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Subject : **Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for Europe and North America - Decision 35 COM 10C.2**

Madam, Sir,

I would like to inform you that the World Heritage Committee, at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), examined the Progress Report on Periodic Reporting in Europe and North America. Please find attached in Annex I the Decision **35 COM 10C.2** adopted by the Committee.

The full list of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session is available electronically at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/35COM>.

Furthermore, the Committee reiterated its request that the States Parties should submit the retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2012**, in order to ensure the preparation of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise. I would appreciate if you could ensure the timely submission of the information requested.

Please note that the timetable of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for Europe and North America has been approved by the Committee (see paragraph 7 of the Decision). I would also like to inform you that the online questionnaires of the Periodic Reporting Exercise will be accessible to the identified National Focal Points and site managers, once the Second Cycle of the exercise is launched by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th Session in 2012. However, the standard formats of the questionnaires are accessible for information at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/594/>.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Cc: National Commissions (Europe and North America)
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Extract of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011)

Decision: 35 COM 10C.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/10C,
2. Recalling Decisions **30 COM 11A.1, 30 COM 11A.2, 31 COM 11A.1, 31 COM 11A.2, 32 COM 11D** and **34 COM 10B.3** adopted at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006), 31st (Christchurch, 2007), 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) and 34th (Brasilia, 2010) sessions respectively,
3. Takes note of the follow-up activities to the first cycle of Periodic Reporting exercise in the region of Europe and North America and the results of the sub-regional meetings for Nordic, Western and Mediterranean Europe;
4. Thanks the Israeli authorities for having organized the follow-up meeting for Mediterranean Europe in 2010 in Acre, the Estonian authorities for having hosted the follow-up meeting for Nordic and Baltic Europe in 2010 in Tallinn with the support of the Nordic World Heritage Foundation, the Dutch authorities for having hosted the follow-up meeting for Western Europe in 2010 in Amersfoort, the Czech authorities for having hosted a meeting for Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe in 2011 in Prague, and the authorities of Malta for having proposed to host a meeting in Malta in September 2011 for the Mediterranean Europe sub-region, currently under preparation;
5. Welcomes the proposal of Italy to host a preparatory meeting for the Mediterranean Europe sub-region in 2012 in Florence, and takes note of the interest of the authorities of Azerbaijan, Germany and Greece to host preparatory meetings in 2012, for their respective sub-regions, namely Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Western Europe and Mediterranean Europe sub-regions, to be confirmed, as well as of the intention of the State Parties in North America to organize preparatory Periodic Reporting meetings and/or teleconferences with the site managers in 2011 and 2012;
6. Thanks the Netherlands and Monaco for their financial contributions for the preparation of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise and calls upon the States Parties and the international community to support financially the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Europe and North America region, considering the scope of work to be done, including capacity-building activities and evaluation of Statements of Outstanding Universal Value;
7. Invites the States Parties to prepare, in coordination with the World Heritage Centre, the launch of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting exercise for the Europe and North America region at the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee and decides that it will take place on a two year basis (North America, Western, Nordic and Baltic Europe sub-regions, for the first year, and Mediterranean, Central, Eastern and South-Eastern

Europe, for the second year) provided that a report on the Periodic Reporting exercise for North America will be presented at the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2014, and a report on the Periodic Reporting exercise for Europe at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2015;

8. Reiterates its request that the States Parties should submit the retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2012**, in order to ensure the preparation of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise;
9. Also requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to prepare a progress report on the follow-up of the first cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise for Europe and North America and on the preparations for the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise for Europe and North America, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.