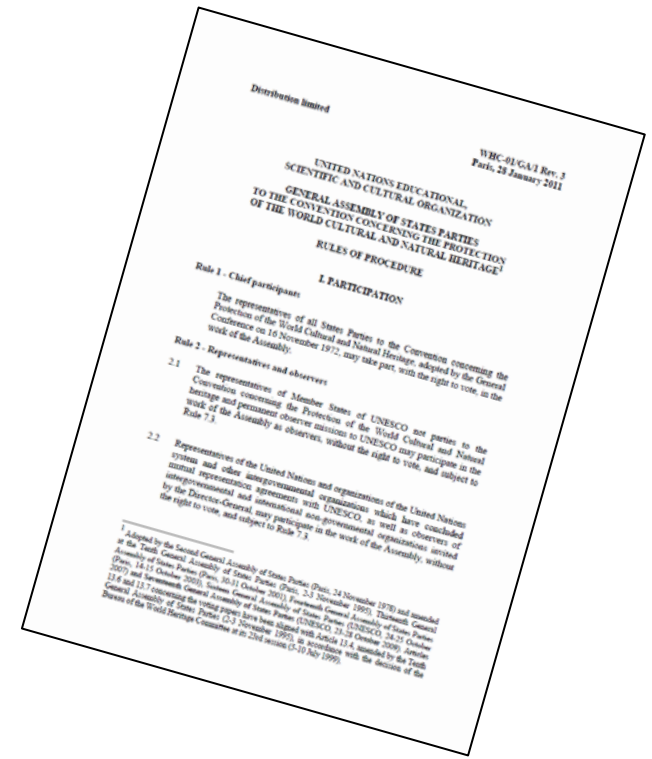


**Information session for States Parties
to the *World Heritage Convention*
on the occasion of the 20th session
of the General Assembly of States Parties**

(25 September 2015, 3pm-5pm, Room XI, UNESCO HQs)

RULES OF PROCEDURE

of the General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*



Rule 13 - Procedures for the presentation of candidatures to the World Heritage Committee

13.1 *The Secretariat shall ask all States Parties, **at least 3 months prior** to the opening of the General Assembly, whether they intend to stand for election to the World Heritage Committee. If so, its **candidature should be sent to the Secretariat at least 6 weeks prior** to the opening of the General Assembly.*

→ Circular Letter CL/WHC-15/06, sent on **14 August 2015**

→ Deadline to receive candidatures: **6 October 2015**

Rule 13 - Procedures for the presentation of candidatures to the World Heritage Committee

13.2 Members of the World Heritage Committee may stand again for election after a gap of 6 years after the expiry of their mandate.



States Parties whose mandate as Committee members ended **in 2009 or before are** eligible in **2015**



States Parties whose mandate as Committee members ended **in 2011 or 2013** are **NOT** eligible in **2015**

Rule 13 - Procedures for the presentation of candidatures to the World Heritage Committee

13.3 *At least **four weeks prior** to the opening of the General Assembly the Secretariat shall send to all States Parties the provisional list of States Parties candidates. The Secretariat will also provide information on the **status of all compulsory and voluntary contributions** to the World Heritage Fund made by **each of the candidates**. This list of candidatures will be revised as necessary.*

→ This is in line with **Article 16.5** of the Convention:

“Any State Party to the Convention (...) **in arrears** with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution (...) **shall not be eligible** as a Member of the World Heritage Committee...”



Rule 14 - Election of members of the World Heritage Committee

14.1 b) *The election of the members of the World Heritage Committee shall be conducted on the basis of the composition of the **electoral groups of UNESCO**, as determined by the UNESCO General Conference at its most recent session, it being understood that 'Group V' shall consist of two separate groups, for the African States and Arab States respectively.*

I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
Western Europe and North America	Eastern Europe	Latin America & the Caribbean (GRULAC)	Asia and Pacific (ASPAC)	Africa	Arab States

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14.1 c) Seats shall be allocated for each electoral group as follows: **two** (2) seats for Group I, **two** (2) seats for Group II, **two** (2) seats for Group III, **three** (3) seats for Group IV, **four** (4) seats for Group Va, **two** (2) seats for Group Vb. An **additional seat** shall be allocated for Group III and Group IV on a rotational basis.

I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb	
2	2	2	3	4	2	16
		+1 floating				
therefore, 5 seats remain open						5

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14.1 d) *Notwithstanding, at each election, due consideration shall be given to the election of **at least one** State Party which has **never served as a Member** of the World Heritage Committee.*



Rule 14 - Election of members of the World Heritage Committee

14.1 f) Ballot(s) for **allocated seat(s)** shall **precede** the ballot(s) for the remaining seats to be filled. Unsuccessful candidates in a ballot for any allocated seat shall be eligible to stand for election in subsequent ballot(s).

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb	
Ballot 1	2	2	2	3	4	2	16
			+1 floating				
Ballot 2	5 open seats						5

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14.2 – 14.7

Logistical organization of the elections
(tellers, voting papers, valid/invalid voting papers, etc.)

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14.8 a) Ballot for the allocated seats

The candidate(s) obtaining in the first round the **highest number of votes** shall be declared elected in the sequential order of the number of votes obtained from the highest to the lowest, up to the number of seat(s) to be filled. In case two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes for the seat(s) remaining to be filled, **a second round shall be held** for those candidates to fill those remaining seat(s).

I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
2	2	2	3	4	2
		+1 floating			

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14.8 b) Ballot for the open (non allocated) seats

The candidate(s) obtaining in the first round, **more than half of the valid votes cast** by States Parties present and voting shall be declared elected **in the sequential order** of the number of votes obtained from the highest to the lowest, up to the number of seat(s) to be filled. If there still remain seat(s) to be filled, there shall be a second round.

5 open seats

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14.9 *In the second round, the candidate(s) obtaining the **highest number of votes**, up to the number of seat(s) to be filled, shall be declared elected.*



14.10 *If in the second round, two or more candidates obtain the **same number of votes**, and, as a result, the number of these candidates is greater than the remaining number of seats to be filled, there shall be **an additional round of voting** restricted to those candidates who obtained the same number of votes. If in this additional round of voting, two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes, the Chairperson shall decide by **drawing lots** among them in order to allocate the remaining seat(s).*



Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
Members until 2015 (outgoing) 9	Germany	Serbia	Colombia	India Japan Malaysia	Senegal	Algeria Qatar
	1	1	1	3	1	2
Members until 2017 12	Finland Portugal Turkey	Croatia Poland	Jamaica Peru	Kazakhstan Philippines R. of Korea Viet Nam		Lebanon
	3	2	2	4	0	1

Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

Situation at 20 GA:

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
12 seats already filled until 2017	3	2	2	4	0	1

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Situation at 20 GA:

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
12 seats already filled until 2017	3	2	2	4	0	1
Seats allocated for each Group (as per RoP)	2	2	2	3	4	2
			+1 floating			

overrepresented
by 1 seat

Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

Situation at 20 GA:

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
12 seats already filled until 2017	3	2	2	4	0	1
Seats allocated for each Group (as per RoP)	2	2	2	3	4	2
			+1 floating			
9 seats to be filled in 2015	0 (overrepresented by 1 seat)	0	? (floating)		4	1
	+ x open seats					

Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
9 seats to be filled in 2015	0	0	?		4	1
	+ x open seats					

Group Va :

It has an allocation of 4 seats,
and the only remaining member is outgoing

→ 4 seats to be allocated in 2015

Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
9 seats to be filled in 2015	0	0	? (floating)		4	1
	+ x open seats					

Group Vb :

It has an allocation of 2 seats,
and 1 member is remaining until 2017

→ 1 seat to be allocated in 2015

Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
9 seats to be filled in 2015	0	0	? (floating)		4	1
	+ x open seats					

Floating seat between Groups III and IV:

As per Resolution **1 EXT.GA 3** para. 6, the General Assembly of States Parties, at its 20th session in 2015, has to decide on the rotational order for the attribution of the floating seat for Group III and Group IV.

Application to the specific case of the 20th General Assembly

	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
9 seats to be filled in 2015	0	0	?		4	1
	+ x open seats					

Open seats:

The number of open seats remaining to be filled in 2015 will depend on the decisions to be adopted by the 20 GA on the previous matters.

Note that the **open seats** are open to all Groups

Reminder

*Resolution **13 GA 9** (paragraph 6) invites the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, to **voluntarily reduce their term of office from six to four years.***

(see footnote of Rule 13)

Thank you !



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