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Item 7 of the Agenda: Requests for International Assistance

Background: One additional request for emergency assistance is presented within this document for the examination by the Bureau, following paragraphs 94-121 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*.

Therefore, a total of 10 requests, including the 7 requests presented in document WHC-2001/CONF.205/7 and 2 in WHC-2001/CONF.205/7Add1, are presented to the Bureau for examination. All request titles, amounts requested and recommended for approval by the Bureau are presented within a **REVISED Synthesis Table within this document** to facilitate the approval and allocation of funds.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to examine the additional request for international assistance presented in this document and take a decision.

The World Heritage Centre is working to improve the format of documents. Please provide any comments and suggestions for further improvements to the Centre in writing.

REVISED synthesis table of all requests presented within WHC-2001/CONF.205/7, WHC-2001/CONF.205/7Add and this document:

Request Number	Type of heritage	Type of assistance	State Party and Title of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
1	Natural	Technical Co-operation	Indonesia – Strategic Planning for the Conservation and Effective Management of <i>Lorentz National Park</i>	30,000	Pending additional information
2	Natural	Technical Co-operation	Philippines – Community based sustainable tourism in <i>Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park</i>	23,000	Pending additional information
3	Cultural	Preparatory Assistance	Indonesia – Preparation of a Tentative List and a Nomination Dossier for potential cultural heritage properties in <i>Bali</i>	30,000	30,000
4	Cultural	Preparatory Assistance	Togo – Preparation of a Nomination Dossier for the <i>Vernacular Settlement of Betammaribé</i>	27,043	27,043
5	Cultural	Technical Co-operation	Mozambique – Preparation of a management & conservation plan for the <i>Island of Mozambique</i>	29,980	29,980
6	Cultural	Technical Co-operation (Submitted as Preparatory Assistance)	Vietnam – Strategic Development of Management Capacities for <i>Hoi An Ancient Town</i>	27,290	27,290
7	Cultural	Training	India – Stakeholders' Workshop for Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of the <i>Darjeeling Himalayan Railway</i> site	30,000	Pending additional information
8	Natural	Emergency Assistance	Uganda – Emergency Assistance for <i>Rwenzori Mountains National Park</i>	64,500	Pending decision of Bureau
9	Cultural	Emergency Assistance	Algeria – Elaboration of an emergency plan and implementation of corrective measures for the <i>Archaeological site of Tipasa</i>	35,500	Pending decision of Bureau
10	Cultural	Emergency Assistance	Peru - Consolidation and restoration of the Cathedral of <i>Arequipa</i>	75,000	75,000
Subtotal				372,313 requested	

	Number of Preparatory Assistance requests	Number of Technical Co-operation requests	Number of Training requests	Number of Emergency requests	Total Number of requests
Natural Heritage	0	2	0	1	3
Cultural Heritage	2	2	1	2	7
Total	2	4	1	3	10

Request Number 10:

Type of heritage: Cultural **Region:** Latin America and the Caribbean

Type of assistance: Emergency Assistance **State Party:** PERU

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund: As of 27 June 2001, contributions for 2001 had not been paid.

Title of Activity: Consolidation and restoration of the Cathedral of Arequipa

Previous allocations from the World Heritage Fund for this site:
N.A.

Background: An earthquake shook the southern part of Peru on 23 June 2001. It measured 7.9 on the Richter scale and was the strongest quake since 1970. The epicentre lay along the coast of Peru. Information available to date indicates that 70 people lost their lives and 20,000 were left homeless. The infrastructure of the whole region has been affected and the Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa was severely damaged.

The property was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2000 and considerable efforts had been made to finalise the management plan for the Historical Centre. The earthquake affected the whole property. An estimated 20% of the monuments have suffered considerable damage, especially in the area of the Plaza Mayor. 15% of the buildings of the historic centre are uninhabitable, 25% have structural damages and 60% have moderate or light damages. One of the Cathedral's towers has collapsed severely damaging the central cupola. The second tower is in danger of collapsing.

Objectives: To mitigate further damage to the property from collapse of destabilised areas urgent consolidation measures must be taken without delay. The first actions would concentrate on clean-up and consolidation of the structurally damaged buildings. Later steps will include the restoration of damaged monuments.

The main focus of the activities to be funded by the World Heritage Fund would concentrate on clean-up and preliminary consolidation and restoration works in the Cathedral.

Anticipated outputs:

1. Clean-up of affected parts of the Cathedral
2. Detailed assessment of the damages
3. Emergency stabilisation measures
4. Development of a restoration project

		US\$
Total activity budget:		75,000
Contribution from national or other partners:		In kind
Amount requested from the Fund:		75,000
Estimated budget breakdown:		
1. Clean-up of affected parts of the Cathedral	15,000	
2. Detailed assessment of the damages	5,000	
3. Emergency stabilisation measures	45,000	
4. Development of a restoration project	10,000	

Comments of the Secretariat: The Secretariat strongly supports this emergency assistance request for US\$ 75,000. The State Party has been requested to provide a detailed budget planning and a workplan of activities.

Comments of the advisory bodies: ICOMOS expressed its full support for this request.

Action required: The Bureau may wish approve the amount of **US\$ 75,000**, and request the Secretariat that the assistance be implemented through the UNESCO Representative in Lima who should be instructed to release funds on the basis of detailed budget and workplans and who should carefully monitor and report on the execution of the works.