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**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE
WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Twenty-first extraordinary session
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, 29 October 1997
Room IX**

Report of the Rapporteur

1. Opening of the Session

The Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, Ms. Teresa Franco, opened the twenty-first extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee. She welcomed the seven new Committee Members, which were elected by the eleventh General Assembly of States Parties, held on 27 and 28 October 1997 at UNESCO Headquarters.

2. Election of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee

The Chairperson recalled that the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee consists of:

1. Chairperson of the Committee
2. Rapporteur
3. five Vice-Chairpersons

The Committee elected Mr. Francesco Francioni (Italy) as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee and Mr. Noël Fattal (Lebanon) as Rapporteur. The Vice-Chairs elected were: Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Morocco and the United States of America.

3. Closure of the session

The Chairperson recalled that the twenty-first session of the World Heritage Committee will be held in Naples from 1 to 6 December 1997 and that the newly elected Bureau will meet on 28 and 29 November 1997 in Naples.

The Chairperson declared the session closed.