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

#### WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

#### **Twenty-fifth session**

Helsinki, Finland 11 - 16 December 2001

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### World Heritage Committee, 25th session Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, 25th extraordinary session Helsinki, Finland, Finlandia Hall, December 2001

#### VISITOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM

#### Venue of the 25th session of the World Heritage Committee

The World Heritage Committee session will be held at Finlandia Hall. The congress and concert centre designed by the architect Alvar Aalto. Finlandia Hall, was built in two phases between 1967 and 1975, and is centrally located in the heart of Helsinki at the Töölönlahti Bay. Aalto designed Finlandia Hall as part of his plan for the Töölönlahti area that was never executed. Finlandia Hall has hosted several international summits, such as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe CSCE in 1975.

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#### **Chief participants**

The chief participants in the 25th extraordinary session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee will be the <u>seven members of the Bureau</u> of the World Heritage Committee.

The chief participants in the 25th session of the World Heritage Committee will be the 21 members of the Committee.

#### Participation of representatives and observers

<u>States Parties</u> to the World Heritage Convention that are not members of the Committee may send representatives to these meetings as observers.

<u>Non-member States</u> may be authorized by the Committee to participate in the sessions as observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (<u>ICCROM</u>), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (<u>ICOMOS</u>), and the World Conservation Union (<u>IUC</u>N) will attend <u>in an advisory capacity</u>.

The <u>United Nations</u> and <u>organizations of the United Nations system</u>, as well as <u>other international</u> governmental and non-governmental organizations and non-profit-making institutions having <u>activities in the fields covered by the Convention</u> may, upon written request, be authorized by the Committee to participate in the sessions of the Committee.

Please send your written request for participation to the World Heritage Committee to UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

UNESCO - World Heritage Centre. 7, place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP, France tel : 33-1-45 68 15 71 fax : 33-1-45 68 55 70 E-Mail: wh-info@unesco.org http://www.unesco.org/whc/

#### **Participation of the press**

Representatives of the press wishing to be accredited are kindly advised to contact: UM-Press Center tel. +358-9-1341 5774 fax +358-9-1341 5776 The press will not be authorized to participate in the sessions of the Committee.

#### Programme

7-8 December	25th extraordinary session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee
11 December	Opening ceremony of the 25th session of the World Heritage Committee
11-16 December	25th session of the World Heritage Committee
Social events	
7 December	Reception at the Parliament House hosted by Ms. Riitta Uosukainen, Speaker of Parliament
11 December	Reception at the Finnish National Museum hosted by Ms. Suvi Lindén, Minister of Culture
12 December	Reception hosted by the World Heritage Centre
13 December	Reception at the Helsinki City Hall hosted by the City of Helsinki

#### Excursions

9 December

Tour of Helsinki City Centre, major architectural sights

This excursion will take the participants by bus through the architecturally interesting areas of Helsinki, stopping at major sights.

Buses will pick up the participants at the hotels early in the morning. The excursion will take the morning and end at the Market Square, where the ferry leaves for Suomenlinna.

#### Tour of the Suomenlinna Fortress in Helsinki (World Heritage Site)

The excursion will take participants by ferry to Suomenlinna Fortress, a superb example of military architecture from the 18th century. The participants will tour the Fortress on foot, and the guide will present major events in the history of the Fortress. Lunch is included in the excursion. http://www.suomenlinna.fi/

#### 10 December

#### 1. Excursion to Old Rauma and Sammallahdenmäki (World Heritage Sites)

The excursion will take the participants to Old Rauma, a typical Scandinavian wooden town and to Sammallahdenmäki bronze age burial site. The participants will see the wooden town with its residential and business quarters in a walk along the streets and alleys and visit restored town houses. The Sammallahdenmäki archaeological site will be seen on a walk around the burial cairns. Sammallahdenmäki is situated in beautiful natural surroundings, but cannot be visited if the snow has fallen.

Buses will pick up the participants at the hotels early in the morning. The bus ride from Helsinki to Rauma takes about 3.5 hours. Lunch is included, and the excursion will take all day. http://www.oldrauma.fi http://www.nba.fi/ARCHAEOL/Sammallahti/eng/

#### 2. Excursion to Verla Groundwood and Board Mill (World Heritage Site)

The excursion will take the participants to Verla Mill, a small-scale industrial settlement from the early years of the Finnish wood processing industry. The participants will tour the industrial buildings and workers' housing on foot. The plant still contains old machinery used for processing wood. There is a prehistoric rock painting at the nearby rapids, which can also be visited.

Buses will pick up the participants at the hotels early in the morning. The bus ride from Helsinki to Verla takes about 2.5 hours. Lunch is included, and the excursion will take all day. http://www.verla.upm-kymmene.com/ealku.htm

## <u>3. Excursion to Liesjärvi and Torronsuo National Parks, a piece of Taiga in Finland (not World Heritage Sites)</u>

The excursion will take the participants to the National Parks of the Tammela Uplands, a rather wild and barren area that has remained in the middle of a fertile agricultural region. Liesjärvi's landscape is dominated by shores winding round four lakes and two mire pools. Torronsuo National Park is the largest peatland in the coastal area of Finland. The participants will visit an old house used as the forest ranger's home since 1878. The presentation will be made in the Nature Centre of the South Coast Park Area.

Buses will pick up the participants at the hotels early in the morning. The bus ride from Helsinki to the National Parks takes about 1.5 hours. Lunch is included, and the excursion will take all day. http://www.metsa.fi/natural/kpuistot/lies.htm http://www.metsa.fi/natural/kpuistot/torro.htm

Please indicate on the registration form whether you will attend the Helsinki excursions on 9 December and which of the excursions you are going to attend on 10 December.

#### General information on Finland

Finland is located in the north of Europe. The total land area is 338,000 square kilometres, and the population is 5.1 million. Finland is a republic, and the unicameral Parliament has 200 elected members. The Speaker is Ms. Riitta Uosukainen. Ms. Tarja Halonen has been President of the Republic since 2000.

Finland gained its independence from Russia in 1917, to which it had belonged as an autonomous grand duchy since 1809. Before that, Finland was under Swedish rule. At present, Finland is a member of the European Union and has a long tradition of cooperation with the Nordic countries. The neighbouring countries are Sweden, Norway and Russia. The two official languages are Finnish and Swedish. Finnish is spoken by 93% and Swedish by 6% of the population. English is widely spoken.

Finnish Independence Day is celebrated on 6 December. It is a bank holiday, on which all the shops, businesses and offices are closed and transportation services are limited. It is usually celebrated indoors with two lit candles at the window. The President of the Republic traditionally hosts a grand ball at the Presidential Palace.

Culturally, Finland has collected both western and eastern influences. In the European perspective, modern cultural life is fairly young in Finland. The golden age of Finnish culture began in the late 19th century and went on well into the 1950's. It was then that Finland "awoke" nationally, underscoring the importance of its own language and culture and creating the basis for the present cultural institutions. The international breakthrough of Finnish modern architecture and design also dates from that time.

Finnish nature is dominated by forests and lakes. Since the beginning of the 1920s, the forests and especially wood resources have been inventoried in a variety of ways: not only the volume and composition of wood resources, but also such matters as soil, vegetation cover and the health of trees. The main concern has been to maintain the biological diversity and vitality of the forests.

Finland's water systems are intricate; it is difficult to say where one lake ends and another begins. The number of lakes larger than one hectare is 56 000. Waterways consisting of lakes and rivers have served the country as arteries for centuries. The brackish Baltic Sea shares many features with Finnish lakes.

Finland has five World Heritage cultural sites: Suomenlinna Fortress, Old Rauma Wooden Town, Petäjävesi Church, Verla Groundwood and Board Mill, and Sammallahdenmäki Bronze Age Burial site.

#### **Other information**

The Finnish climate can be very unpredictable. The average temperatures in December vary from -  $12 \text{ to } +3^{\circ} \text{ C}$ , with a possibility of rain, snow or sleet. As a coastal city, Helsinki can also sometimes be quite windy. The participants are advised to bring warm clothes, rain-proof coats or umbrellas and good, warm, water-proof walking shoes for the excursions. Practical warm clothing and shoes

are also recommended for city use. At that time of the year, the long polar nights are a fact of life in the northern circumstances.

The time zone in Finland is GMT + 2 hours. Finnish currency is markka (FIM). FIM 1 = EUR 0,17 = USD 0,1436 (June 2001). EUR 1 = FIM 5,94573 = USD 0,8542 (June 2001). Please note that the voltage in Finland is 220V. Tap water is suitable for drinking.

According to law, smoking is not allowed inside public buildings, but there are generally smokers' rooms.

More information on Finland can be obtained from the following www-sites:

- http://virtual.finland.fi (general information)
- http://www.genealogia.fi/finnlinks (general information)
- http://www.tilastokeskus.fi/index\_en.html (facts about Finland)
- http://www.minedu.fi/minedu/culture/ (Finnish culture)
- http://www.minedu.fi/minedu/whmeeting/Finnish\_sites.html (WH in Finland)
- http://www.vyh.fi/eng/environ (natural heritage and environment)
- http://www.nba.fi (cultural heritage)
- http://www.fmi.fi/en (weather)

#### Information on Helsinki

Helsinki was proclaimed the capital city in 1812. At that time, the university was moved to Helsinki from Turku, the former capital. A new monumental, Empire-style centre, the Senate Square, was designed by the German-born architect C.L. Engel, who came to Helsinki from St. Petersburg. Before the 19th century, Helsinki had been a relatively small town and trading post founded in 1550 by King Gustavus Vasa. The fortification of Suomenlinna began in 1748. The construction of Suomenlinna marked a turning point in the history of Helsinki.

Helsinki is situated on the southern coast of Finland. The coastal location of the city creates a unique atmosphere, and you are never far from nature wherever you are. Helsinki is a popular congress city - it is considered a safe and pleasant place for meetings. The population of greater Helsinki (Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa and Kauniainen) is 1.1 million. Cultural life in Helsinki is active all year around. Gastronomically, Helsinki offers a variety of choices for all tastes.

Public transport is efficient in Helsinki. The main tram routes connect Finlandia Hall with other areas of the city: tram no 4 with the commercial centre and Senate Square and tram no 10 with the commercial centre. Both lines also offer a connection from both the Scandic hotels and the Eurohostel to Finlandia Hall.

More information on Helsinki available at:

- http://www.hel.fi/ (general information)
- http://www.zorro.org/scripts/camera.dll?US (photos of Helsinki today)

#### **Travel to Finland**

Finnair provides a frequent service to Helsinki from many destinations. Many other airlines also fly regularly to Finland. More information: http://www.finnair.com

Helsinki-Vantaa airport is located in Vantaa. There will be a Hospitality Desk for the participants of the World Heritage sessions at the airport's international terminal. There is a frequent bus service from the airport to the Railway Station. The bus stops at Scandic Hotel Continental, takes 30 minutes and costs FIM 27. A taxi from the airport costs FIM 130 and takes 30 minutes (Taxi centre, tel. (09-)700 300). A shared taxi costs FIM 25-100 per person (depending on the number of passengers) and takes 30 minutes (Yellow Taxi, tel. (09-)10 64 64).

The airport tax is included in the ticket price.

A visa is required for the citizens of some countries. A detailed list of visa requirements at http://www.formin.fi/netcomm/ImgLib/2/38/visapass.xls

Finland has customs regulations limiting the import of e.g. alcohol and tobacco. More information from your airline or from the web site http://www.tulli.fi/esite/english/.

#### Insurance

It is recommended that participants take a travel insurance prior to arriving in Finland. Travel insurance is obligatory for the participants arriving to Finland with a visa.

#### **Registration at Finlandia Hall**

Registration will be possible at the Registration and Information Desk at the ground floor of the Congress Wing of the Finlandia Hall (entrance M1) at the following times:

7-8 December 8.00 - 17.00

10 December 18.00 - 20.00

11-15 December 8.00 - 17.00

At registration, delegates will get information documents as well as a name badge. For security reasons, please wear the badge at all times when attending the meetings, social events and excursions.

#### **Registration before arriving in Finland**

To register for the World Heritage session, to reserve hotel accommodation and to book social events and excursions, please complete the attached registration form and send it to TSG-Congress Ltd. After receiving your registration form, TSG-Congress will send you a personal letter of confirmation.

Please send the registration form to the following address:

TSG-Congress Ltd Kaisaniemenkatu 3 B 12 FIN-00100 Helsinki, Finland Tel. +358 9 628 044 Fax. +358 9 667 675 Please register before 15 October. We recommend that you register through our web site, but you can also register by fax or by post. The registration form is both attached to this information letter and at our web page http://www.minedu.fi/minedu/whmeeting/ (from July onwards).

Without the registration form we cannot book your accommodation and excursions!

#### Accommodation

The accommodation reserved for the participants will be booked on a "first come – first served" basis. Your reservation will be confirmed when TSG-Congress Ltd has received your registration. Please note: when reserving a double room both names should be listed on the form. TSG-Congress Ltd. cannot guarantee late reservations; they will be subject to availability. Room prices include value added tax and breakfast. Suites are available on request. Please ask about availability of suites from TSG-Congress Ltd.

To make sure of your hotel reservation, please make a deposit or give your credit card details on the registration form. Without credit card information or a deposit on the account of TSG Congress, you will risk losing your hotel reservation. If you have to cancel your reservation, please refer to the cancellation and refund policy.

#### **Cancellation and refund policy**

Any cancellations or changes should be addressed to TSG-Congress Ltd. For cancellations received by 15 October there will be no cancellation charge. For cancellations after 15 October the hotel has the right to charge one night's room rate. For no-shows the hotel charges the price of one night.

Accommodation during the meeting has been reserved at the following hotels:

#### Scandic Hotel Continental\*\*\*\*

#### Address: Mannerheimintie 46, 00260 Helsinki

A first-class hotel located within easy walking distance from the centre of Helsinki and close to Finlandia Hall. The hotel is renowned for its excellent service and extensive facilities, including a restaurant, bar, three panorama saunas and a pool. Connection to the airport is convenient as the airport bus stops behind the hotel. Distance to Finlandia Hall is approx. 100 metres.

Single roomFIM 975 (EUR 163,98) /night/roomDouble roomFIM 1175 (EUR 197,62) /night/room

#### Scandic Hotel Simonkenttä\*\*\*\*

Address: Simonkatu 9, 00100 Helsinki

Scandic Hotel Simonkenttä is a new hotel opened in spring 2000 and located in the heart of the city centre, next to the Forum shopping centre. The hotel has an attractive restaurant, a sauna and a gym. Distance to Finlandia Hall is approx. 700 metres.

Single room	FIM 750 (EUR 126,14) /night/room
Double room	FIM 850 (EUR 142,95) /night/room

#### Hotel Helka\*\*\*

Address: Pohjoinen Rautatienkatu 23, 00100 Helsinki

A pleasant tourist class hotel situated in the city centre. There is a restaurant and lobby bar in the hotel. Helka is conveniently close to the railway station and it is very near the shopping district and other attractions. Distance to Finlandia Hall is approx. 1000 metres.

Single roomFIM 580 (EUR 97,55) /night/roomDouble roomFIM 720 (EUR 121,10) /night/room

#### Hotel Anna\*\*\*

Address: Annankatu 11, 00120 Helsinki

Hotel Anna is a very attractive and cosy small hotel in the centre of Helsinki. All rooms have private facilities. There are many popular restaurants and small shops near the hotel. Distance to Finlandia Hall is approx. 1300 metres.

Single roomFIM 530 (EUR 89,14) /night/roomDouble roomFIM 720 (EUR 121,10) /night/room

#### Eurohostel

Address: Linnankatu 9, 00160 Helsinki

Eurohostel is located near the city centre. Finlandia Hall is easily accessible by tram no 4. Every floor has a kitchen, a shower room and toilets.

Distance to Finlandia Hall approx. 1500 metres.

Single room	FIM 234 (EUR 39,35) /night/room
Double room	FIM 308 (EUR 51,80) /night/room

#### Updated information of the session

- http://www.minedu.fi/minedu/whmeeting/

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