

A) IDENTIFICATION

<u>Nomination</u>	:	Old Rauma
<u>Location</u>	:	Province of Turku and Pori
<u>State party</u>	:	Finland
<u>Date</u>	:	1 October 1990

B) ICOMOS RECOMMENDATION

That this cultural property be included on the World Heritage List on the basis of Criteria V and IV.

C) BACKGROUND

Rauma, located on the Gulf of Botnia, is one of the oldest harbors in Finland (mentioned in 1441). The city is built around a Franciscan monastery; its church still exists (Ste. Croix Church, mid-fifteenth century).

The city, which was constructed in wood, was ravaged by fire in the late seventeenth century. A new city was built. Despite some changes made in the nineteenth century, Rauma has preserved its ancient aspect as the modern city has grown up outside the primitive core.

Aside from the old Franciscan church and the ruins of the fifteenth century church (Holy Trinity), the only monument in the old city is City Hall, built in the eighteenth century. But the old city of Rauma's great wealth is its vernacular architectural heritage (houses, workshops, shops). Although half of the buildings in the old city have already been restored, a development plan is under way.

- **Criterion V.** Rauma is an outstanding example of an old Nordic city constructed in wood, a veritable conservatory of traditional settlements in this part of Europe.

- **Criterion IV.** Consequently, this city is typical of the architecture and urbanism of old North-European cities and is one of the most beautiful and extensive of all those preserved thus far.

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Rauma : plan de la vieille ville /
map of the old town