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**Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda: International Assistance**

**SUMMARY**

This document contains under Part I the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2012-2013 as of 30 April 2013 and under Part II the International Assistance requests approved for the biennium 2012-2013 as of 30 April 2013.

**I. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2012-2013 AS OF 30 APRIL 2013**

	<b>Total budget 2012-2013</b>	<b>Total amount approved in 2012-2013</b>			<b>Available for approval in 2013</b>
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE AND CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE</b>		<b>Preparatory assistance</b>	<b>Conservation &amp; Management assistance</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Cultural heritage</b> (65% as per Committee's decision)	<b>260 000</b>	<b>131 130</b> (6 requests)	<b>78 069</b> (3 requests)	<b>209 199</b> (9 requests)	<b>29 999</b>
<b>Natural heritage</b> (35% as per Committee's decision)	<b>140 000</b>	<b>29 990</b> (1 request)	<b>88 506</b> (3.5 requests)	<b>118 496</b> (4.5 requests)	<b>702</b>
<b>Mixed heritage</b> (50%: culture, 50%: nature)		<b>41 604</b> (2 requests)	<b>0</b>	<b>41 604</b> (2 requests)	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>400 000</b>	<b>202 724</b>	<b>166 575</b>	<b>369 299</b>	<b>30 701</b>
<b>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>400 000</b>	<b>291 722</b>			<b>108 278</b>
<b>Cultural heritage</b>	<b>no earmarking</b>	<b>142 922</b> (2 requests)			
<b>Natural heritage</b>		<b>148 800</b> (2 requests)			
<b>Mixed heritage</b>		<b>0</b>			

Note: all figures are in USD

1. The International Assistance budget was reduced by US\$ 200,000, amounting now to US\$ 400,000 for 2012-2013, following the financial difficulties the World Heritage Fund is facing (see Decision **36 COM 15**).
2. In September 2008, Italy made available an amount of 250,000 EUR (equivalent to US\$ 357,348 excluding support costs) for International Assistance requests, to allow their approval in case the International Assistance budget was insufficient. In 2010-2013, US\$ 268,979 were approved against this funding source (6.5 Preparatory Assistance requests, 5.5 Conservation & Management Assistance requests and 2

Emergency Assistance requests), which leaves US\$ 88,369 available for other requests.

3. India also made available an amount of US\$ 90,864 (excluding support costs) in September/November 2011 for the approval of International Assistance requests. In 2013, US\$ 58,860 were approved against this funding source (2 Preparatory Assistance requests), which leaves US\$ 32,004 available for other requests.
4. Finally, the World Heritage Centre was able to secure US\$ 45,454 (excluding support costs) in 2013 for the approval of International Assistance requests thanks to funds from an extrabudgetary project with the private sector.
5. The second panel of the new cycle established by Decision **36 COM 14** took place on 15 April 2013. The panel considered that 10 requests were fine for approval, but only 7 of them would be submitted to the Chairperson on the basis of the priorities defined in the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraphs 236 to 241). The other 3 requests may be submitted again for the next cycle.
6. If the 7 requests are approved, the balances available for International Assistance will be as follows:
  - International Assistance budget (excluding emergency assistance): US\$ 701
  - Italian funds earmarked for International Assistance: US\$ 10,547
  - Indian funds earmarked for International Assistance: US\$ 2,004
  - Partnerships funds earmarked for International Assistance: US\$ 473
7. Any new information received after the finalization of this document will be conveyed to the Committee at the time of discussion of this item.

## II. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2012-2013 (AS OF 30 APRIL 2013)

### A. 19.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED UNDER THE 2012-2013 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET (as of 30 April 2013)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (9 requests)</b>				<b>202 724</b>		
<b>Culture (6 requests)</b>				<b>131 130</b>		
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Preparatory assistance for the elaboration of the nomination of the Ruins of Es-Souk on UNESCO World Heritage List	Es-Souk ( <i>on Tentative List since 1999</i> )	15 000	27 February 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
AFR	<b>Togo</b>	Elaboration of the nomination file for the Greniers des Grottes de Nok et Mamproug	Les Greniers des Grottes de Nok et de Mamproug ( <i>on Tentative List since 2000</i> )	14 995	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
APA	<b>Myanmar</b>	Preparation of Nomination Dossier for Pyu Cities: Beikthano-Myo, Halin, Tharay-Khit-taya (Sri Ksetra)	Pyu Cities: Beikthano-Myo, Halin, Tharay-Khit-taya (Sri Ksetra) ( <i>on Tentative List since 1996</i> )	30 000	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
APA	<b>Nepal</b>	Preparation of nomination dossier for Medieval earthen walled city of Lo Manthang	Medieval Earthen Walled City of Lo Manthang ( <i>on Tentative List since 2008</i> )	30 000	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
LAC	Jamaica	Preparation of Nomination Dossier for the Underwater City of Port Royal	The Underwater City of Port Royal ( <i>on Tentative List since 2009</i> )	29 635	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Uruguay	Pilot Project for the Nomination of the Cultural and Industrial Landscape of Fray Bentos	Paysage Culturel et Industriel Fray Bentos (on Tentative List since 2010)	11 500	25 December 2012	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27, E.28
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>				<b>29 990</b>		
AFR	<b>Benin</b>	Preparation of the nomination of the Parc National de la Pendjari, extension of W National Park of Niger	Parc National de la Pendjari (on Tentative List since 2009)	29 990	5 March 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.16, D.18, E.24, E.25
<b>Mixed (2 requests)</b>				<b>41 604</b>		
AFR	<b>Djibouti</b>	Establishment of the Tentative List of the Republic of Djibouti	n.a.	29 604	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.29, E.30, E.31
LAC	Grenada	Pilot Project on the Grenadine Island Group	Grenadines Island Group (on Tentative List since 2004)	12 000	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (6.5 requests)</b>				<b>166 575</b>		
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>				<b>78 069</b>		
AFR	<b>Gambia</b>	Review, update and implementation of an integrated management plan for Kunta Kinteh Island and related sites in Gambia	Kunta Kinteh Island and Related Sites (on the World Heritage List since 2003)	18 069	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
ARB	Jordan	Conservation of mosaic floors at the World Heritage site of Quseir Amra	Quseir Amra (on the World Heritage List since 1985)	30 000	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.38, E.39, E.41, E.42, E.43

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Chile	International Expert Meeting - Conservation of Wood and Metal Structures in the Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works	<b>Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works</b> (on the World Heritage List since 2005, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2005)	30 000	27 February 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.12, C.13, D.18
<b>Nature (3.5 requests)</b>				<b>88 506</b>		
AFR	<b>Central African Republic</b>	Workshop for the elaboration of an emergency plan for Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park	<b>Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park</b> (on the World Heritage List since 1988, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997)	25 488	26 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Indonesia	Development and socialization of the Emergency Action Plan for the integrated and coordinated management of the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra	<b>Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra</b> (on the World Heritage List since 2004, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2011)	30 000	26 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Philippines	Strengthening Conservation Management Policies for Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (approved partly under IA culture budget, and partly under Italian funds earmarked for IA)	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	19 262	05 November 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Costa Rica	CATIE´s 33rd Annual International Protected Area Course: "Instruments for adaptation and mitigation to climate change"	n.a.	13 756	13 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.7, B.8, B.9, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.39, E.40, E.42
<b>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (4 requests)</b>				<b>291 722</b>		
<b>Culture (2 requests)</b>				<b>142 922</b>		
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	International emergency assistance for the reinforced protection of the properties « Timbuktu », the « Tomb of Askia » and the « Old Towns of Djenné » inscribed on the World Heritage List	<b>Timbuktu (on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2012)</b> , Old Towns of Djenné (both on the World Heritage List since 1988), Tomb of Askia (on the World Heritage List since 2004; on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2012)	70 000	19 November 2012	A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.12, C.14, D.19, E.21, E.22
APA	<b>Cambodia</b>	Emergency assistance for the World Heritage property "Temple of Preah Vihear"	Temple of Preah Vihear (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	72 922	27 May 2011 (funds released on 27 November 2012)	A.2, B.3, C.10, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.21, E.22
<b>Nature (2 requests)</b>				<b>148 800</b>		
AFR	<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>	Emergency action plan for the rehabilitation of the Okapi Wildlife Reserve	<b>Okapi Wildlife Reserve (on the World Heritage List since 1996, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997)</b>	75 000	10 December 2012	A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.22, E.23

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
AFR	Seychelles	Eradication of introduced birds to preserve Aldabra's Outstanding Universal Value	Aldabra Atoll (on the World Heritage List since 1982)	73 800	04 October 2012	A.2, B.3, C.10, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.21, E.22

**B. 1.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2012-2013 UNDER ITALIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2013)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (1.5 requests)</b>				<b>32 985</b>		
<b>Nature (1.5 requests)</b>						
APA	<b>Solomon Islands</b>	Survey of the Condition of the Marine Ecosystem within the East Rennell World Heritage Area	East Rennell (on the World Heritage List since 1998)	29 985	26 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Philippines	Strengthening Conservation Management Policies for Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (approved partly under IA culture budget, and partly under Italian funds earmarked for IA)	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	3 000	05 November 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35



**C. 2 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2012-2013 UNDER INDIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 30 April 2013)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (2 requests)</b>				<b>58 860</b>		
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>				<b>30 000</b>		
AFR	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Prepare a proposal for a significant boundary modification for Simien National Park World Heritage Site	<b>Simien National Park</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1978, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1996</i> )	30 000	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.25, E.27
<b>Mixed (1 request)</b>				<b>28 860</b>		
APA	Mongolia	Update of the Mongolian Tentative List	n.a.	28 860	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

**D. 10 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2012-2013 (as of 30 April 2013)**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties	Decision date	Reason for non approval
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (5 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>					
APA	Kazakhstan	Preparation of documentation for further inclusion of Syrdarya corridor as part of Serial Transnational Nomination «Silk Road»	Silk Road ( <i>on Tentative List since 2012</i> )	26 February 2013	The activities foreseen are a mixture between conservation activities and surveys which do not fit well with Preparatory Assistance. Moreover, there is an overlap between these activities and what is already undertaken through extra-budgetary funding. Finally, as a transnational nomination, the request should be envisaged at the (sub) regional level.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties	Decision date	Reason for non approval
		to the World Heritage List			
EUR	Moldova	Preparation of the dossier "Orheiul Vechi Cultural Landscape" for its nomination on the World Heritage List	The Cultural Landscape Orheiul Vechi ( <i>on Tentative List since 2007</i> )	5 March 2012	Funding is limited for the biennium 2012-2013 and a site which previously got a deferral/non-inscription assessment because the Outstanding Universal Value was not demonstrated could not be ranked as a high priority in this context.
LAC	Grenada	St. George Fortified System	St. George Fortified System ( <i>on Tentative List since 2004</i> )	26 February 2013	The request is mainly for conservation works for a site on Tentative List, which falls out of the scope of International Assistance.
<b>Mixed (2 requests)</b>					
ARB	Egypt	Establishing a diploma master degree on management of World Heritage in Arabic and English by e-learning	n.a.	5 March 2012	The activity described in the request (gathering Steering Committee members) does not correspond to the definition of training assistance (which is meant to provide direct training). WHF being a seed money fund, it cannot bear the costs for the development without assurances on the sustainability of the course.
ARB	Egypt	Launching a World Heritage website at Cairo University	n.a.	26 June 2012	The activity described in the request (creation of a website) does not correspond to the definition of Preparatory Assistance (which is meant for Tentative Lists and nomination files). Moreover, the World Heritage Fund being a seed money fund, it cannot bear the costs for the development of this tool without assurances on the sustainability of the course, and no such assurances were given.
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (5 demandes)</b>					
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>					
APA	Pakistan	Emergency Assistance for Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro	Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980</i> )	06 April 2013	A request for US\$ 1,012,000 falls out of the funding possibilities of the International Assistance budget (which is only US\$ 400,000 for 2012-2013).

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties	Decision date	Reason for non approval
EUR	Serbia	World Heritage sites in Serbia	n.a.	06 April 2013	Promotional activities are not a priority for this cycle, given the limited funding available and the high number of requests submitted.
LAC	Peru	Update of the Restoration Project of the Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Chapel - Historic Center of Lima	Historic Centre of Lima ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1988</i> )	26 February 2013	The activity foreseen is not considered by the panel as a priority for the site. A comprehensive restoration project, of which an International Assistance request could be a small part, would be more appropriate.
<b>Nature (2 requests)</b>					
AFR	<b>Malawi</b>	Conservation of World Heritage Property through Improved Communication Technology and Aquatic Management	Lake Malawi National Park ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1984</i> )	27 February 2012	This request came back thrice with more or less the same content which did not state clearly the needs. As a first step, the State Party should better define the conservation needs of the site, and is encouraged to be in touch with IUCN Office in Nairobi for assistance in this. Then it will be welcomed to submit a new request, completely different from the previous one.
LAC	Costa Rica	Strengthening of Control and Surveillance Programme in Cocos Island National Park	Cocos Island National Park ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1997</i> )	26 February 2013	The project is almost exactly the same as the International Assistance request approved for this site in 2011 and it is unclear how the previous request has contributed to improve the management of the site.