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## The Culture Sector World Heritage Centre

Permanent Delegations  
(Europe and North America)

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30 August 2012

Subject: **Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for Europe and North America - Decision 36 COM 10B**

Madam, Sir,

I would like to inform you that the World Heritage Committee, at its 36th session (Saint Petersburg, 2012), examined the Progress Report on Periodic Reporting in Europe and North America. Please find attached in Annex I the Decision **36 COM 10B** adopted by the Committee.

The full list of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session is available electronically at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/36COM>.

At its 36th session, the World Heritage Committee officially launched the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting in Europe and North America. For complete information and guidance tools for the implementation of the Periodic Reporting exercise please refer to the web platform which is available at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/153>. The World Heritage Centre remains at your disposal for any questions that may arise which may be addressed by e-mail to [wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org](mailto:wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org).

I also take this opportunity to inform you about the dates of the upcoming sub-regional Periodic Reporting meetings:

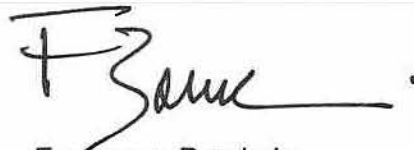
- The national Focal Points for Periodic Reporting from **Nordic, Baltic, Western and Mediterranean Europe** shall meet in **Berlin (Germany)** from **24 to 26 September 2012**, at a meeting hosted by Germany and organized in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre.
- The national Focal Points for Periodic Reporting from **Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe** shall meet in **Tbilisi (Georgia)** from **14 to 16 November 2012**, at a meeting hosted by Georgia and organized in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre.

In its decision, the World Heritage Committee also reiterated its gratitude to the States Parties who have made or pledged to make financial contributions to the implementation of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Europe and North America. Given the importance of the Periodic Reporting exercise further support and collaboration will be much appreciated. I would like to invite you to contact the World Heritage Centre to discuss the possible cooperation in the framework of this exercise.

Please note that the World Heritage Centre will provide shortly the National Focal Points and Site Managers of the States Parties included in Group A (please refer to Annex II) with all necessary information concerning access to the online questionnaire of the Periodic Reporting exercise.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Bandarin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Francesco Bandarin  
a.i. Director of the World Heritage Centre  
Assistant Director-General for Culture

Encl.

cc: National Commissions (Europe and North America)  
National Focal Points (Europe and North America)

**Extract of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session (Saint Petersburg, 2012)**

**Decision: 36 COM 10B**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-12/36.COM/10B,
2. Recalling Decisions **30 COM 11A.1, 30 COM 11A.2, 31 COM 11A.1, 31 COM 11A.2, 32 COM 11D, 34 COM 10B.3** and **35 COM 10C.2** adopted at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006), 31st (Christchurch, 2007), 32nd (Quebec City, 2008), 34th (Brasilia, 2010) and 35th (UNESCO, 2011) sessions, respectively,
3. Takes note of the follow-up activities to the first cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the region of Europe and North America and the activities in preparation of the launching of its second cycle;
4. Thanks the Maltese authorities for having hosted the preparatory meeting for Mediterranean Europe in Valetta from 21 to 24 September 2011 and the Icelandic authorities for having hosted the preparatory meeting for Nordic, Baltic and Western Europe in Reykjavik from 18 to 21 October 2011;
5. Also thanks the Nordic World Heritage Foundation for its collaboration in the preparation of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise, including preparation of meetings as well as relevant tools;
6. Expresses its sincere appreciation to the German authorities for having proposed to host a meeting for Nordic, Baltic, Western and Mediterranean Europe in Berlin from 19 to 20 September 2012, the Georgian authorities for having proposed to host a meeting for Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in autumn 2012, the Italian authorities for having proposed to host a meeting for Mediterranean Europe in Florence in September 2013 and the authorities of Luxembourg for having proposed to host a meeting for Nordic, Baltic and Western Europe in 2013/2014;
7. Welcomes the initiative of the World Heritage Centre and ICCROM to address the priority needs in training and capacity-building for the preservation of World Heritage properties in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, by an integrated and targeted strategy in the context of the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting;
8. Commends the States Parties which have submitted draft retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value before the official launching of the Periodic Reporting exercise as requested in Decision **35 COM 10C.2** and urges the States Parties to submit the pending retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value as soon as possible;
9. Reiterates its gratitude to the States Parties of Andorra, Monaco, Portugal and the Netherlands who have made financial contributions to the

implementation of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Europe and North America, acknowledges with thanks the pledge by the Flemish Government to financially support the exercise and encourages further support and collaboration for the future;

10. Also takes note of the Road Map developed at the Reykjavik meeting in 2011 and requests the States Parties to make an effort towards a coordinated approach for its implementation;
11. Decides to launch the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting in the Europe and North America region and also reiterates 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 an overall report on the Periodic Reporting exercise for Europe will be presented at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2015;
12. Also welcomes the creation of the web platform for the follow-up and implementation of the Periodic Reporting exercise and also encourages the States Parties, the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and other concerned partners to explore all the opportunities that this tool can provide for the joint implementation of the exercise;
13. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to report back to the World Heritage Committee on progress achieved in the Periodic Reporting exercise at its 37th session in 2013.

## Annex II

### **Groupings for the implementation of the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting for Europe and North America**

Due to the high number of World Heritage properties in the Europe and North America region, the Periodic Reporting exercise will be conducted over three years with countries divided into two groups. However, the questionnaire will be available for completion and submission to the respective groups only during one year as follows:

#### **Group A (September 2012 – 31 July 2013):**

Austria - Belgium - Canada - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Germany - Iceland - Ireland - Latvia - Lithuania - Luxembourg - Monaco - Netherlands - Norway - Sweden - Switzerland - United Kingdom - United States of America

#### **Group B (September 2013 – 31 July 2014):**

Albania - Andorra - Armenia - Azerbaijan - Belarus - Bosnia Herzegovina - Bulgaria - Croatia - Cyprus - Czech Republic – Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Georgia - Greece - Holy See - Hungary - Israel - Italy - Malta - Moldova - Montenegro - Poland - Portugal - Romania - Russian Federation - San Marino - Serbia - Slovakia - Slovenia - Spain - Turkey - Ukraine