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Item 7.2. of the Provisional Agenda: Periodic Reporting: Progress report on regional strategies for periodic reporting

SUMMARY

This document provides information on the progress made with regard to the implementation of recommendations of the Committee for the Arab Region for which a Regional Synthesis was submitted to the twenty-fourth session of the Committee in Cairns, Australia. Furthermore, it provides information on the regional strategies for periodic reporting in the following regions: Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and North America.

Decision required:

The Committee is requested:

1. to take a decision concerning the revised regional periodic reporting schedule;
2. to note progress made in the Arab Region in implementing recommendations given at its twenty-fourth session;
3. to approve the regional strategies presented in this document and
4. to consider the budgetary implications under item 12 of the Provisional Agenda (Chapter IV of the budget).

A. BACKGROUND

The World Heritage Committee at its twenty-second session in 1998 adopted a regional approach for the examination of the periodic reports on the application of the World Heritage Convention and the state of conservation of World Heritage properties that are to be submitted by the States Parties in accordance with Article 29 of the World Heritage Convention. Furthermore the Committee requested the Secretariat to develop regional strategies for the periodic reporting process and to present them with budgetary proposals for their implementation to the Committee for consideration and adoption.

In accordance with the discussions that took place at the twenty-fifth session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (June 2001), the regional periodic reporting schedule was adapted to the revised statutory meeting cycle as established at the twenty-fourth session of the Committee (December 2000).

To this effect the following schedule is proposed, pending decision of the Committee:

Region	Examination of properties inscribed up to and including	Year of examination by the Committee
Arab States	1992	December 2000
Africa	1993	December 2001
Asia and the Pacific	1994	June 2003
Latin America and the Caribbean	1995	June 2004
Europe and North America	1996/1997	June 2005/2006

B. PRINCIPLES FOR THE PERIODIC REPORTING STRATEGIES

In the spirit of the decisions taken by the World Heritage Committee at its twenty-second session, the following principles guide the design and implementation of the regional periodic reporting strategies:

- The States Parties themselves are responsible for the preparation of national Periodic Reports.
- States Parties may request expert advice from the Secretariat or the advisory bodies. The Secretariat may also commission expert advice with the agreement of the States Parties.
- Periodic reporting will provide the framework for the exchange of experiences among States Parties.
- Periodic reporting is a participatory process in which all World Heritage partners are involved.
- The Secretariat will facilitate the implementation of the periodic reporting requirement by the States Parties and will synthesise the national reports by region. In doing so, full use will be made of the available expertise of the advisory bodies, States Parties, competent institutions and individuals within each region.

C. REGIONAL PERIODIC REPORTING STRATEGIES

An overall strategy for periodic reporting of the Arab States and Africa was presented to the World Heritage Committee at its twenty-third session in Marrakesh, Morocco in 1999. The strategy for the Arab States was implemented during 1999-2000 and a synthesis of the national reports was submitted to the twenty-fourth session of the Committee in Cairns, Australia (December, 2000). A progress report on the implementation of the Committee's recommendations in the Arab Region is included in this document.

The Committee at its twenty-fourth session reviewed a progress report on the implementation of the periodic reporting strategy for Africa and made recommendations for continuing the process during 2001. The results of the implementation of the periodic reporting strategy for Africa during 2000 and 2001, and a synthesis of national reports, are contained in document WHC-01/CONF.208/7 and will be presented to the Committee under agenda item 7.1.

This document includes the following sections:

- Summary of the follow-up to the Periodic Report of the Arab States (Section 1)
- Regional strategy for Asia and the Pacific (Section 2);
- Regional strategy for Latin American and the Caribbean (Section 3) and
- Regional strategy for Europe and North America (Section 4).

The Committee is requested to take a decision concerning the adoption of the revised regional periodic reporting schedule.

The Committee is requested to note the progress achieved in the implementation of its recommendations in the Arab Region, made at its twenty-fourth session in November-December 2000.

Furthermore the Committee is requested to review and approve, suggesting any changes as it may consider necessary, the regional strategies presented for Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe and North America, respectively.

The Committee is also requested to consider the budgetary implications of implementing those strategies during its deliberations under item 12 of the Provisional Agenda, and particularly on items listed under Chapter IV – monitoring of the state of conservation of sites - of the budget.

**SUMMARY NOTE ON FOLLOW UP TO THE PERIODIC REPORTING OF STATES
PARTIES OF THE ARAB REGION IN 2001**

1. BACKGROUND

The twenty-fourth session of the Committee, which met in Cairns, approved the final summary report of the periodic reports for the Arab Region, as presented in the Document WHC-2000/CONF.204/7 :

« ...In concluding, the Chairperson invited the Director of the Centre to study the proposals contained in the Report, as they were unanimously supported by all delegates, who looked forward to their implementation, in co-operation with the States Parties concerned. In this respect, the Director was called upon to convene a meeting with the Permanent Delegates to UNESCO to inform them of the results of the periodic reporting exercise."

2. ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN

- The 12 States Parties of the Arab region, having compiled and submitted periodic reports, awaited with much interest the comments and actions of the World Heritage Centre. Thus, following the recommendations of the Committee, the Centre organised in April 2001, a meeting of UNESCO Permanent Delegates of the Arab region to inform them of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the regional summary report.
- At the same time, a list (catalogue) of short and medium-term actions based on the five themes developed in the regional summary document was elaborated with the aim of developing an action plan (see Annex 1).
- As the regional report identified a certain number of problems common to heritage in the Arab World, an examination of the sites of each participating State was carried out which revealed, other than the common heritage characteristics of all Arab States, the existence of particular problems, notably with regard to the legal framework and specific conservation practices.
- Actions outlined would have no weight without direct contact with the States having submitted the reports. The States Parties were consulted, and they chose to review their problems on an individual basis in order to prepare responses adapted to the regional report. Consequently, the need for meetings to review the reports with each State was deemed essential.
- Thus, national review meetings for the periodic reports have been programmed for Algeria, Libya, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. Today, only Algeria, Syria and Yemen have been visited.

3. MODALITES FOR NATIONAL MEETINGS

These meetings, conceived as seminars to raise awareness of the Convention and implications of the periodic reports, included visits to the sites and in-depth discussions with national and local authorities. They aimed at improving understanding of the role of the World Heritage Centre, better implementation of the Convention and better use of the World Heritage Fund. This should be concretised with an action plan aimed at improving the situation at the level of each State Party.

During these meetings, five principal themes were discussed relating to the conclusions of the regional summary report and for which recommendations were formulated:

1. Identification of properties and inscription
2. Integrated management and conservation plans
3. Factors affecting properties, preventive conservation and monitoring
4. Promotion of the Convention and inscribed properties
5. Training and international co-operation

These meetings had as objective the understanding of the problems faced by States Parties in the light of the conclusions of the regional report and the analysis of its own report. They provided an opportunity for clarification and better understanding of practices, especially with regard to legislation and conservation. They also enabled a frank exchange concerning the obligations of the States Parties vis à vis the Convention.

Furthermore, solutions were found with regard to the more urgent problems concerning in particular: tentative lists and new inscriptions, legislation, management plans, conservation practices and boundaries of properties.

4. RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL MEETINGS

4.1. Identification of Properties and inscription

The following measures were taken for the three countries that were visited and which had not submitted any inscriptions for several years :

Syria	Algeria	Yemen
-assistance for the nomination dossier for Crac des Chevaliers and Citadel of Saladin	-assistance for new tentative list	-assistance for new tentative list

4.2. Integrated management and conservation plans

Plans are under preparation in Syria and Algeria. A recognition of the need for their implementation is beginning to show positive results.

Integrated conservation is better understood, but not yet taken into account. Heritage conservation is not always a priority.

Need to revise the inventory and archival policies which are not well adapted to the requirements of historic cities.

	Syria	Algeria	Yémen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Under preparation by national authorities (Crac des Chevaliers) -Historic City of Aleppo : imminent approval of a general protection and urbanism plan elaborated with assistance from GTZ -Damascus : Recognition of the need of such a plan -Request for additional training for management plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tipasa : PSPP exists but not implemented, and a management plan under preparation (pilot project) -Kasbah of Algiers : Permanent Safeguarding and Presentation Plan, in final stage of approval and implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Zabid : A plan for protection and presentation is under preparation -Training is provided in the framework of a Dutch programme (UCHP) under the responsibility of the IHS Rotterdam

4.3. Factors affecting properties, preventive conservation and monitoring

As the boundaries and the buffer zones of the following three countries are not well defined, the following decisions have been taken :

	Syria	Algeria	Yémen
▪ Boundaries and buffer zones	-Old City of Aleppo : a new plan comprising the boundaries and buffer zone was recently adopted, -Boundaries and buffer zones were discussed for the Old Cities of Damascus and Bosra and are being studied by the WHC	-Tipasa : A Permanent Safeguarding and Presentation Plan defines the boundaries and buffer zones and is being studied by the WHC -Kasbah of Algiers : Boundaries and buffer zones defined in the framework of the PSPP -Timgad : extended boundaries and buffer zones being studied by the WHC -Discussions are underway for Djémila and the Al Qal'a of Beni Hammad	-The boundaries and buffer zones of Zabid are being defined. -The boundaries and buffer zones of Sana'a are yet to be defined in the framework of the future Safeguarding and Urbanism Plan.

4.4. Promotion of the Convention and inscribed properties

In the three countries visited, the Convention is not effectively taken into consideration and the promotion of World Heritage properties is not carried out.

4.5. Training and international co-operation

Training programmes were discussed in Syria and in Algeria

	Syria	Algeria	Yemen
▪ Training	-Two-year training plan outlined and should be rapidly finalised	-A series of requests for training was proposed to the Centre, comprising notably in situ modules for Algiers and the M'Zab Valley	-The UCHP training programme (Dutch project) attempts to cover the needs of the GOPHCY, responsible for historic cities.

5. OBSERVATIONS

These meetings obliged the authorities of the States visited, to re-evaluate their position vis-à-vis the Convention. In most cases, they expected the World Heritage Centre or other bilateral or multilateral actors to undertake initiatives to provide the necessary assistance, which they had difficulty in defining and summarizing. It is for this reason that these national meetings drew particular attention to the need for a clear definition of the requirements and modalities for the use of the World Heritage Fund and international cooperation.

5.1. Concerning new inscriptions

Emphasis was placed on the need to ensure adequate preservation of properties already inscribed before proposing new nominations for inscription.

5.2. Concerning integrated management and conservation plans

Difficulty is experienced in incorporating the action and role of the organisms responsible for heritage preservation into the integrated framework of national actions in development policies, taking account of the fact that heritage preservation is not yet a national priority.

There is no hierarchy between properties or the listed monuments as regards legislation and conservation practices; they are all considered as being of equal heritage value. This aspect does not facilitate decisions, notably to accord priority to properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Finally, the modalities for listing are frequently incompatible with the preservation of living historic cities.

Therefore, it is indispensable to take into account the need to re-evaluate the listing practices by introducing a hierarchy that would allow for sectioning and adaptation to the specific case of each site.

It is for this reason that we recommended to the States visited, whilst awaiting a solution to this problem, to give priority to efforts for the preservation of World Heritage sites (pilot projects). This would have the effect of providing these sites with enhanced capabilities (N.B., Algeria has already granted administrative and financial autonomy to two World Heritage sites, resulting in more effective actions and a more centralized role for the entity responsible for its preservation).

5.3. Concerning conservation, promotion and training aspects

In the framework of these national meetings, emphasis was placed on the defining of boundaries and buffer zones, the urgent settling of which is of the greatest importance. In fact, the regional summary report clearly demonstrated the importance of this aspect that very often resolves about 40% of the properties' conservation problems.

Furthermore, it has become crucial to clearly define needs as regards support and training, in order to modulate the use of assistance within the framework of pluri-annual action plans.

With this in mind, there is a need to formulate, with each State, modalities for ongoing dialogue with a permanent liaison focal point with the WHC.

6. BUDGET

YEAR	ACTIVITY	BUDGET
2002	Integrating and up-dating information (borders, buffer zone, management and protection mechanisms, etc.) for three selected sites. These funds will be supplemented by International Assistance requests (Chapter III).	US\$ 30,000
2003	Ditto	US\$ 30,000

7. CONCLUSION

These national meetings should be continued and include all the countries of the Arab region. They should serve to articulate the regional action plan being prepared based on measures proposed in Annex 1.

In parallel, a small number of measures listed in the catalogue presented in Annex 1, will be implemented according to the degree of urgency and in conjunction with the recommendations made in the regional summary report of the periodic reporting for the Arab region.

Among these measures, a regional training seminar on the implementation of the Convention should be held in Jordan in 2002. It will be based on a case study of an *in situ* project and will be funded from extrabudgetary sources.

Annex 1

List of measures foreseen

1. GENERAL ACTIONS

SHORT TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding source
- Organise national meetings on periodic reporting in order to discuss all the aspects of application of the Convention as well as the state of conservation. Priority countries: Algeria, Libya, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.	- International assistance requests	- Continue the examination of the periodic reports and revise with each State Party the practical modalities for improvement of the state of conservation.	-
	-	- Establish training centres or strengthen existing ones at the sub-regional level (Beirut, Tunis, Cairo, Doha) and nominate itinerant trainers.	-
	-	- Propose conservation projects beneficial to the development of cities and archaeological sites.	-
	-	- Seek to broaden the foundations of inter-Arab and international cooperation through the creation of links with funding organizations and organisms with the aim of proposing and funding common projects (OICC, Islamic Development Bank, FADES, etc.)	-
	-	- Carry out activities to create an Arab Heritage Fund.	-

2. DISSEMINATION AND INFORMATION ON THE CONVENTION

SHORT-TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding Source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding Source
- Visits : Saudi Arabia and Qatar	-Regular Programme	- Information seminar for the Gulf States	-
- Distribution of texts relating to the Convention and its application in Arabic	-	- Seminars on authenticity and integrity	-
- Sub-regional meetings on training and raising awareness of the Convention	- Italian Funds-in- trust	- Sub-regional meetings to standardize inventory methods and modalities.	-

3. *INVENTORIES*

SHORT-TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding Source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding Source
- Assist Yemen in preparing and establishing an inventory system	- International assistance request	- Sub-regional meetings to standardize inventory methods and modalities.	- Extrabudgetary
- National meetings to revise and standardize inventory methods	International assistance request		

4. *TENTATIVE LISTS AND NOMINATIONS*

SHORT-TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding Source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding Source
- Assist States with no tentative lists to submit them – Algeria, Libya, Jordan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain	- International assistance request	- Thematic meetings on little or under-represented categories	- Global Strategy
-	-	- Regional or sub-regional meetings on tentative lists : to ensure better representivity of the types of properties and their outstanding universal value. Establish a tentative list by sub-region accordingly.	- Italian Funds-in-trust
- Revise and complete tentative lists for Mauritania and Egypt	- International assistance request	- Encourage and implement the up-dating of nomination dossiers for properties prior to 1993	- Periodic Reporting Exercise
- Analysis of tentative lists of the Arab States by renowned universities - Priorities: Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Iraq	-	- Encourage nomination of under-represented categories of properties (natural and cultural)	- Global Strategy
- Assist and train States in the preparation of new nominations	- Italian Funds-in-trust	- Assist the States in nominating sites representative of Arab-Moslem heritage.	- Global Strategy

5. *LEGISLATION*

SHORT-TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding Source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding Source
- Appoint university bodies to carry out the inventory and the revision of the legal framework existing in each sub-region – Tripoli (Libya) and Tunis	-	- Organise a sub-regional meeting to study the results of studies on legislation and draw up frameworks for new and better adapted legislation.	-

6. *MANAGEMENT*

SHORT TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding Source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding Source
- Meetings on Management Plans as coherent frameworks for actions (legal, institutional, operational, financial, etc.)	-	- Promote integrated Conservation: organise a regional seminar «HERITAGE, FACTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT» and prepare a regional charter	-
- Management plan training in Italy or France	- Italian or French Funds-in trust	- Orient research towards heritage conservation and restoration.	-
-	-	- Broaden site management by training the managers to take into consideration the socio-economic dimension and to coordinate actions for sustainable development linked to the site.	-
-	-	- Encourage data collection for better exploitation	-

7. CONSERVATION

SHORT TERM – PRIORITY ACTION	Funding Source	MEDIUM-TERM	Funding Source
- Revise boundaries of properties with States Parties, in particular during the review of Periodic Reporting	- Periodic Reporting Exercise	- Organise training cycles on monitoring and key indicators	-
- Urgently evaluate the state of conservation of sites of "potential danger" and propose methods and action plans. Priorities: Bat-Al-Khutm-Al-Ayn (Oman), Tyre, Anjar (Lebanon), Sana'a (Yemen), Petra (Jordan), Abu Mena (Egypt), Aleppo (Syria), Tadrart Acacus (Libya), Al Qal'a of Beni Hammad, Tipasa, Kasbah of Algiers (Algeria), Hatra (Iraq) and the 4 Mauritanian cities. Other properties inscribed on the Danger List: Bahla Fort, Zabid and Ichkeul National Park	- Periodic Reporting Exercise	- Assist and encourage sites to introduce and set up modern equipment and monitoring methods.	-

**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE FOR
ASIA-PACIFIC STATES PARTIES AND WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

1. INTRODUCTION

Following the action plan approved by the World Heritage Committee at its twenty-fourth session in Cairns, Australia, in December 2000, 26 Asian and 7 Pacific States Parties have started the preparation of their national periodic reports in close co-operation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies. 16 States Parties in the Asia-Pacific Region with 55 cultural and 33 natural and mixed properties inscribed on World Heritage List before or in 1994, have initiated the compilation of the state of conservation report for Section II of the periodic report.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2001 FOR THE PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE

Discussions and consultations have been held between the Asia-Pacific States Parties, UNESCO, the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies, and other relevant authorities concerning the process of the Regional Periodic Reporting. 21 out of 32 States Parties appointed one national coordinator for the reporting on all World Heritage cultural properties, and a second coordinator for all natural and mixed properties to facilitate the process of collecting, harmonizing and analyzing the necessary information for the preparation of the Periodic Reports.

2.1 Development of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

To facilitate the work of the States Parties, a revised *Questionnaire* was developed based upon the Periodic Reporting *Format* and *Explanatory Notes* adopted by the World Heritage Committee. Numerous consultations were held with Representatives of the States Parties, the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM), the Centre staff as well as representatives of other institutions involved in heritage conservation. This *Questionnaire* will assist the States Parties in the compilation of necessary information in a unified format for the Centre to synthesize the Regional Report.

2.2 Cultural Heritage

2.2.1 Consultations at Regional, Sub-regional and National levels

A *Southeast Asian Sub-Regional Workshop on Periodic Reporting of World Heritage Cultural Properties* was organized by the Governments of Indonesia and the Philippines in co-operation with UNESCO at Tana Toraja, Indonesia (24 - 28 April 2001). Representatives from 10 Asia-Pacific States Parties requested that the deadline for submission of the national periodic reports be extended to June 2003 instead of December 2002 in view of the change of the work schedule of the World Heritage Committee.

The Korean National Commission for UNESCO, the Korean Cultural Properties Administration and the World Heritage Centre organized a “*UNESCO Regional Workshop for the Preparation of the State of Conservation Reports on the World Heritage Cultural Sites in*

Asia” in Gyeongju City, the Republic of Korea (11 - 13 July 2001). The 35 participants including the representatives and site managers from 14 Asian States Parties with World Heritage cultural properties, international experts representing ICCROM, ICOMOS and UNESCO discussed the Periodic Reporting process for long-term conservation and management planning, shared challenges and effective monitoring tools for the World Heritage cultural properties in Asia. The participants, demonstrating a strong spirit of solidarity, concluded that regional co-operation was crucial in meeting the World Heritage conservation challenges in Asia.

An Inter-Ministerial National Workshop concerning Indian World Heritage Cultural Properties was held in New Delhi (18 - 19 July 2001), organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Archaeological Survey of India in co-operation with the World Heritage Centre, discussed the Periodic Reporting process and strategies for enhancing the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

2.2.2. Collation of available information, analysis of the data and geographic assessment of the nomination file

The Centre produced a CD-Rom compiling the existing basic information available to date for each Asia-Pacific State Party and each World Heritage property in the region. Geographical assessments of the nomination documentation, site evaluation reports of the Advisory Bodies, the state of conservation records, desk study of the legal instruments and regulations on heritage protection in Asia-Pacific and the international assistance granted under the World Heritage Fund were included to facilitate the individual State Party and site-manager to commence the preparation of the Periodic Reports. The Asia-Pacific national co-ordinators whose World Heritage cultural properties come under review in June 2003, were provided with this CD-Rom, the *Questionnaire* and all other background information during the *Regional Workshop on Periodic Reporting for Cultural Heritage* (Gyeongju, Republic of Korea).

2.2.3. Extra-budgetary sources for supporting Asian States Parties with numerous World Cultural Heritage properties to be reviewed - Japan Funds-in-Trust

The Centre noted that information concerning the boundaries, co-ordinates and maps of the World Heritage sites are inadequate for many nomination files submitted before 1996. A project proposal prepared by the Centre was financed by the Government of Japan for US\$ 334,800 under the UNESCO-Japan Funds-in-Trust programme to support Asian States Parties with numerous World Heritage cultural properties inscribed on the World Heritage List before or in 1994 in preparing the baseline data for the individual state of conservation reports for the Periodic Reports. Through this project, adapted utilization of effective tools, such as Geographical Information System (GIS), will be introduced to assist States Parties in preparing cartographic information and demarcating boundaries of properties, to enhance the national and local capacities for systematic monitoring and management of cultural properties in China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

2.3. Natural and Mixed Heritage

2.3.1. Consultation at a Regional Level and provision of existing information to States Parties

For natural and mixed heritage, existing information such as that contained in the data sheets of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) and all background documents available at the Centre for preparing Sections I and II of the Periodic Reports, have been reviewed and compiled within a CD-Rom. This CD-Rom will be distributed to the national coordinators before the end of November 2001 to enable each State Party to commence the preparation of the drafts periodic reports before the Regional Workshop on Periodic Reporting for World Heritage Natural & Mixed properties.

2.3.2. Regional Workshop on Periodic Reporting in Australia

The Government of Australia has offered to host, co-finance and co-organize a UNESCO Regional Workshop on Periodic Reporting for World Heritage Natural and Mixed Properties at the World Heritage site of the Greater Blue Mountains Area in March 2002. The participations will be requested to present a draft periodic report on the implementation of the World Heritage Convention as well as the state of conservation reports of the natural and mixed properties in their countries.

2.3.3. Extra-budgetary sources for supporting Asia-Pacific States Parties with World Natural Heritage properties to be reviewed - UNF Project

With regard to natural heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region, close links have been maintained between the periodic reporting exercise and the Centre/IUCN Global Project entitled “*Enhancing our Heritage: Monitoring and Managing Success in World Natural Heritage sites*”, financed by the UN Foundation. Implementation of the 4-year, US\$ 2 million project began in 2001 and the project aims at improving the management of a selected number of World Heritage sites throughout the world for developing better monitoring and reporting systems. The project has included three natural heritage sites in South Asia, namely Royal Chitwan National Park (Nepal), Keoladeo National Park (India) and Kaziranga National Park (India). It will also provide opportunities for site managers and experts from Asia-Pacific States Parties involved in the periodic reporting process for learning about monitoring methodologies and techniques. In particular the experience and information from project sites to identify World Heritage values and link them through selected parameters and indicators to assessment, monitoring and reporting regimes that are integral to site-management, will be brought to the attention of all involved in the periodic reporting exercise. The project will result in papers on monitoring methodologies, tool-kits and protocols as well as experience in their applications in World Heritage Natural/Mixed sites and other protected areas. These papers could serve as working documents in the workshops and meetings to be organized as part of the periodic reporting exercise. An up-date on the project findings will be submitted to the States Parties participants during the Regional Workshop on Periodic Reporting to be held in Australia, in March 2002.

Distribution of States Parties and cultural, natural and mixed properties in the Asia-Pacific Region

Sub-regional States Parties in the Asia-Pacific Region for Culture	Number of States Parties	Number of natural or mixed properties inscribed up to end of 1994	Number of cultural properties inscribed up to end of 1994
Central Asia	7		
➤ Afghanistan		0	0
➤ Iran		0	3
➤ Kazakstan		0	0
➤ Kyrgistan		0	0
➤ Tajikistan		0	0
➤ Turkmenistan		0	0
➤ Uzbekistan		0	2
North-East Asia	5		
➤ DPR of Korea		0	0
➤ Japan		2 (2N)	3
➤ Mongolia		0	0
➤ PR of China		5 (3N +2M)	9
➤ Rep. of Korea		0	0
Pacific	7		
➤ Australia		11 (7N + 4M)	0
➤ Fiji		0	0
➤ Kiribati		0	0
➤ New Zealand		2 (1N +1M)	0
➤ Niue		0	0
➤ Papua New Guinea		0	0
➤ Solomon Islands		0	0
South-East Asia	8		
➤ Cambodia		0	1
➤ Indonesia		2 (2N)	2
➤ Laos		0	0
➤ Malaysia		0	0
➤ Myanmar		0	0
➤ Philippines		1 (1N)	1
➤ Thailand		1 (1N)	3
➤ Vietnam		1 (1N)	1
South Asia	6		
➤ Bangladesh		0	2
➤ India		5 (5N)	16
➤ Maldives		0	0
➤ Nepal		2 (2N)	1
➤ Pakistan		0	5
➤ Sri Lanka		1 (1N)	6
5 Sub-Regions	33	33	55

3. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE REGIONAL PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC CULTURAL HERITAGE & BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2002-2003**

Objectives / Actions as approved by the 24 th session of the World Heritage Committee	Jul – Dec 1999	Jan – Jun 2000	Jul – Dec 2000	Jan – Jun 2001	Jul – Dec 2001	Jan – Jun 2002	Jul – Dec 2002	Jan – Jun 2003	Jul – Dec 2003	Budget utilized in 1999 – 2001 and PROPOSED Budget for Periodic Reporting 2002 - 2003
I. Inform the States Parties of the Periodic Reporting Procedure, Article 29 of the Convention, Paragraph 69 of the Operational Guidelines										
Action I.1 Information Meeting at UNESCO Headquarters										2000-2001 Periodic Reporting Budget for Consultancy
Action I.2 Dispatch of Circular Letter to concerned Authorities & Site-Managers										
Action I.3 Transmit to concerned Authorities & Site-Managers “summary country & site sheets” collated from information at WHC.										
II. Collation, Preliminary Analysis & Harmonization of existing information for the preparation of Section I & II of the Periodic Report for Asia and Pacific Cultural Heritage										
Action II.1 Commence collection of missing information at WHC Desk										2000 – 2001 Periodic Reporting Budget for Costs of UNESCO Missions & Meetings; CD-Rom of existing country & sites profiles, legislation, etc. 2001 International Assistance 2001-2002 Japan Funds-in-Trust (US\$ 334,800) for financial and technical assistance to States Parties in enhancing management of properties through strengthening site monitoring mechanisms (China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam), Expert missions to States Parties, WHC Consultancy for liaising with States Parties 2002 International Assistance 2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 32,500) to provide assistance to States Parties, participation of Advisory Bodies, UNESCO and WHC staff at national, sub-regional Workshops, WHC Consultancy
Action II.2 Request information from all Asia-Pacific States Parties in a unified format										
Action II.3 Provide financial and technical assistance to States Parties for preparing cartographic information, translations, and other information										
Action II.4 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process and State of Conservation reports for <u>Indian</u> properties (Hampi, October 2000)										
Action II.5 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process for <u>China</u> (Beijing, October 2000)										
Action II.6 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process with four <u>Central Asian States Parties</u>										
Action II.7 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process with <u>South East Asian & Pacific States Parties</u> (Toraja, April 2001)										
Action II.8 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process at a <u>Regional UNESCO Meeting for Periodic Reporting Preparation for World Cultural Heritage in Asia</u> (Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, July 2001)										
Action II.9 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process at a National Level at an <u>Indian Inter-Ministerial Meeting</u> (New Delhi, July 2001)										
Action II.10 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports in <u>India</u> (Bhopal, January 2002)										
Action II.11 Discussion on the Periodic Reporting Process at a National Level at an <u>Iranian Site-Managers’ Meeting</u> (Persepolis, Isfahan, Tchoga Zanbil, March 2002)										
Action II.12 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports in <u>China</u> (Dazu, March 2002)										
Action II.13 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports in <u>Pakistan</u> (Moenjodaro, April 2002)										
Action II.14 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports in <u>Sri Lanka</u> (Sigiriya, Galle, April 2002)										

Objectives / Actions as approved by the 24th session of the World Heritage Committee	Jul – Dec 1999	Jan – Jun 2000	Jul – Dec 2000	Jan – Jun 2001	Jul – Dec 2001	Jan – Jun 2002	Jul – Dec 2002	Jan – Jun 2003	Jul – Dec 2003	Budget utilized in 1999 – 2001 and PROPOSED Budget for Periodic Reporting 2002 - 2003
Action II.15 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports in <u>Nepal</u> (Kathmandu, April 2002)										
Action II.16 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports in <u>Uzbekistan</u> (Bukhara, May 2002)										
III. Further Analysis, Harmonization of Periodic Reports by the States Parties utilizing information collected during the regional, sub-regional and national Workshops										
Action III.1 Identification by States Parties, site-managers, Advisory Bodies and UNESCO of changes within World Heritage properties, effective tools for monitoring the state of conservation of properties, clarifying the boundaries of properties and legislative provisions protecting the properties										2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 20,000) for financial and technical assistance to States Parties
Action III.2 Transmittal of the Periodic Reports in digital form with cartographic information by States Parties to WHC.										2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 20,000) for WHC Consultancy for data processing, liaising with States Parties
Action III.3 Information harmonization and synthesis by WHC										
Action III.4 Updating of the Intranet Web-site for Asian Cultural Heritage integrating the synthesized information										2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 7,500) for updating Website with country and site profiles.
Action III.5 Analyze and harmonize reports, conclusions and recommendations submitted by States Parties, Advisory Bodies and UNESCO resulting from sub-regional and national workshops, consultations and national reports.										
IV. Preparation of the Synthesis Regional Periodic Report, Examination of the Report, its Conclusions and Recommendations by the World Heritage Committee at its 27th session (June 2003), and dissemination of the Final Report to States Parties for Follow-Up Actions										
Action IV.1 Publication and distribution of the final draft synthesis Regional Periodic Report, its Conclusions and Recommendations to States Parties and site-managers for final comments.										2003 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 20,000) for Consultancy to liaise with States Parties, final editing, layout, publication and organization of the presentation of the Periodic Report to the World Heritage Committee
Action IV. 2 Finalizing and editing the final Regional Periodic Report integrating all States Parties' contributions										
Action IV.3 Examination by the World Heritage Committee of the Synthesis Periodic Report for Asia-Pacific										2003 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 5,000) for financing costs of travel of 2 Asian representatives to present the report to the World Heritage Committee
Action IV.4 Official distribution of the Synthesis Periodic Report for Asia-Pacific (combining Natural, Mixed & Cultural Heritage)										2003 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 10,000) for publication & distribution
Total 2002 – 2003 Periodic Reporting Budget necessary for completion of work for Asia and Pacific Cultural Heritage:										
										2002 Periodic Reporting Budget = US\$ 80,000
										2003 Periodic Reporting Budget = US\$ 35,000

4. **Progress Report on the Preparation of the Regional Periodic Reporting Exercise for Asia and Pacific Natural & Mixed Heritage Properties and Budget Proposal for 2002-2003**

Objectives / Actions as approved by the 24 th session of the World Heritage Committee	Jul – Dec 1999	Jan – Jun 2000	Jul – Dec 2000	Jan – Jun 2001	Jul – Dec 2001	Jan – Jun 2002	Jul – Dec 2002	Jan – Jun 2003	Jul – Dec 2003	Budget utilized in 1999 – 2001 and PROPOSED Budget for Periodic Reporting 2002 - 2003
I. Inform the States Parties of the Periodic Reporting Procedure, Article 29 of the Convention, Paragraph 69 of the Operational Guidelines										
Action I.1 Information Meeting at UNESCO Headquarters										2000-2001 Periodic Reporting Budget for Consultancy and production of the CD-Rom.
Action I.2 Dispatch of Circular Letter to concerned Authorities & Site-Managers										
Action I.3 Transmit to concerned Authorities & Site-Managers site data sheets collated from information available at WHC and WCMC.										
Action I.4 Development of better monitoring and reporting systems by linking with a 4-year WHC/IUCN Global Project for Enhancing Success in Natural World Heritage Sites (UNF project)										In-kind support by the States Parties
II. Collation, Preliminary Analysis, & Harmonization of existing information for the preparation of Sections I & II of the Periodic Report for Asia and Pacific <u>Natural & Mixed Heritage</u>										
Action II.1 Assist the States Parties to prepare the Periodic Reports by using the Questionnaire developed by WHC										2000 – 2001 Periodic Reporting Budget for costs of UNESCO monitoring missions
Action II.2 Identify missing information and request all States Parties to fill in the critical information gaps essential for the preparation of the periodic reports										
Action II.3 In conjunction with ACIUCN procedure for monitoring tested on Australian sites, the UNF project, IUCN/WCPA management effectiveness evaluation tool-kits and other appropriate methodologies commission specific working papers for discussion at the Regional Workshop										2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 5,000)
Action II.4 Discussion of the Periodic Reporting Process and Draft National Reports at a UNESCO <u>Regional</u> Workshop for Natural & Mixed World Heritage Properties in the Asia-Pacific Region (Australia, March 2002)										2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 25,000) for paying of representatives from the LDC/LIC States Parties, participation of Advisory Bodies and WHC staff at the Regional Workshop;
Action II.5 Preparation of the Draft Periodic Reports for Natural & Mixed Properties in <u>China</u> (Dazu, March 2002)										
Action II.6 Follow-up technical meeting in November/December 2002 to discuss draft national reports prepared in accordance with formats and schedules agreed upon at the Regional Workshop in Australia in March 2002 and to develop a plan for regional synthesis and its presentation by States Parties at the Committee session in June 2003.										2002 International Assistance 2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 8,000) for providing technical assistance to the developing States Parties.

III. Further Analysis, Harmonization of Periodic Reports by the States Parties utilizing information collected during the regional and national Workshops											
Action III.1 Identification by States Parties, site-managers, Advisory Bodies and UNESCO of changes within World Heritage properties, effective tools for monitoring the state of conservation of properties											2002 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 12,000) for WHC Consultancy for data processing, liaising with States Parties
Action III.2 Transmittal of the National Periodic Reports in digital form with cartographic information by States Parties to WHC.											
Action III.3 Information harmonization and synthesis by WHC											
Action III.4 Analyze and harmonize reports, conclusions and recommendations submitted by States Parties, Advisory Bodies, and UNESCO resulting from national and regional workshops, consultations on national reports.											
IV. Preparation of the Synthesis Regional Periodic Report, Examination of the Report, its Conclusions and Recommendations by the World Heritage Committee at its 27th session (June 2003), and dissemination of the Final Report to States Parties for Follow-Up Actions (Combining <u>Natural, Mixed & Cultural</u> Heritage)											
Action IV.1 Publication and distribution of the final draft synthesis Regional Periodic Report, its Conclusions and Recommendations to States Parties and site-managers for final comments.											2003 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 5,000) for Consultancy to liaise with States Parties, final editing, layout, publication and organization of the presentation of the Periodic Report to the World Heritage Committee
Action IV. 2 Finalizing and editing the final Regional Periodic Report integrating all States Parties' contributions											
Action IV.3 Examination by the World Heritage Committee of the Synthesis Periodic Report for Asia and the Pacific											2003 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 5,000) for supporting representatives from the States Parties
Action IV.4 Official distribution of the Synthesis Periodic Report for Asia and the Pacific											2003 Periodic Reporting Budget (US\$ 10,000) for publication & distribution
Total 2002 – 2003 Periodic Reporting Budget necessary for completion of work for <u>Natural & Mixed</u> Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region											
2002 Periodic Reporting Budget = US\$ 50,000 2003 Periodic Reporting Budget = US\$ 20,000											

**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE FOR
LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN STATES PARTIES AND
WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

1. APPROACH

The Periodic Reports from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean will be examined at the session of the World Heritage Committee in the year 2004.

In order to ensure a truly regional and participatory process, the periodic reporting will be coordinated by the Adviser for World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean, who is based at the UNESCO Office in Montevideo, in close cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies.

To initiate the regional periodic reporting process, staff of the World Heritage Centre attended a meeting of the Permanent Delegates of Latin America and the Caribbean in June 2000 to discuss the approach that should be taken in setting up a work plan for the periodic reporting in the region.

As a result of this consultation, periodic reporting activities will be organised for the following three sub-regions:

Sub-region	Number of States Parties	Number of properties inscribed up to the end of 1995			
		Total	(Cult.)	Mixed	Nat.)
South America	Argentina	2 (3) [#]	0 (1) [#]	0	2
	Bolivia	3	3	0	0
	Brazil	7 (8) [#]	6 (7) [#]	0	1
	Chile	1	1	0	0
	Colombia	5	4	0	1
	Ecuador	3	1	0	2
	Paraguay	1	1	0	0
	Peru	9	5	2	2
	Uruguay	1	1	0	0
	Venezuela	2	1	0	1
	Total 10	35	24	2	9
The Caribbean	Antigua & Barbuda	0	0	0	0
	Belize	0	0	0	0
	Cuba	2	2	0	0
	Dominica	0	0	0	0
	Dominican Republic	1	1	0	0
	Grenada	0	0	0	0
	Guyana	0	0	0	0
	Haiti	1	1	0	0
	Jamaica	0	0	0	0
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0
	Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0
	Suriname	0	0	0	0
	Total 12	4	4	0	0

[#] One trans-border site shared between Argentina and Brazil

Sub-region	Number of States Parties	Number of properties inscribed up to the end of 1995			
		Total	(Cult.)	Mixed	Nat.)
Central America And Mexico	Costa Rica	0 (1)*	0	0	0 (1)*
	El Salvador	1	1	0	0
	Guatemala	3	2	1	0
	Honduras	2	1	0	1
	Mexico	14	12	0	2
	Nicaragua	0	0	0	0
	Panama	2 (3)*	1	0	1 (2)*
Total 7	23	17	1	5	
Total Latin America and the Caribbean	29	62	45	3	14

* One trans-border site shared between Costa Rica and Panama

2. WORK PLAN

The work plan submitted to the World Heritage Committee at its session in December 2000 has been updated as follows:

Phase 1 Preparation of the periodic reporting exercise (2000– 2001)

The World Heritage Centre has prepared documents on the State of the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention for each of the three sub-regions mentioned above as well as a data base with relevant information on the inscription history and the examination of the state of conservation of World Heritage properties.

The Centre is now setting up an information system through the Internet that will supply States Parties with the baseline information on the application of the Convention in the region, the World Heritage sites and the advances of the reporting exercise as well as facilitate communication within the sub-regions. Baseline information will also be made available in paper copy and/or CD-ROM.

States Parties and the Advisory Bodies have been requested to identify focal-points for periodic reporting activities from natural and cultural heritage fields. These focal points are expected to participate in the whole periodic reporting exercise.

The questionnaires that the World Heritage Centre has developed to assist the States Parties in the preparation of the periodic reports will be translated into Spanish.

Phase 2 Sub-regional information meetings (first half of 2002)

Two sub-regional information meetings (South America, Montevideo, Uruguay, March 2002, and Central America/Mexico, Mexico, May 2002) will be held with the participation of the States Parties focal points, the Advisory Bodies and experts from the region.

The Caribbean States Parties have been informed of the periodic reporting through the Regional Training Course on the Application of the World Heritage Convention (September-October 2001). Considering the limited number of World Heritage sites in this area, with the exception of Cuba, emphasis will be placed on the general provisions of the Convention and

the capacity to preserve and manage cultural and natural heritage sites (Section I of the Periodic Reports). To this end, an analysis of the legal and institutional framework will be undertaken. Further information and advice will be provided in writing and through missions under Phase 3.

Phase 3 Preparation of national reports (second half of 2002 – first quarter of 2003)

Following the sub-regional information meetings, States Parties will prepare their national reports. The States Parties focal points are expected to monitor this process and to maintain contact with UNESCO on the progress and the needs for advice or assistance. Assistance will be provided upon request of the State Party concerned.

Phase 4 Sub-regional review meetings (second half of 2003)

Three sub-regional meetings will be held in the second half of 2003 to review the national reports from the sub-region and to draw preliminary conclusions and recommendations as an input to the regional review meeting.

Phase 5 Regional review meeting and preparation of Regional State of the World Heritage Report (late 2003)

A regional review meeting will be held at which the conclusions and recommendations will be formulated for presentation to the World Heritage Committee at its session in June 2004.

3. BUDGET

The activities require the following funds:

Year	Activity	Budget
2002	Preparation and distribution of baseline information	US\$ 5,000
2002	Information meeting South America	From previous years
2002	Information meeting Central America and Mexico	US\$ 30,000
2002	Assistance to States Parties upon request	US\$ 32,500
2002	Review of legislative and institutional framework in the Caribbean	US\$ 7,500
2002	Miscellaneous	US\$ 5,000
2002	Total	US\$ 80,000

Year	Activity	Budget
2003	Three sub-regional review meetings	US\$ 65,000
2003	Preparation of Regional State of the World Heritage Report	US\$ 65,000
2003	Total	US\$ 130,000

**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE FOR
EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN STATES PARTIES AND
WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

1. APPROACH

The region of Europe and North America comprises a great number of States Parties (48) and World Heritage properties (352 as of 2001), many of which will be included in the Periodic Reporting for the region. The Periodic Reports from the region are to be examined at the sessions of the World Heritage Committee in the years 2005 and 2006.

Council of Europe

In order to address the regional periodic reporting process in a co-ordinated way, staff of the World Heritage Centre organized a meeting with members of the Cultural Heritage Committee of the Council of Europe to discuss a joint approach that could be taken in setting up the periodic reporting exercise for the region. The meeting took place at UNESCO Headquarters on 19 October 2001. The participants agreed that a co-operation would be of great advantage in particular for Section I of the periodic reporting format.

The participants were informed that in 1996, the Council of Europe published the first Report on cultural heritage policies in Europe covering 27 countries. It was the first publication in Europe to give an overview of the policies pursued by Council of Europe member states in the light of the principles enshrined in the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada, 3 October 1985). Meeting in Helsinki in May 1996, the ministers responsible for the Cultural Heritage invited the Council of Europe to study the feasibility of a permanent information system (European Heritage Watch Net), drawing upon this report. In 1997, the HEREIN Network was created under the auspices of the Council of Europe, with the participation of a first group of six countries (France, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom) and the financial support of the European Commission. It opened in 1999, the www.european-heritage.net website offering free access to the following on-line services:

- A comparative databank on European cultural heritage policies (Belgium, Cyprus, Spain, Estonia, France, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden);
- A trilingual thesaurus (English, French, Spanish) on cultural heritage policies in Europe,
- A gateway to Internet resources in the field of cultural heritage for the countries of the network.

With information regularly updated by national co-ordinators, HEREIN is a tool, which allows comparative analyses of national heritage policies and future tendencies; it facilitates the implementation of international conventions in the heritage field. (see Annexes II and III).

It is envisaged to enlarge the network to cover 30 countries by the end of 2002 and ultimately all European countries. Phase II of HEREIN, financed by the European Commission, would also permit a geographical enlargement as well as structural

improvements. A permanent structure under the auspices of the Council of Europe will be established as per mandate given by the Meeting of Cultural Heritage Ministers (Portoroz, Slovenia, April 2001).

Meeting with States Parties

Furthermore, the Director of the World Heritage Centre has contacted the Presidents of Group I (Western Europe) and Group II (Eastern Europe) at UNESCO via letter dated 2 October 2001 and suggested a presentation at one of the forthcoming meetings of the Groups in order to inform all States Parties about the schedule and programme proposed.

	Number of States Parties	Number of properties inscribed up to the end of 1998			
		Total	(Cult.	Mixed	Nat.)
Europe and North America	48	297	(252	7	38)

Initiatives by States Parties

- In October 1999, the Ministry of Culture of Croatia submitted a periodic report including state of conservation reports on the four cultural properties on its territory (Old City of Dubrovnik, Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian, Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian Basilica in the Historic Centre of Porec, Historic City of Trogir).
- The Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic issued in May 2000, a Methodology for the Preparation of Periodic Reports. This methodology includes the definition of responsibilities among agencies and instructions to those who are to prepare sections of the report.
- Hungary has proposed a project entitled “*Project proposal for establishing a Central and Eastern European Cultural Heritage Network for supporting the Preparation of the Periodic Report for the Central and Eastern European Sub-region under the World Heritage Convention*”. This network would be established by the Hungarian National World Heritage Committee in the Ministry of Culture and implemented by the Department of Medieval Studies at the Central European University. The Secretariat is awaiting the support of other States Parties in the region to this initiative.
- ICOMOS *Poland* has initiated a programme of preparation of state of conservation reports on the Polish World Heritage sites. The one on Zamosc has been completed and others will follow in the coming years.
- The Ministry for Culture of the Slovak Republic provided a report on the Application of the World Heritage Convention in the Slovak Republic transmitted to the Centre on 9 October 2001.

Nordic Countries

The Directorate of Cultural Heritage of Norway has requested ICOMOS to collaborate in the preparation of state of conservation reports of the Norwegian World Heritage sites (Urnes Stave Church, Bryggen, Roros, Rock Drawings of Alta). Likewise, ICOMOS Sweden was involved in the preparation of a report on the Rock Carvings of Tanum, Sweden. Reports were prepared according to the periodic reporting format.

The Nordic World Heritage Office has initiated a “*Pilot Project on the Development of a Technical Tool for UNESCO/WHC Periodic Reporting*”. The objective of this project is

to co-operate with GRID-Arendal/UNEP on the development of a computer based tool for monitoring, reporting and follow-up (see below).

Tools to support Periodic Reporting

Within the Information Management Strategy, the World Heritage Centre proposes the establishment of partnerships. These partnerships will enable the Centre to have access to Information Technology (IT) tools already developed and to adapt these tools to the needs of the World Heritage Convention. As part of the Periodic Reporting exercise, and in particular for Europe, the following partnerships are under discussion and/or have been established:

- Partnership with the Nordic World Heritage Office established. The output of this co-operation is an IT tool through which States Parties can enter Sections I and II of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire. The tool then creates automatically an associated web-page. All information provided will also be stored in a database currently under development by a sub-contractor of the Nordic World Heritage Office. The IT tool will soon be tested by the Scandinavian countries. A demonstration of this tool will be available at the twenty-fifth session of the Committee.
- The Centre, with the objective of establishing a joint partnership, has undertaken advanced negotiations with the Council of Europe. Within the activities to obtain country data for the HEREIN project, the Council of Europe has developed a complete Internet based system. This Internet system is a cultural-portal to allow users to have access to national information about cultural sites, national policies, national focal points, etc. The World Heritage Committee may wish to request the Centre to conclude a partnership with the Council of Europe in order to obtain mutual benefit and to avoid duplication with respect to the tools being developed and the data being collected. Any costs associated with the adaptation of the IT tools currently available will be obtained through fund raising.

2. WORKPLAN

States Parties are requested to identify focal-points for periodic reporting activities from natural and cultural heritage fields. Considering the limited human and financial resources, States Parties are encouraged to develop and propose (sub)regional activities and mechanisms for the preparation of reports, for (sub)regional collaboration and exchange and for the preparation of the regional synthesis report.

The co-operation between the Centre and the Council of Europe as proposed by the meeting on 19 October 2001, would envisage the use of the HEREIN project by the States Parties and the Centre, the collection of information on national policies in the heritage field (Section I of the report) and should avoid duplication (preparation of two different reports for the Council of Europe and for the World Heritage Convention). The calendar of the work for the Council of Europe and the World Heritage Committee permits a synchronisation of the data collection and a better analysis of the information, in particular for Section I. The possibilities concerning Section II are being currently explored.

3. BUDGET

A modest budget is proposed to be able to respond to (sub)regional initiatives from States Parties. Further budgetary proposals will be presented to the Committee at its twenty-sixth session in 2002.

Western Europe and North America

Year	Activity	Budget
2002	Support to States Parties	US\$ 10,000

Year	Activity	Budget
2003	Support to States Parties	US\$ 20,000

Central and Eastern Europe

Year	Activity	Budget
2002	Support to States Parties	US\$ 20,000

Year	Activity	Budget
2003	Support to States Parties	US\$ 40,000

Annex I: Distribution of States Parties and cultural, natural and mixed properties in the European Region

TABLE A: Europe (Group I)

EUROPE (West)			
States Parties in Europe	Number of States Parties	Number of natural or mixed properties inscribed up to end of 1998	Number of cultural properties inscribed up to end of 1998
	23		
➤ Austria		0	3
➤ Belgium		0	4
➤ Canada		6	5
➤ <i>Canada/USA</i>		2	0
➤ Cyprus		0	3
➤ Denmark		0	2
➤ Finland		0	4
➤ France		1	23
➤ <i>France/Spain</i>		1 (mixed)	0
➤ Germany		1	19
➤ Greece		2 (mixed)	12
➤ Holy See		0	1
➤ Hungary		0	3
➤ <i>Hungary/Slovakia</i>		1	0
➤ Italy		0	29
➤ <i>Italy/Holy See</i>		0	1
➤ Ireland		0	2
➤ Luxemburg		0	1
➤ Malta		0	3
➤ Netherlands		0	5
➤ Norway		0	4
➤ Portugal		0	9
➤ Spain		2	26
➤ Sweden		1 (mixed)	8
➤ Switzerland		0	3
➤ United Kingdom		4	13
➤ United States of America		10	8
Total of 222		31	191

TABLE B: Europe (Group II)

EUROPE (EAST)			
States Parties	Number of States Parties	Number of natural or mixed properties inscribed up to end of 1998	Number of cultural properties inscribed up to end of 1998
	19		
➤ Albania		0	1
➤ Armenia		0	1
➤ Belarus/Poland		1	0
➤ Bulgaria		2	7
➤ Croatia		1	4
➤ Czech Republic		0	8
➤ Estonia		0	1
➤ Georgia		0	3
➤ Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		1 (mixed)	0
➤ Latvia		0	1
➤ Lithuania		0	1
➤ <i>Lithuania/Russ.Fed</i>		0	1
➤ Poland		0	7
➤ Russian Federation		4	8
➤ Romania		1	3
➤ Slovakia		0	3
➤ Slovenia		1	0
➤ Ukraine		0	2
➤ Turkey		2 (mixed)	7
➤ Yugoslavia		1	3
Total of 75		14	61

TABLE C: States Parties with no sites on the World Heritage List or sites inscribed after 1998

<i>States Parties with no sites or sites inscribed after 1998</i>	6			
➤ Andorra		0	0	
➤ Azerbaijan		0	1 (2000)	
➤ Bosnia and Herzegovina		0	0	
➤ Iceland		0	0	
➤ Monaco		0	0	
➤ San Marino		0	0	
TOTAL	48 States Parties	45 natural and mixed sites	252 cultural sites	297 total

Annex II: Council of Europe - Cultural Heritage Committee (CC-PAT)
CONSOLIDATED TABLE OF PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL HERITAGE CONVENTIONS

Key: * State Party to a Convention
 S Signed but not ratified
 D Denunciation
 n Took part in negotiations (either in some/all meetings of governmental experts and/or Diplomatic Conference)

Changes since January 2001 or last CC-PAT meeting

	COUNCIL OF EUROPE					UNESCO						OTHERS	
	Delphes Convention 1985	London Convention 1969	Malta Convention 1992	Granada Convention 1985	Florence Convention 2000	Hague Convention 1954	Hague Protocol 1954	Hague 2 nd Protocol 1999	W.H. Convention 1972	UWCH Draft Conv. 2001	UNESCO Convention 1970	EU Dir + Reg 1993	UNIDROIT 1995
Ratific. Needed	3	3	4	3	10	5	5	20	20	20	3		5
Into force since	-	1970	1995	1987		1956	1956		1975		1972		1998
Nr ratifications	0	24	26	34	0	100	83		164		90		12
Nr signatures	6	1	12	3	21	9		31	-	-	-		14
Last update	21.10.2001	21.10.2001	21.10.2001	21.10.2001	21.10.2001	08.03.2001	08.03.2001	20.07.2001	18.10.2001	17.07.2001	01.12.1999		29.09.2001
Council of Europe Member States (43)													
Albania						*	*	S	*	n			n
Andorra			*	*		S			*				
Armenia			S			*	*	S	*		*		
Austria		*		S		*	*	S	*	n		+	n
Azerbaijan			*			*	*	*	*		*		
Belgium		*		*	S	*	*	S	*	n		+	n
Bulgaria		D	*	*	S	*	*	*	*		*		n
Croatia		*	S	*	S	*	*	S	*	n	*		S
Cyprus	S	D	*	*		*	*	*	*	n	*		n
Czech Rep.			*	*		*	*		*	n	*		
Denmark		*	S	*	S	S			*	n		+	
Estonia			*	*		*		S	*		*		
Finland			*	*	S	*	*	S	*	n	*	+	*
France		D	*	*	S	*	*		*	n	*	+	S
Georgia			*	*		*	*		*		*		S
Germany		*	S	*		*	*	S	*	n		+	n
Greece	S	*	S	*	S	*	*	S	*	n	*	+	n
Hungary			*	*		*	*	S	*	n	*		*
Iceland		*							*	n			
Ireland			*	*					*	n		+	n
Italy	S	*	S	*	S	*	*	S	*	n	*	+	*
Latvia									*				n
Liechtenstein	S	D	*	*		*	*						
Lithuania			*	*	S	*	*		*		*		*
Luxembourg		*	S	S	S	*	*	S	*			+	

	COUNCIL OF EUROPE					UNESCO						OTHERS	
	Delphes Convention 1985	London Convention 1969	Malta Convention 1992	Granada Convention 1985	Florence Convention 2000	Hague Convention 1954	Hague Protocol 1954	Hague 2 nd Protocol 1999	W.H. Convention 1972	UWCH Draft Conv. 2001	UNESCO Convention 1970	EU Dir + Reg 1993	UNIDROIT 1995
Malta		D	*	*	S				*	n			n
Moldova, Rep of			S	S	S	*	*						
Netherlands			S	*		*	*	S	*	n		+	S
Norway			*	*	S	*	*		*	n			n
Poland			*			*	*		*	n	*		n
Portugal	S	D	*	*	S	*	*		*	n	*	+	S
Romania		S	*	*	S	*	*	S	*	n	*		*
Russian Federation		*	S	*		*	*		*	n	*		S
San Marino			S		S	*	*		*				n
Slovak Republic			*	*		*	*	S	*		*		
Slovenia		D	*	*	S	*	*		*		*		n
Spain		*	S	*	S	*	*	*	*	n	*	+	n
Sweden		D	*	*	S	*	*	S	*	n		+	n
Switzerland		D	*	*	S	*	*	S	*	n			S
FYRep Macedonia		*		*		*	*	S	*		*		
Turkey	S		*	*	S	*	*		*	n	*		n
Ukraine			S			*	*		*	n	*		n
United Kingdom		D	*	*		S			*	n		+	n
Other States party to the 1954 Cultural Convention (5)													
Belarus						*	*	*	*		*		n
Bosnia-Hzgj		*		*		*	*		*		*		
Holy See		D	*			*	*	S	*	n			n
Monaco			*			*	*		*				
Yugoslavia, Fed. R.				*		*	*		*		*		
States with observer status to the Council of Europe (4)													
Canada						*			*	n	*		
Israel						*	*		*	n	*		n
Mexico						*			*	n	*		
United States						S			*	n	*		n
Totals for the 48 States party to the 1954 cultural Convention													
* State party	0	13 ⁱ	26 ⁱⁱ	34	0	41	39	4	46	-	27	15	6
S signed no ratific.	6	1	12 ⁱⁱⁱ	3	21	3	?	20	-	-	-		6
n negotiations										29			21

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ⁱ 7 of the 13 States have signed the Malta Convention

ⁱⁱ London + Malta = 39 ratifications

ⁱⁱⁱ 7 of the 12 States had ratified the London Convention

Annex III: DRAFT TABLE OF PARTICIPATION IN NATURAL HERITAGE CONVENTIONS

Key: * State party to a convention
 S Signed but not ratified
 D Denunciation
 n Took part in negotiations (either in some/all meetings of governmental experts and/or Diplomatic Conference)

	COUNCIL OF EUROPE		UNESCO		UNEP				OTHERS
	Berne Convention 1979	Florence Convention 2000	Ramsar Convention 1971	W.H. Convention 1972	CBD 1992	Basel Convention 1989	CMS 1979	CITES 1973	Alpine Convention 1991
Ratific. Needed	5	10	7	20	13	20	15	10	3
Into force since	01.06.1982		1975	1975	29.12.1993	05.05.1992	01.11.1983	01.07.1975	09.03.1995
Nr ratifications	45	0	124	164	181	147	74	154	9
Nr signatures	-	21	?	-	6	13	4	3	-
Last update	26.07.2001	17.07.2001	22.06.2001	15.05.2001	25.07.2001	04.07.2001	01.06.2001	16.07.2001	?
Council of Europe Member States (43)									
Albania	*		*	*	*	*			
Andorra	*			*		*			
Armenia			*	*	*	*			
Austria	*		*	*	*	*		*	*
Azerbaijan	*			*	*			*	
Belgium	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Bulgaria	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Croatia	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Cyprus	*		*	*	*	*		*	
Czech Rep.	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Denmark	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Estonia	*		*	*	*	*		*	
Finland	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	
France	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Georgia			*	*	*	*	*	*	
Germany	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greece	*	S	*	*	*	*		*	
Hungary	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Iceland	*		*	*	*	*		*	
Ireland	*		*	*	*	*	*		
Italy	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latvia	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Liechtenstein	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lithuania	*	S	*	*	*				

Luxembourg	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Malta	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Moldova, Rep of	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Netherlands	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Norway	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Poland	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Portugal	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Romania	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Russian Federation			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Marino		S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Slovak Republic	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Spain	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sweden	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FYRep Macedonia	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey	*	S	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
States with observer status to the Council of Europe (4)									
Canada			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Israel			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mexico			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
United States			*	*	*	*	*	*	*