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Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda: Elections to the World Heritage
Committee

1. Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage stipulates:

"1. The term of office of States members of the World Heritage Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its third subsequent ordinary session."

2. Since the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference, the World Heritage Committee is composed of the following twenty-one States Parties:

Australia	Germany
Benin	Italy
Brazil	Japan
Canada	Lebanon
China	Malta
Cuba	Mexico
Cyprus	Morocco
Ecuador	Niger
Egypt	Philippines
France	Spain
	United States of America

3. The above twenty-one members of the Committee were elected by the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention at its eighth, ninth and tenth sessions held on 2 November 1991, 29 and 30 October 1993 and 2 and 3 November 1995.

According to the dispositions of Article 9, paragraph 1, of the World Heritage Convention, the terms of office of the members listed below extend as follows:

- i) until the end of the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference (1997): China, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany, Mexico, Philippines, Spain;
- ii) until the end of the thirtieth session of the General Conference (1999): Brazil, France, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Niger, United States of America;
- iii) until the end of the thirty-first session of the General Conference (2001): Australia, Benin, Canada, Ecuador, Malta, Morocco.

4. The present General Assembly is called to elect seven members of the World Heritage Committee in replacement of the seven members mentioned under point (i) of the above paragraph 3.

5. It should be recalled that paragraph 5 of Article 16 of the Convention stipulated that "Any State Party to the Convention which is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year and the calendar year immediately preceding it shall not be eligible as a Member of the World Heritage Committee (...). The terms of office of any such State which is already a member of the Committee shall terminate at the time of the elections provided for in Article 8, paragraph 1 of this Convention." The statement of compulsory and voluntary contributions as at 31 August 1997 appears in Annex III of the document WHC-97/CONF.205/3. All compulsory or voluntary contributions received after 31 August 1997 will be reported to the General Assembly.