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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda: Requests for international assistance

SUMMARY

In accordance with paragraphs 94-126 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the Bureau examines and takes decisions concerning requests for international assistance for training and technical co-operation requests above US\$ 20,000 and up to US\$ 30,000, and makes recommendations to the Committee for the requests for international assistance above US\$ 30,000.

Action required by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to examine and take decisions concerning requests for international assistance above US\$ 20,000 and up to US\$ 30,000, and to examine and make recommendations to the Committee concerning requests for international assistance above US \$ 30,000.

In view of the growing number of requests and amounts requested by States Parties, the Bureau may wish to recall the order of priorities in granting international assistance, as agreed upon by the Committee, as stated in paragraphs 113 – 116 of the *Operational Guidelines*. Furthermore, the Bureau may wish to recall the Committee's decisions concerning (a) the allocation of international assistance between cultural and natural heritage; (b) international assistance requests related to the state of conservation reports on the same properties; and (c) evaluation by the Advisory Bodies.

The Bureau may wish to consult the status of international assistance funds remaining as of 31 May 2000 presented in a summary table on pages 4-5 of this Working Document.

Paragraphs 113-116 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*

C. Order of priorities for the granting of international assistance

113. Without prejudicing the provisions of the Convention, which shall always prevail, the Committee agreed on the following order of priorities with respect to the type of activities to be assisted under the Convention:

- emergency measures to save property included, or nominated for inclusion, in the World Heritage List;
- preparatory assistance for drawing up tentative lists of cultural and/or natural properties suitable for inclusion in the World Heritage List as well as nominations of types of properties under-represented on the List and requests for technical co-operation;
- projects which are likely to have a multiplier effect (“seed money”) because they:
 - stimulate general interest in conservation;
 - contribute to the advancement of scientific research;
 - contribute to the training of specialized personnel;
 - generate contributions from other sources.

114. The Committee also agreed that the following factors would in principle govern its decisions in granting assistance under the Convention:

- (i) the urgency of the work and of the protective measures to be taken;
- (ii) the legislative, administrative and financial commitment of the recipient State to protect and preserve the property;
- (iii) the cost of the project;
- (iv) the interest for, and exemplary value of, the project in respect of scientific research and the development of cost/effective conservation techniques;
- (v) the educational value both for the training of local experts and for the general public;
- (vi) the cultural and ecological benefits accruing from the project, and;
- (vii) the social and economic consequences.

115. Properties included in the World Heritage List are considered to be equal in value. For this reason, the criteria proposed above make no reference to the relative value of the properties. A balance will be maintained between funds allocated to projects for the preservation of the cultural heritage on the one hand and projects for the conservation of the natural heritage on the other hand.

116. Requests for emergency, training, and technical co-operation shall be referred, if deemed necessary by the Secretariat, to the appropriate Advisory Bodies (IUCN,

ICOMOS, and/or ICCROM) for professional review and evaluation, and its recommendations shall be presented to the Bureau and the Committee for action.

Decisions of the Committee relative to the approval of international assistance:

- (a) **The allocation of international assistance between cultural and natural heritage:** At its nineteenth session, the Committee decided that half of training and one third of technical co-operation would be reserved for natural sites.
- (b) **International assistance requests related to the state of conservation reports of the same properties:** At its twentieth session, the Committee decided to consider international assistance requests together with reports on the state of conservation of the same properties.
- (c) **Evaluation by the Advisory Bodies:** At its twentieth session, the Committee requested the Secretariat “to call upon the advice of the experts of the appropriate bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM)”. In order to facilitate the consultations with the advisory bodies, the Committee decided to modify the deadline for the submission of international assistance requests, which will now be 1 September.

International Assistance Budget 2000

Status of Approved Requests as of

6/6/00

| Region (double-click buttons view selected forms) | Preparatory Assistance | | | | | Available |
|---|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Allocated | Approved Natural | Approved Cultural | Approved General or Mixed | Approved Total | |
| Global | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| Africa | 169,633 | 30,000 | 139,633 | | 169,633 | 0 |
| Arab State | 34,500 | 15,000 | | 19,500 | 34,500 | 0 |
| Asia and the Paci | 96,362 | | 66,362 | 30,000 | 96,362 | 0 |
| Western EU and N | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| Central and Eastern | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| Latin Am. and Car | 24,505 | 9,505 | | 15,000 | 24,505 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 325,000 | 54,505 | 205,995 | 64,500 | 325,000 | 0 |

| Region (double-click buttons view selected forms) | Technical Cooperation | | | | | Available |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Allocated | Approved Natural \$415,000 | Approved Cultural \$830,000 | Approved General or Mixed | Approved Total | |
| Global | 590,309 | 60,000 | | 20,000 | 80,000 | 510,309 |
| Africa | 160,300 | 80,000 | 80,300 | 0 | 160,300 | 0 |
| Arab State | 145,000 | | 145,000 | | 145,000 | 0 |
| Asia and the Paci | 70,108 | 40,208 | 10,000 | 19,900 | 70,108 | 0 |
| Western EU and N | 35,208 | | 35,208 | | 35,208 | 0 |
| Central and Eastern | 95,000 | | 95,000 | | 95,000 | 0 |
| Latin Am. and Car | 149,075 | 28,495 | 120,580 | | 149,075 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 1,245,000 | 208,703 | 486,088 | 39,900 | 734,691 | 510,309 |

| Region (double-click buttons view selected forms) | Training | | | | | Available |
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| | Allocated | Approved Natural \$490,000 | Approved Cultural \$490,000 | Approved General or Mixed | Approved Total | |
| Global | 298,295 | 50,000 | 85,000 | 24,700 | 159,700 | 138,595 |
| Africa | 130,000 | 50,000 | 80,000 | | 130,000 | 0 |
| Arab State | 75,000 | | 75,000 | 0 | 75,000 | 0 |
| Asia and the Paci | 267,565 | 20,000 | 198,125 | 49,440 | 267,565 | 0 |
| Western EU and N | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Central and Eastern | 33,840 | 0 | 33,840 | 0 | 33,840 | 0 |
| Latin Am. and Car | 175,300 | 98,000 | 77,300 | | 175,300 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 980,000 | 218,000 | 549,265 | 74,140 | 841,405 | 138,595 |

| Region <small>(double-click buttons view selected forms)</small> | Promotional Assistance | | | | | Available |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Allocated | Approved Natural | Approved Cultural | Approved General or Mixed | Approved Total | |
| Global | | | | | | |
| Africa | | | 5,000 | | 5,000 | |
| Arab State | | | 10,000 | 5,000 | 15,000 | |
| Asia and the Paci | | | 10,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | |
| Western EU and N | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Central and Eastern | | | 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | |
| Latin Am. and Car | | | 5,000 | | 5,000 | |
| Subtotal | 80,000 | | 35,000 | 15,000 | 50,000 | 30,000 |

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| Totals Chapter | 2,630,000 | 481,208 | 1,276,348 | 193,540 | 1,951,096 | 678,904 |
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| Region <small>(double-click buttons view selected forms)</small> | Emergency Assistance | | | | | Available |
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| | Allocated | Approved Natural | Approved Cultural | Approved General or Mixed | Approved Total | |
| Global | | | | | | |
| Africa | | 123,000 | | | 123,000 | |
| Arab State | | | 46,068 | | 46,068 | |
| Asia and the Paci | | | 50,000 | | 50,000 | |
| Western EU and N | | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Central and Eastern | | | 99,000 | 50,000 | 149,000 | |
| Latin Am. and Car | | | 147,464 | | 147,464 | |
| Subtotal | 600,000 | 123,000 | 342,532 | 50,000 | 515,532 | 84,468 |

NATURAL HERITAGE

Technical Co-operation Request No. 1

Mt. Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Guinea/Côte d'Ivoire)

Title of project: Assessment of the State of Conservation of Mt. Nimba Strict Nature Reserve and Institutional Strengthening of the Centre for Environmental Management of Mt. Nimba (CEGEN), Guinea.

Contributions to the World Heritage Fund: Guinea, the State Party submitting the request, has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund up to 1999.

Previous assistance from the Fund: The Guinean Government has received US\$ 29,082 as preparatory assistance, US\$ 199,767 under technical co-operation, US\$ 30,000 under emergency assistance and US\$ 46,415 for training activities in Mt. Nimba.

Summary background and description of activity: Mt. Nimba was included in the List of World Heritage in Danger in 1992. At its twenty-second session (Kyoto, 1998), the Committee requested that the State Party consider inviting an IUCN mission to Mt. Nimba in order to prepare an up-to-date state of conservation report. At its twenty-third session (Marrakesh, 1999), the Committee noted that CEGEN was co-operating with the GEF to launch projects for the conservation of Mt. Nimba. CEGEN has informed the Centre that a feasibility study for launching a long-term GEF financed project for the conservation of Mt. Nimba is currently underway. This request to the Bureau is submitted by CEGEN in order to: (a) provide institutional support to CEGEN to fully participate in the GEF financed feasibility study and follow up projects; (b) enable maintenance of existing Reserve infrastructure until such time when the larger GEF grant becomes available; (c) evaluate prevailing constraints for the effective conservation of the site; and (d) plan and organize a tri-partite expert meeting of the two States Parties (Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea) and Liberia that share the Mt. Nimba ecosystem to harmonize environmental protection and conservation actions. The target beneficiaries of the project are decision-makers responsible for the conservation of the site in Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire (and Liberia, a country yet to ratify the Convention) and site-staff for who will benefit from infrastructure maintenance.

Budget breakdown: A total sum of US\$ 30,000 is requested to cover the following expenditures: (a) Salary, international travel and per-diem of an international consultant (1 person month; US\$ 8,000); (b) field work expenses for 8 Officers, 5 guides and labourers and 10 research personnel for 20 days work in Mt. Nimba (US\$ 2,000); (c) 2 computers with accessories and 2 air-conditioners (US\$ 5,200); (d) maintenance costs (maintenance of the buildings of CEGEN, vehicle repairs, fuel costs and production of the final report (US\$ 14,800).

National and Counterpart contributions: GEF is financing the feasibility study and will consider longer term funding as part of a PDF(B) grant after the findings of the study are made available. CEGEN will meet all staff salaries and other personnel costs of Guinean staff involved in the project.

Comments of the advisory bodies: IUCN supports the proposal but notes that the support for maintenance costs should be provided on the condition that it is a one-time contribution and the State Party does not request supplementary amounts for the same purpose in the future. The use of the US\$ 14,800 requested for meeting maintenance costs requires a more detailed breakdown. IUCN requests that the implementation of project activities be co-ordinated with the relevant authorities in the Côte d'Ivoire and has sought clarification on whether or not an IUCN mission to the site is still needed if this project pays for a consultant to assist the CEGEN to undertake a site-evaluation.

Comments of Secretariat: The Centre is seeking clarification on the issues raised by IUCN with CEGEN authorities and will report its findings at the time of the Bureau session

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| <p>Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to take a decision upon examining additional information to be made available at the time of its session.</p> |
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Mt. Kenya National Park (Kenya)

Title of project: Management Planning for Mt. Kenya National Park.

Contributions to the World Heritage Fund: Kenya has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund up to 1999.

Previous assistance from the Fund: Mt. Kenya received assistance for staff training for a sum of US\$ 3,000 in 1999.

Summary background and description of activity: Since its inscription on the World Heritage List in 1997, reports on several threats to the integrity of the site have been received by the Centre and IUCN (see Document WHC-2000/CONF.202/5 for details). The period of implementation of the first management plan (1963-1998) has expired. Implementation has been only partial due to financial constraints. The plan does not address issues in the Forest Reserve surrounding the Park. This project aims to: (a) collect and collate information on the Park, Forest Reserve and the World Heritage Area; (b) revise the existing management plan and harmonize it with broader plans that include the Forest Reserve and adjacent areas; (c) describe existing information on the environmental and other characteristics of the site; (d) identify threats and risks and opportunities for their mitigation and reduction; (e) establish management objectives in consultation with stakeholders and propose actions and elaborate a zoning plan; and (f) assess and quantify resources needed for plan implementation and establish a monitoring and evaluation programme. Direct target beneficiaries of the project are site staff and other stakeholders concerned with the conservation of Mt. Kenya National Park.

Budget breakdown: A sum of US\$ 25,000 is requested for the following: (a) Literature review and planning team activities (US\$ 1,200); (b) stakeholders' workshop (US\$ 5600); (c) field survey, consultations and interviews with resource managers (US\$ 6,000); (d) development of a zoning plan (US\$ 2,000); (e) preparation of draft interim plan (US\$ 6,000); (f) second stakeholders' workshop to discuss draft plan and revision of plan US\$ (3,200); and (g) finalisation of plan and circulation among stakeholders (US\$ 1,000).

National and counterpart contribution: In-kind contributions from the Kenya Wildlife Services and the Forest Department in the form of staff time, vehicles and other facilities for field studies and surveys and for organising stakeholder workshops are foreseen.

Comments of the advisory bodies: IUCN supports this request for the preparation of a management plan by Kenya.

Comments of Secretariat: Given the significant threats facing this site, as indicated in Document WHC-2000/CONF.202/5, the Centre recommends the approval of this request by the Bureau.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve a sum of US\$ 25,000 for the preparation of a management plan for the Mt. Kenya National Park. Of the total sum of US\$ 415,000 earmarked by the twenty-third session of the Committee for technical co-operation activities for natural heritage for the year 2000, a sum of US\$ 186,397 still remains available for financing new projects.

Technical Co-operation Request No. 3

Sibiloi/Central Islands National Parks (Kenya)

Title of project: Management planning for Sibiloi/Central Islands National Park.

Contributions to the World Heritage Fund: Kenya has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund up to 1999.

Previous assistance from the Fund: None.

Summary background and description of activity: Pastoral people are an important component of this arid land ecosystem site located in a remote region. The management plan project is aimed at improving inter-agency co-ordination, establishing a research and monitoring programme linked to plan implementation and enhancing participation of local communities in the management of the Parks. This project aims to: (a) collect and collate information on the Parks and the World Heritage Area; (b) prepare a management plan and harmonize it with development/resource use plans for the broader region; (c) describe existing information on the environmental and other characteristics of the site; (d) identify threats and risks and opportunities for their mitigation and reduction; (e) establish management objectives in consultation with stakeholders and propose actions and elaborate a zoning plan; and (f) assess and quantify resources needed for plan implementation and establish a monitoring and evaluation programme. Direct target beneficiaries of the project are site staff and local communities.

Budget breakdown: A sum of US\$ 25,300 is requested for the following: (a) Literature review and planning team activities (US\$ 1,100); (b) inception management planning workshop (US\$ 6000); (c) field survey, consultations and interviews with resource managers (US\$ 6,000); (d) development of a zoning plan (US\$ 2,000); (e) preparation of draft interim plan (US\$ 6,000); (f) stakeholders' workshop to discuss a draft plan and revision of the plan (US\$ 3,200); and (g) finalisation of the plan and circulation among stakeholders (US\$ 1,000).

National and counterpart contribution: Kenya Wildlife Services will support the project through in-kind support provided via staff time, vehicles and other facilities for field studies and surveys and for organising stakeholder workshops.

Comments of the advisory bodies: IUCN supports this request for the preparation of a management plan for Sibiloi/Central Island National Parks of Kenya.

Comments of Secretariat: The Centre supports this project for the preparation of a management plan for the Sibiloi/Central Islands National Parks.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve a sum of US\$ 25,300 for the preparation of a management plan for the Sibiloi/Central Islands National Parks. Of the total sum of US\$ 415,000 earmarked by the twenty-third session of the Committee for technical co-operation activities for natural heritage for the year 2000, a sum of US\$ 186,397 still remains available for financing new projects.

Training Request No. 1

Technical Assistance for Building Capacity for World Heritage Area Planning in Southern Madagascar

Previous assistance from the Fund: US\$ 1,398 under preparatory assistance and US\$ 45,000 under technical co-operation and US\$ 46,000 under training.

Summary background and description of activity: The National Association for the Management of Protected Areas in Madagascar (ANGAP) in co-operation with the Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments (ICTE) at the Stony Brook University, New York, USA, intend to develop a potential World Heritage area in southern Madagascar. The area will include a cluster of six protected areas. The justification for the outstanding universal values of these sites will be based on data and information collected with regards to biodiversity significance at the population and species level and on protected area management integrity issues related to socio-economics of local communities. The project aims to use genetic analysis to determine the variation at the population, sub-species and species levels of Lemurs that the protected area cluster is intended to protect. Lemurs are found only in Madagascar and there are well over 30 species and sub-species documented. Genetic analyses are considered essential to conserve the maximum possible amount of variation among Lemur species within the nominated area. Other protected area management issues including legislation, management plans, co-operation with local communities, will also be taken into consideration in designing the nominated area focused on the six protected areas and defining other management zones essential for the conservation of area. The project, for the first time in a developing country, tries to combine genetic, species and landscape-based approaches to determine an area for World Heritage nomination, and adopts a capacity building approach to transfer technology and skills. ANGAP has requested that the project be managed by ICTE. ANGAP and ICTE, together with MICET (Madagascar Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments) have had a co-operative relationship for biodiversity conservation in Madagascar for the last 10 years and have trained nearly 100 Malagasay students during 1994-97. ICTE is responsible for the management of the scientific research station located in one of the six protected areas under consideration, namely the Ranomafana National Park. The direct benefits of the project will be ANGAP staff and at least 20 Malagasay resource persons, students and field personnel.

Budget breakdown: The total cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 59,600 comprising a sum of US\$ 47,250 as direct costs, including the following: (a) salaries and allowances for 3 international resource persons for 5 work months (US\$ 5,100); (b) salaries and allowances for 4 Malagasay resource persons for 6 months (US\$ 6,000); (c) allowances and field station costs for 6 students for 3 months (US\$ 3,600); (d) allowances and field station costs for 10 field assistants/trainees for 2 months (US\$ 4,800); (e) international airfares and visa charges and taxes and extra luggage for 3 persons (US\$ 8,500); (f) in-country travel including car-rentals (US\$ 5,000); (g) Lemur genetic analysis using samples from 100 animals (US\$ 4,000); (h) maps and satellite data for GIS-based planning of the area to be nominated (US\$ 1,000); (i) database management and statistical analyses (US\$ 2,000); (j) office supplies, photocopying and communications (US\$ 1,050); (k) field supplies (US\$ 4,200); and health team expenses (US\$ 2,000). The indirect costs of the project including project management by ICTE and other staff time and administrative costs are estimated at US\$ 12,285. The World Heritage Fund is requested to provide a contribution of US\$ 30,000.

National and counterpart contribution: ANGAP of Madagascar has foreseen a contribution of US\$ 9,500 towards the total cost of this project from funds available via a GEF grant. The UN Foundation in Washington D.C., has informed the Centre that subject to the approval of this project by the Bureau for financing from the World Heritage Fund, it will contribute a sum of US\$ 20,000 towards the total cost of the project.

Comments of the advisory bodies: IUCN supports this request and has highlighted the need to build capacity of Malagasay nationals, including staff of the protected areas concerned. IUCN notes that the objective of the project should be to design and develop a World Heritage area nomination

for eventual evaluation by IUCN. The fact that IUCN supports this request should not be interpreted as IUCN agreement to give a positive evaluation of the nomination that is expected to be submitted by ANGAP of Madagascar.

Comments of Secretariat: The Centre welcomes this project which combines the analyses of scientific and protected area management dimensions to define a cluster of parks and reserves to constitute a World Heritage area nomination. It is also a first-time effort to apply a cluster-model to defining a World Heritage area nomination in Africa.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve a sum of US\$ 30,000 as a contribution towards direct costs of the project from the training budget of the World Heritage Fund for natural heritage. Of the total amount of US\$ 490,000 set aside by the twenty-third session of the Committee (Marrakesh, 1999) for training for natural heritage, a sum of US\$ 156,595 is still available for financing new projects.

Capacity Building for Lake Malawi National Park of Malawi

Previous assistance from the Fund: US\$ 8,257 under preparatory assistance, US\$ 43,650 under technical co-operation and US\$ 21,088 under training.

Summary background and description of activity: The Lake Malawi National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1984. Nearly all of its fish fauna are endemic to the Lake and research studies on the Lake's fish fauna provide major inputs towards education and interpretation programmes that attempt to present the Lake's unique values to the public and visitors. This project aims to strengthen capacities at the national and local levels through reinforcement of on-going research, monitoring, environmental education and extension and conservation-awareness outreach programmes. Training activities will target park staff and guides working with communication units and outreach programmes. In addition, a training workshop on "ecotourism and administration in protected areas", and the purchase of a boat to aid in environmental education and outreach activities as well as in research, monitoring and surveillance programmes are foreseen.

Budget breakdown: The estimated total cost of the project is US\$ 37,094 comprising the following: (a) purchase of an engine for the Thazima Boat (US\$ 17,000); (b) Ecotourism and Protected Area Administration Workshop (US\$ 9,091); (c) support to the research unit (US\$ 2,386); (d) development of interpretation facilities and materials (US\$ 1,500); (e) support to outreach programmes (US\$ 3,000); (f) training for community radio volunteers and operational costs (US\$ 3,047); and (g) miscellaneous costs and report production (US\$ 1,070).

National and counterpart contribution: The national authorities will cover salary and other day-to-day expenses of staff and administration for implementing the project.

Comments of the advisory bodies: IUCN supports the project but notes that contributions to research should be used to support the management in carrying out suitable interpretation and educational activities. IUCN strongly supports the environmental education and conservation-awareness outreach activities. With regard to the organisation of the Workshop on Ecotourism and Protected Area Administration, IUCN recommends that the tourism sector representatives be invited to participate in the Workshop.

Comments of the Secretariat: The Centre supports the project in principle but is communicating with the State Party to revise the budget to obtain cost savings, particularly with regard to the purchase of the engine for the boat. The Centre is also inquiring, in consultation with the UNESCO Equipment Purchase Unit, about price-quotes for the boat-engine as well as the detailed breakdown of the budget for the Workshop with a view to cost-savings.

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| <p>Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to take a decision upon examining additional information to be made available at the time of its session.</p> |
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CULTURAL HERITAGE

Technical Co-operation Request No. 1

State Party: Latvia

LDC/LIC: Neither

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund: All dues have been paid up to 2000.

Activity title: Digitizing Works on Computers for all existing Utilities Networks located in 15 hectares of the Old Town of Riga

World Heritage site concerned: Historic Centre of Riga

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this site: US\$ 45,000

- Technical Co-operation US\$ 20,000 Creation of an electronic inventory
- Technical Co-operation US\$ 25,000 Restoration of Reutern House

Background & Activity Description: The Historic Centre of Riga was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1997. The Historic Centre of Riga is an object of special protection and has a very strict preservation and management plan. Some visual and urban protection zones have been established. The current project refers to digitizing works on computers for all existing utilities networks located in 15 hectares of the classified area. This work includes mainly water, sewerage, electricity, gas, heating and telephone networks. Each of these utilities will be an object for thorough inventory and will be drawn with accurate resolution in AutoCAD Map 2000 environment, based on an existing digital cadastral map.

Based on a special co-operation, the different state and municipal institutions will update the existing information (either on paper or computer) and will prepare a specific database to be transferred to the common one. The new database, using the digital cadastral map, that has been created during the previous technical co-operation assistance (contribution of US\$ 20,000 from the WH Fund in 1998), will represent each object of investigation on a different layer and can be activated either separately or together. This project is one of the first of its kind to be implemented in Eastern Europe.

Main objectives:

- 1) To document digitally with good resolution and accuracy the existing underground situation, including historical and archaeological information and external networks.
- 2) To evaluate the problems that any development of the area will need to address.

The benefit of these investigations and documentation will be to improve understanding of underground conditions enabling the Latvian authorities charged with Heritage Protection and City Development to manage, improve and protect the neighbourhood most effectively.

Expected outcome:

A better understanding of this complex underground network will allow several engineering networks development projects, directly connected and conceptualised according to the highest levels of urban development and revitalization programmes.

Time schedule: 60 days starting from 1 June 2000

National body responsible for the project implementation: State Inspection for Heritage Protection.

Budget Breakdown:**Total Project Budget (Phase I):** US\$ 38,000**National input:** US\$ 11,000

(private sector: 50%, multilateral funding institutions: 50%)

Amount requested under the Convention: US\$ 27,000

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| -Water and sewage-description of existing situation: | US\$ 3,900 |
| -City heating network- description of existing situation: | US\$ 4,100 |
| -Gas supply (description of existing situation, obtaining information from municipal authorities, plan of existing gas network) | US\$ 6,800 |
| -Gas pipe protection against corrosion (description of existing situation, obtaining information from municipal authorities, plan of existing protection cables/devices) | US\$ 1,700 |
| -Telephone (description of existing situation, obtaining information from municipal authorities, plan of telephone network) | US\$ 3,300 |
| -Governmental communication (VITA) (description of existing situation, obtaining information from authorities, plan of existing communication network) | US\$ 2,300 |
| -Radio translation description of existing situation, obtaining information from municipal authorities, plan of existing communication network) | US\$ 1,700 |
| -City lights (description of existing situation, obtaining information from municipal authorities, plan of existing network) | US\$ 4,100 |
| -Electricity-power supply (description of existing situation, obtaining information from municipal authorities, plan of existing network) | US\$ 10,100 |

Comments from the Advisory Bodies and the Secretariat: Whilst ICOMOS is conscious of the many problems facing those responsible for the conservation of Riga, it expressed its concern that Latvia has been in receipt of substantial financial support from the World Heritage Fund since Riga was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1997. To achieve a more equitable geographical distribution of the World Heritage Fund, ICOMOS recommends that only one of the two requests submitted by the State Party for Riga be approved under the funds available in 2000. ICOMOS further stated that it is difficult to make a recommendation based on the relative significance of the two projects, which are well presented in the applications and both of which are deemed by ICOMOS to be worthy of financial support from the Fund, and therefore recommended that the State Party be asked which activity held priority.

The World Heritage Centre, although fully supporting the request, is consulting with the State Party on the prioritization of the two requests submitted for this site.

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| Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to take a decision upon examination of further information from the Secretariat at the time of the session. |
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Technical Co-operation Request No. 2

State Party: Latvia

LDC/LIC: Neither

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Dues paid up to 2000.

Activity title: Carrying out Archaeological and Historical Investigations in the very Centre of Riga

World Heritage site concerned: Historic Centre of Riga

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this site:

See previous request No. 1

Background & Activity Description:

See previous request No. 1 for general background.

This second request for Riga relates to archaeological and historical investigations in the very centre of Riga. The main objectives of this survey are to evaluate the existing underground archaeological reserves (mainly from the 12th-13th and 15th centuries) and to make an inventory of the historical-architectural typology. The benefit of these investigations and documentation will be to improve understanding of underground archaeological conditions enabling the Latvian authorities charged with heritage protection and city development to manage, improve and protect the neighbourhood most effectively.

Based on a special co-operation, the different state and municipal institutions will update the existing information (either on paper or computer) and will prepare a specific database to be transferred to the common one. The new database, using the digital cadastral map, that has been created during the previous technical assistance (contribution of US\$ 20,000 from the WH Fund), will represent each object of investigation on a different layer and can be activated either separately or together. This project is one of the first of this kind to be implemented in Eastern Europe.

Expected outcome:

A better understanding of this complex historical network will allow some adapted protection, restoration and revitalisation programs.

Time schedule: 60 days starting from 1 June 2000

National body responsible for the project implementation: State Inspection for Heritage Protection.

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| Total Project Budget: | (estimated) | US\$ 49,579 |
| National input (contribution in kind): | | US\$ 20,000 |
| (private sector/ multilateral funding institutions: 50:50) | | |
| Amount requested under the Convention: | | US\$ 29,579 |
| -Archaeological survey: | US\$ 5,882 | |
| -Historical urban investigations, architectural typology investigations: | US\$ 29,500 | |
| -Compilation, digitizing, database realization: | US\$ 14,197 | |

Comments from the Advisory Bodies and the Secretariat:

See ICOMOS comments in request No. 1.

The World Heritage Centre, although fully supporting the request, is consulting with the State Party on the prioritization of the two requests submitted for this site. Moreover, as the request was submitted without a detailed budget breakdown, the State Party has been requested to provide further detailed information on the use of the funds.

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| <p>Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to take a decision upon examination of further information from the Secretariat at the time of the session.</p> |
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Technical Co-operation Request No. 3

State Party: Turkmenistan

LDC/LIC: LIC

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund: As of 2 May 2000, US\$ 10 for 1999 and US\$ 218 for 2000 were outstanding.

Activity title: Technical support for the monitoring of principle earthen architectural monuments within Ancient Merv

World Heritage site concerned:

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this site: None.

Background & Activity Description: The site of Ancient Merv was inscribed on the World Heritage List during the 23rd session of the World Heritage Committee (1999). In order to implement the Five-Year Management Plan as requested by the Committee, the Government of Turkmenistan intends to put into place, an adequate monitoring system at the most important monuments and sites within the 1500 ha property. Although the earthen architecture monuments and archaeological excavations are disintegrating due to weathering, rain, rise of the water table and salt, the authorities are conscious of the need to scientifically monitor the fluctuations of humidity, temperature, rate of disintegration of the built material, and undertake basic analysis of the built material before planning and undertaking emergency conservation measures. Financial and technical resources are requested under this request for planning and implementing a basic monitoring system, following international conservation standards.

This request was received by the World Heritage Centre from the Government of Turkmenistan on 19 April 2000. Upon consultation with the World Heritage Centre and CRATerre (which represented ICCROM and CRATerre at the UNESCO Global Strategy Expert Meeting for Central Asian Cultural Heritage held in Turkmenistan in May 2000), the following activities are proposed.

Phase I: (Months 1-3) An expert mission will be organized by the Government of Turkmenistan, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and CRATerre, for assessing the state of conservation and for planning and installing a basic monitoring system for a selection of the major monuments and sites composing Ancient Merv (Erk and Gyaur Kala, Sultan Kala, Abdullah Khan Kala, Yaz and Gobekli Tepes, Takhirbaj Tepe, Kelleli, Adji Kui, Taip, Gonur Tepe, Greater and Lesser Kiz Kala, the Organ Pipes Koshk, the Koshk-I Murat, Porsoy koshk, dings near Bairam Ali Electricity Station, the three icehouses, Muhammad Ibn Zayd, Kiz Bibi, Yusuf Hamdani, Mausolea of Sultan Sanjar, etc.).

Phase II: (Months 4-9) The Department of Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Monuments (Ministry of Culture) will finalize the plan for basic on-site monitoring. The national authorities, with the assistance of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and CRATerre, will purchase the essential equipment and commence the implementation of the monitoring system.

Phase III: (Month 10-) The Department of Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Monuments will review the implementation of the monitoring system together with international experts, and as appropriate, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, with a view

to plan and implement mid-to-long term conservation measures for stabilizing the disintegration of the earthen architectural monuments and sites.

Total Project Budget: US\$ 48,200

National input (contribution in kind): US\$ 10,200

Personnel 8 working staff x 12 months full time x US\$ 100

Office space on-site 12 months x US\$ 50

Other input (contribution in kind): US\$ 8,000

CRATerre co-ordination

1 working staff x 8 W/M x US\$ 1,000 part-time

Amount requested under the Convention: US\$ 30,000

Phase I: US\$ 9,118

- Expert Mission cost US\$ 1,916
(International airfare, Daily Subsistence Allowance, Terminal Fares)
- Translator English – Russian US\$ 2,202
(Daily Subsistence Allowance, Fee)
- Fee for International Expertise (CRATerre) US\$ 5,000

Phase II: US\$ 11,392

- Purchase of basic equipment as described below
 - Monitoring equipment US\$ 5,500
(details to be finalized by the authorities after the first expert mission)
 - Computers US\$ 1,565 x 1
 - Printer US\$ 400 x 1
 - Modem US\$ 110 x 1
 - Scanner US\$ 300 x 1
 - Copy machine US\$ 2,050 x 1
 - Digital Camera US\$ 900 x 1
 - Fax/Tel machine US\$ 285 x 1
 - Miscellaneous US\$ 282

Phase III: US\$ 9,490

- Expert Mission cost US\$ 2,002
(International airfare, Daily Subsistence, Allowance, Terminal Fares)
- Translator English – Russian US\$ 2,488
(Daily Subsistence Allowance, Fee)
- Fee for International Expertise (CRATerre) US\$ 5,000

Comments of the Advisory Bodies & the Secretariat: ICOMOS comments were requested on 31 May 2000 and will be presented to the Bureau at its session.

The Secretariat, fully aware of the monitoring and conservation needs of this vast site, supports this request, which has been reformulated for mid-to-long term protection and planning for the first and only Turkmenistan site inscribed on the World Heritage List. The project will serve not only as a demonstrative activity for “best-practice” conservation for earthen architectural conservation for numerous Turkmenistan Tentative List sites, but will complement the activities for developing a strategy for Central Asian earthen architecture conservation, requested by the 5 Republics who participated at the UNESCO Global Strategy Expert Meeting for Central Asian Cultural Heritage (May 2000, Turkmenistan).

The budget is reasonable for the vast amount of work to be commenced, and the UNESCO Procurement Unit has found the budget estimates to be reasonable.

At the time the request was submitted to UNESCO, the State Party had an outstanding payment of US\$ 228 due to the World Heritage Fund. The State Party assured the World Heritage Centre that this payment would be made without further delay.

Action by the Bureau: If the evaluation by ICOMOS is favorable, the Bureau may wish to approve **US\$ 30,000** for this activity, subject to the State Party paying its dues to the World Heritage Fund, and request the World Heritage Centre to co-ordinate the implementation of the activity in close collaboration with the State Party and CRATerre.