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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Request for International Assistance

Natural Heritage (Emergency Funding, Mount Nimba (Guinea))

BACKGROUND

In December 1992 the World Heritage Committee inscribed Mount Nimba on the World Heritage in Danger List.

Guinea has paid its 1993 dues to the World Heritage Fund.

An expert mission was sent by the World Heritage Centre to Guinea from May 15 - May 30th.

A report on the mission with 18 recommendations is under preparation.

Description of Requests

The UNESCO National Commission of Guinea has requested on an emergency basis \$30,000 for international expertise as a follow up on the main recommendations of the mission and \$15,000 for operational support which totals to \$45,000.

Action by the Bureau

The total amount requested is higher than the amount the Bureau can approve. The emergency funding is requested to implement the recommendations of the mission which have been approved by both the Bureau and the mission.

The influx of Liberian Refugees, the temporary closing of the Mount Nimba Pilot Project and the current lack of a management structure create a difficult situation: A detailed project will be developed through the cooperation of the Centre and the Government of Guinea. Funds will be required for:

- 1) Protection of the site and public information \$10,000
- 2) Contracting the Services of a Regional consultant to establish a management presence (4 months) \$20,000.

Total: \$ 30,000