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**Item 14B of the Provisional Agenda: Nominations of properties to the World
Heritage List**

**IUCN Evaluations of nominations of natural and mixed properties to the World
Heritage List : Corrigendum**

SUMMARY

This corrigendum corrects a printer's error in the IUCN Evaluations of nominations of natural and mixed properties to the World Heritage List (WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14B), page 132. This corrigendum should be read in conjunction with the original document.

**CORRIGENDUM
TO DOCUMENT WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14B**

IUCN would like to draw the Committee's attention to a printer's error in the document WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14B entitled, «IUCN Evaluation of Nominations of Natural and Mixed Properties to the World Heritage List – Report to the World Heritage Committee, Twenty-eighth session, 28 June – 7 July 2004 – Suzhou, China».

With regard to the evaluation report on the Western Caucasus (Extension to include the Teberdinskiy Reserve), Russian Federation, one sentence was unintentionally eliminated from the original text under section 7 – Recommendation (page 132 of the English text).

The correct text should read as follows:

7. RECOMMENDATION

IUCN recommends the World Heritage Committee not to inscribe the TSBR on the World Heritage List at this stage as an extension to the WCWH site. The two sites are physically quite separate (40 km) and the assessment of their values points more to the concept of a serial nomination than an extension to the existing property.

The proposed TSBR falls within another Republic, with no indication of collaborative management of the two areas. In addition it is unclear how the proposed mechanism of the "biosphere polygon initiative" would establish a functional ecological and landscape linkage between the two sites while promoting collaboration to effectively manage these two areas in an integrated way.

Therefore, IUCN would like to recommend to the Committee to recommend the State Party to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the Western Caucasus to identify all potential sites that may merit inclusion in a serial World Heritage site that would represent all the outstanding universal values of the region. Such a study should be supported by a clear programme on how to integrate the management of all potential sites so as to meet the conditions of integrity required under the Operational Guidelines of the Convention. In doing this assessment the State Party may wish to consider the recommendations from the IUCN Global Theme Study on Mountain Protected Areas.

Finally IUCN also notes that the State Party has not responded to concerns expressed by the 2001 Bureau of the World Heritage Committee over the management problems of the existing WCWH site. Thus IUCN recommends that the World Heritage Committee invite the State Party to:

- Provide information on integrity concerns which have been previously raised with the State Party in relation to the existing WCWH site, including reported illegal trespassing, a weakening of conservation controls, impacts of proposed tourism infrastructure development, including potential changes in the boundaries of the World Heritage site, and the construction of a road.
- Prepare and implement a management plan for the existing Western Caucasus World Heritage site that includes a visitor management plan and a clear policy on tourist development.