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Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda: Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur

Terms of Office of the World Heritage Committee 2001-2003 and Composition of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, 1977-2003

SUMMARY

According to decision **6 EXT. COM 3** (Paris, 17-22 March 2002): "*At the beginning of its 27th ordinary session (Suzhou, June/July 2003), the World Heritage Committee will elect a Bureau whose term will start at that session until the opening of the 28th ordinary session of the Committee (June 2004)(...) New Rule 13.1 of the Rules of Procedure will enter into force starting from the 29th ordinary session of the Committee (June 2005).*"

In order to facilitate the work of the Committee, this document is composed of two sections:

I. Terms of Office of the World Heritage Committee 2001-2003

II. Composition of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, 1977-2003

I. Terms of Office of the World Heritage Committee 2001-2003

The twenty-one members of the Committee indicated below were elected by the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention at its eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth sessions held on 27 and 28 October 1997, 28 and 29 October 1999 and 30 and 31 October 2001:

ARGENTINA	HUNGARY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
BELGIUM	INDIA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
CHINA	LEBANON	SAINT LUCIA
COLOMBIA	MEXICO	SOUTH AFRICA
EGYPT	NIGERIA	THAILAND
FINLAND	OMAN	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
GREECE	PORTUGAL	ZIMBABWE

Their terms of office extend as follows:

- until the end of the 32nd session of the General Conference of UNESCO (2003): Finland, Greece, Hungary, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Zimbabwe.
- until the end of the 33rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO (2005): Argentina, Belgium, China, Colombia, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria, Oman, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, South Africa, United Kingdom.
- until the end of the 34th session of the General Conference of UNESCO (2007): India.

II. Composition of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, 1977-2003

List indicating the year in which each State Party to the World Heritage Convention was a Chairperson, Rapporteur, or Vice-Chairperson of the Committee

State Party	Deposit of Instrument	Chairperson	Rapporteur	Vice-Chairperson
Africa				
Angola	07/11/91			
Benin *	14/06/82			97, 98
Botswana	23/11/98			
Burkina Faso	02/04/87			
Burundi	19/05/82			
Cameroon	07/12/82			
Cape Verde	28/04/88			
Central African Republic	22/12/80			
Chad	23/06/99			
Comoros	27/09/01			
Congo	10/12/87			
Côte d'Ivoire	09/01/81			
Democratic Republic of the Congo *	23/09/74			86
Eritrea	24/10/01			
Ethiopia	06/07/77			
Gabon	30/12/86			
Gambia	01/07/87			
Ghana *	04/07/75			80
Guinea *	18/03/79			81, 82, 83
Kenya	05/06/91			
Liberia	28/03/02			
Madagascar	19/07/83			
Malawi *	05/01/82			
Mali	05/04/77			
Mauritius	19/09/95			
Mozambique	27/11/82			
Namibia	06/04/00			
Niger *	23/12/74		95, 96	
Nigeria *	23/10/74			77, 78
Rwanda	28/12/00			
Senegal *	13/02/76			79, 84, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94
Seychelles	09/04/80			
South Africa *	10/07/97			01,02
Togo	15/04/98			
Uganda	20/11/87			
United Republic of Tanzania*	02/08/77	85		87
Zambia	04/06/84			
Zimbabwe *	16/08/82		00	99
Arab States				
Algeria *	24/06/74			83, 84, 85, 86
Bahrain	28/05/91			
Egypt *	07/02/74	79		77, 78, 01,02
Iraq *	05/03/74			
Jordan *	05/05/75			
Kuwait	06/06/02			

* An Asterisk (*) denotes those States Parties who have served on the World Heritage Committee.

Lebanon *	03/02/83		97	95
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya *	13/10/78			
Mauritania	02/03/81			
Morocco *	28/10/75	99		96, 97, 98, 00
Oman *	06/10/81			93, 94
Qatar	12/09/84			
Saudi Arabia	07/08/78			
Sudan *	06/06/74			
Syrian Arab Republic *	13/08/75			
Tunisia *	10/03/75	89, 91	80, 81, 82, 92	87, 90
United Arab Emirates	11/05/01			
Yemen *	07/10/80			88
Asia / Pacific Region				
Afghanistan	20/03/79			
Australia *	22/08/74	81, 82, 00		80, 83, 84, 88, 95, 96, 99
Bangladesh	03/08/83			
Bhutan	22/10/01			
Cambodia	28/11/91			
China *	12/12/85		94	92, 93, 02
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	21/07/98			
Fiji	21/11/90			
India *	14/11/77			85, 86, 88
Indonesia *	06/07/89			
Iran (Islamic Rep. of) *	26/02/75	77		78
Japan *	30/06/92	98		95, 96, 97
Kazakstan	29/04/94			
Kiribati	12/05/00			
Kyrgyzstan	03/07/95			
Lao People's Democratic Republic	20/03/87			
Malaysia	07/12/88			
Maldives	22/05/86			
Marshall Islands	24/04/02			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	22/07/02			
Mongolia	02/02/90			
Myanmar	29/04/94			
Nepal *	20/06/78			79, 81
New Zealand	22/11/84			
Niue	23/01/01			
Pakistan *	23/07/76			82, 84
Palau	11/06/02			
Papua New Guinea	28/07/97			
Philippines *	19/09/85			
Republic of Korea *	14/09/88			98
Samoa	28/08/01			
Solomon Islands	10/06/92			
Sri Lanka *	06/06/80			83, 87
Tajikistan	28/08/92			
Thailand *	17/09/87	94		89, 90, 91, 93, 00, 01
Turkmenistan	30/09/94			
Uzbekistan	13/01/93			
Vanuatu	13/06/02			
Viet Nam	19/10/87			

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Europe / North America				
Albania	10/07/89			
Andorra	03/01/97			
Armenia	05/09/93			
Austria	18/12/92			
Azerbaijan	16/12/93			
Belarus	12/10/88			
Belgium *	24/07/96		02	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12/07/93			
Bulgaria *	07/03/74		87	79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 89, 90
Canada *	23/07/76	86, 87, 90	77, 85, 89	88, 00
Croatia	06/07/92			
Cyprus *	14/08/75			
Czech Republic	26/03/93			
Denmark	25/07/79			
Estonia	27/10/95			
Finland *	04/03/87	01	99	00
France *	27/06/75	80	79, 84	77, 78, 87, 88, 91
Georgia	04/11/92			
Germany *	23/08/76	95		81, 92, 94, 96
Greece *	17/07/81		88	89, 99, 01,02
Holy See	07/10/82			
Hungary *	15/07/85	02	98	99, 01
Iceland	19/12/95			
Ireland	16/09/91			
Israel	06/10/99			
Italy *	23/06/78	83, 97	90	82, 94, 95, 96, 98
Latvia	10/01/95			
Lithuania	31/03/92			
Luxembourg	28/09/83			
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	30/04/97			
Malta *	14/11/78			
Monaco	07/11/78			
Netherlands	26/08/92			
Norway *	12/05/77			83, 84, 85
Poland *	29/06/76		78	77
Portugal *	30/09/80			
Republic of Moldova	23/09/02			
Romania	16/05/90			
Russian Federation *	12/10/88			
San Marino	18/10/91			
Serbia and Montenegro	11/09/01			80 [†]
Slovakia	31/03/93			
Slovenia	05/11/92			
Spain *	04/05/82		93	
Sweden	22/01/85			
Switzerland *	17/09/75			
Turkey *	16/03/83			
Ukraine	12/10/88			
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland *	29/05/84			
United States of America *	07/12/73	78, 92		79, 80, 91, 93, 97

[†] Formerly: "The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" until 3 February 2003

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Latin America / Caribbean				
Antigua and Barbuda	01/11/83			
Argentina *	23/08/78	84		82
Barbados	09/04/02			
Belize	06/11/90			
Bolivia	04/10/76			
Brazil *	01/09/77	88	83, 86	81, 91, 92
Chile	20/02/80			
Colombia *	24/05/83	93		89, 92, 94
Costa Rica	23/08/77			
Cuba *	24/03/81			98
Dominica	04/04/95			
Dominican Republic	12/02/85			
Ecuador *	16/06/75			78, 97, 00
El Salvador	08/10/91			
Grenada	13/08/98			
Guatemala	16/01/79			
Guyana	20/06/77			
Haiti	18/01/80			
Honduras	08/06/79			
Jamaica	14/06/83			
Mexico *	23/02/84	96	91	85, 86, 87, 90, 95, 99,02
Nicaragua	17/12/79			
Panama *	03/03/78			79, 80
Paraguay	27/04/88			
Peru *	24/02/82			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	10/07/86			
Saint Lucia *	14/10/91			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	03/03/02			
Suriname	23/10/97			
Uruguay	09/03/89			
Venezuela	30/10/90			

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B. Bureau Membership by Year

1977

Chairperson Iran
Rapporteur Canada
Vice-Chairpersons Egypt, France, Nigeria and Poland

1978

Chairperson United States of America
Rapporteur Poland
Vice-Chairpersons Ecuador, Egypt, France, Iran and Nigeria

1979

Chairperson Egypt
Rapporteur France
Vice-Chairpersons Bulgaria, Nepal, Panama, Senegal and United States of America

1980

Chairperson France
Rapporteur Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons Australia, Ghana, Panama, United States of America, and Yugoslavia**

1981

Chairperson Australia
Rapporteur Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons Brazil, Bulgaria, Germany, Guinea and Nepal

1982

Chairperson Australia
Rapporteur Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons Argentina, Bulgaria, Guinea, Italy and Pakistan

1983

Chairperson Italy
Rapporteur Brazil
Vice-Chairpersons Algeria, Australia, Guinea, Norway and Sri Lanka

1984

Chairperson Argentina
Rapporteur France
Vice-Chairpersons Algeria, Australia, Norway, Pakistan and Senegal

1985

Chairperson United Republic of Tanzania
Rapporteur Canada
Vice-Chairpersons Algeria, Bulgaria, India, Mexico and Norway

** Serbia and Montenegro as of 4 February 2003.

1986

Chairperson Canada
Rapporteur Brazil
Vice-Chairpersons Algeria, Bulgaria, India, Mexico and Zaire (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

1987

Chairperson Canada
Rapporteur Bulgaria
Vice-Chairpersons France, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and the United Republic of Tanzania

1988

Chairperson Brazil
Rapporteur Greece
Vice-Chairpersons Australia, Canada, France, India, and Yemen

1989

Chairperson Tunisia
Rapporteur Canada
Vice-Chairpersons Bulgaria, Colombia, Greece, Senegal and Thailand

1990

Chairperson Canada
Rapporteur Mexico
Vice-Chairpersons Bulgaria, Mexico, Senegal, Thailand and Tunisia

1991

Chairperson Tunisia
Rapporteur Mexico
Vice-Chairpersons Brazil, France, Senegal, Thailand and the United States of America

1992

Chairperson United States of America
Rapporteur Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons Brazil, China, Colombia, Germany and Senegal

1993

Chairperson Colombia
Rapporteur Spain
Vice-Chairpersons China, Oman, Senegal, Thailand and the United States of America

1994

Chairperson Thailand
Rapporteur China
Vice-Chairpersons Colombia, Germany, Italy, Oman and Senegal

1995

Chairperson Germany
Rapporteur Niger
Vice-Chairpersons Australia, Italy, Japan, Lebanon and Mexico

1996

Chairperson Mexico
Rapporteur Niger
Vice-Chairpersons Australia, Germany, Italy, Japan and Morocco

1997

Chairperson Italy
Rapporteur Lebanon
Vice-Chairpersons Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Morocco and the United States of America

1998

Chairperson Japan
Rapporteur Hungary
Vice-Chairpersons Benin, Cuba, Italy, Morocco, and the Republic of Korea.

1999

Chairperson Morocco
Rapporteur Finland
Vice-Chairpersons Australia, Greece, Hungary, Mexico and Zimbabwe

2000

Chairperson Australia
Rapporteur Zimbabwe
Vice-Chairpersons Canada, Ecuador, Finland, Morocco and Thailand

2001

Chairperson Finland
Rapporteur Mexico
Vice-Chairpersons Egypt, Greece, Hungary, South Africa and Thailand

2002

Chairperson Hungary
Rapporteur Belgium
Vice-Chairpersons China, Egypt, Greece, Mexico and South Africa