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CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE
WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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Item 7 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 provides that:

"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 end of the twenty-fifth session of the General Conference, the World Heritage Committee has been composed of the following 21 States Parties:

Brazil	Oman
Bulgaria	Pakistan
Canada	Peru
Colombia	Senegal
Cuba	Syrian Arab Republic
France	Thailand
Greece	Tunisia
India	United Republic of Tanzania
Indonesia	United States of America
Italy	Yemen
Mexico	

3. The 21 members of the Committee listed above were elected by the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention at its fifth, sixth, and seventh sessions, held respectively on 4 November 1985, 30 October 1987, 9 and 13 November 1989.

In accordance with Article 9, paragraph 1, of the World Heritage Convention, the terms of office of the members of the Committee extend as follows:

- (i) until the end of the twenty-sixth session of the General Conference: Bulgaria, Canada, Greece, India, Mexico, United Republic of Tanzania, and Yemen;

- (ii) until the end of the twenty-seventh session of the General Conference: Brazil, Cuba, France, Italy, Pakistan, Tunisia, and United States of America;
 - (iii) until the end of the twenty-eighth session of the General Conference: Colombia, Indonesia, Oman, Peru, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, and Thailand.
4. The present General Assembly is called upon to elect seven members to the World Heritage Committee to replace the seven members listed in subparagraph (i) of paragraph 3 above.
5. In this connection, it should be remembered that Article 16, paragraph 5, of the Convention provides 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." A statement of compulsory and voluntary contributions as at 31 August 1991 appears in document CLT-91/CONF.013/2, Annex III. The General Assembly will be informed of all compulsory and voluntary contributions received since 31 August 1991.