting them</p> <p>Has your government set up a programme for assistance and does it include funds for conservation and protection in other countries: NO If YES, give details</p> <p>Do you know if your government has made voluntary contributions, besides the mandatory ones, to globally improve the work on the Convention: NO If YES, give details, year, amount, and indicate if they have been allocated to a particular site.</p>	<p align="center">000</p>



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I.5. Education, information and awareness building

a	1. Indicate steps that the State Party has taken to raise the awareness of decision-makers, property owners, and the general public about the protection and conservation of cultural and natural heritage.	Does any of these steps existing NO If YES, describe Does your country have a national programme to educate the public and raise awareness about World Heritage: NO If YES, what are the priorities and to whom do they apply?	000
b	2. Provide information on education (primary, secondary and tertiary) and information programmes that have been undertaken or are planned to strengthen appreciation and respect by the population, to keep the public broadly informed of the dangers threatening the heritage and of activities carried out in pursuance of the Convention.	Measures for the integration of the cultural and natural heritage values into the education programmes. Give details. Rebuilding programs on heritage for the primary schools by the ministry of education Information measures to strengthen appreciation and respect to the Heritage. Describe	000
c	3. Does the State Party participate in the UNESCO Special Project <i>Young People's Participation in World Heritage Preservation and Promotion</i> ?	If YES, give details YES, but we have not been informed by any party about this programme	000

Information on site specific activities and programmes should be provided under item II.4 below.



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I.6. Conclusions and recommended action

<p>a The main conclusions under each of the items of Section I of the report should be summarised and tabulated,</p>	<p>Main conclusions : (in tables)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the identification of the cultural and natural heritage properties (I.2.) : All the three properties identified as World Heritage of international interest have not been identified following a global concept. • In the protection, conservation and presentation of the heritage (I.3.) : The 3 issues are suffering severe lacks • In international co-operation and fund raising (I.4.) : Absence of systematic international co-operation and fund raising, except starting German GTZ project in Shibam • In education, information and awareness building (I.5.): Till now, there is no systematic dealing with the 3 issues. The integration of Heritage awareness is planned to be managed at primary education level. 	<p align="center">000</p>
<p>b together with the proposed action(s) to be taken</p>	<p>Proposals for future action(s) (in tables)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inventory of Heritage : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept • Strategy • Time schedule • Urban Heritage planning 2. Reinforcement of legal institutions and implementation framework in order to avoid losing control of the historic centres being part of Cultural Heritage. 3. Therefore, focusing on historic cities issues in comprehensive urban and regional planning. 4. Setting up of systematic awareness building action or campaign in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education (primary, secondary and university) • TV series on different levels of Yemeni Heritage 5. Identification and gathering of the rapidly vanishing stock of manuscripts relating to the history of Yemeni cities and monuments and especially urban growth before 1962. 	<p align="center">000</p>



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I.6. Conclusions and recommended measures (cont.)

c	the agency(ies) responsible for taking the action(s) and the timeframe for their implementation.	<p>Institution(s) responsible for implementation</p> <p>Institution: GOPHCY, in co-operation with the concerned agencies</p> <p>Person responsible:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Post code and city:</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <p>Fax:</p> <p>E-mail:</p>	000
d	Implementation timetable	Foreseen from 2001 to 2005	000
e		<p>Needs for international assistance: YES</p> <p>What kind?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management of historic cities - Funding - Training - Capacity building - Institutional improvement - Intensive exchange with similar agencies and sites in other countries, namely in the Arab and Mediterranean region. 	000
f	<p>The States Parties are also requested to provide in their first periodic report:</p> <p>An analysis of the process by which the Convention was ratified,</p>	Go back to file	000
g	Description of the motivation, obstacles and difficulties encountered during this process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness of World Heritage sites - Capacity building - Information - Technical expertise - Constraining development conditions 	000



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I.6. Conclusions and recommended action (Ctd)

h) Describe the perceived benefits and lessons learnt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualitative and quantitative importance of Yemeni cultural Heritage - Identification and management of Cultural Heritage - Wide reaching involvement of Cultural Heritage in all economic and social areas concerned by development - The importance of highlighting and precisising of location contents and development relevancy of Cultural Heritage in Yemen. Thus need for efficient co-ordination between concerned agencies and actors. - General transparency of sectorial development policies - Decentralisation of decision making and local administration - Efficient support to be given to legal actions with a view to implement protection policies and measures. 	000
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