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

BUREAU OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda: Progress report on the preparation of the Budapest Declaration on World Heritage

SUMMARY

This document briefly describes:

- (I) PURPOSE OF THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION
- (II) TARGET AUDIENCE(S) FOR THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION
- (III) PROPOSED PROCESS FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION
- (IV) INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTENT OF THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION

Action required:

The Bureau is requested to:

- (i) agree on the purpose of, and target audience(s) for, the Budapest Declaration;
- (ii) agree on a process for the drafting of the Budapest Declaration to ensure its timely submission to the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee (24-29 June 2002) for discussion and adoption; and,
- (iii) recommend to the 26th session of the Committee a communication strategy for the future dissemination of the Budapest Declaration.

I. PURPOSE OF THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION

1. The Budapest Declaration is proposed as a way for the World Heritage Committee to:
 - (i) mark and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the *World Heritage Convention*;
 - (ii) reflect on the successes and limitations of the *Convention* over the last 30 years;
 - (iii) establish and communicate new strategic objectives; and,
 - (iv) call for new partnerships to foster World Heritage conservation.

II. TARGET AUDIENCE(S) FOR THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION

2. The target audience for the Budapest Declaration needs to be discussed and defined.

III. PROPOSED PROCESS FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION

3. It is proposed that the Bureau establish a working group to discuss and draft the text of the Budapest Declaration during its 26th session. It is proposed that the working group include representatives of the seven Bureau members, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre.
4. Based on the proposals of the working group, the Bureau will need to agree on a process for the drafting of the Budapest Declaration to ensure its timely submission to the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee (24-29 June 2002) for discussion and adoption.

IV. INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTENT OF THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION

5. The following proposal for the content of the Budapest Declaration is presented as the basis for discussion by the Bureau.

SUGGESTED ELEMENTS FOR

THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION ON WORLD HERITAGE

on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the *World Heritage Convention*

The *World Heritage Convention* - international co-operation for conservation of the world's outstanding cultural and natural heritage

Statement of achievement of the last 30 years

Objectives

Strengthening the **Credibility** of the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*

Supporting **Conservation** of the World Heritage properties

Fostering **Capacity-Building** for conservation

Call for action and new partnerships for World Heritage conservation