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To: All States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

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Subject: Second meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group for the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (20 – 21 March 2014, UNESCO Headquarters, Room II)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Open-Ended Working Group established by the General Assembly of States parties to the World Heritage Convention in view of the revision of the Rules of Procedures has met on 23-24 January 2014 at UNESCO's Headquarters.

In conformity with Resolution 19 GA 4, the Open-Ended Working Group will have to make proposals to amend the Rules of Procedures of the General Assembly in order to achieve the goal of an equitable geographical and cultural representation, including through allocation of seats by region (defined with reference to UNESCO's electoral groups) on the World Heritage Committee, as well as other measures.

The work of the Open-Ended Working Group will be brought to the examination of the 1st Extraordinary session of the General Assembly of States Parties no later than November 2014, to allow the new Rules of Procedure to be applied at the 20th session of the General Assembly in 2015.

As you know the Working Group has decided at the end of its first meeting that a second meeting should be convened. I am therefore pleased to invite you to attend the second meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group which will take place on **20 and 21 March 2014 at UNESCO's Headquarters in Room II (Fontenoy Building)**

Allow me to recall that, as indicated in Resolution **19 GA 4**, States parties are invited to contribute extrabudgetary resources for the organisation of the meetings of the Open-Ended Working Group as well as of the 1st Extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

Should you need any further information in this regard, kindly contact Ms Petya Totcharova (p.totcharova@unesco.org) or Ms Frédérique Aubert (f.aubert@unesco.org)

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

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



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