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WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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**Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda: Composition of the Bureau of the World
Heritage Committee, 1977-1998**

SUMMARY

According to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee, *"The Committee, at the beginning of each ordinary session, shall elect a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who shall remain in office until the beginning of the next ordinary session."* The attached list of States Parties indicates the year in which each State Party to the World Heritage Convention was a Chairperson, Rapporteur, or Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

State Party	Deposit of Instrument	Chairperson	Rapporteur	Vice-Chairperson
Africa				
Angola	07/11/91			
Benin *	14/06/82			97
Burkina Faso	02/04/87			
Burundi	19/05/82			
Cameroon	07/12/82			
Cape Verde	28/04/88			
Central African Republic	22/12/80			
Congo	10/12/87			
Congo, Democratic Rep. of *	23/09/74			86
Côte d'Ivoire	09/01/81			
Ethiopia	06/07/77			
Gabon	30/12/86			
Gambia	01/07/87			
Ghana *	04/07/75			80
Guinea *	18/03/79			81, 82, 83
Kenya	05/06/91			
Madagascar	19/07/83			
Malawi *	05/01/82			
Mali	05/04/77			
Mauritius	19/09/95			
Mozambique	27/11/82			
Niger *	23/12/74		95, 96	
Nigeria *	23/10/74			77, 78
Senegal *	13/02/76			79, 84, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94
Seychelles	09/04/80			
South Africa	10/07/97			
Togo	15/04/98			
Uganda	20/11/87			
United Republic of Tanzania*	02/08/77	85		87
Zambia	04/06/84			
Zimbabwe *	16/08/82			
Arab States				
Algeria *	24/06/74			83, 84, 85, 86
Bahrain	28/05/91			
Egypt *	07/02/74	79		77, 78
Iraq *	05/03/74			
Jordan *	05/05/75			
Lebanon *	03/02/83		97	95
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya *	13/10/78			
Mauritania	02/03/81			
Morocco *	28/10/75			96, 97
Oman *	06/10/81			93, 94
Qatar	12/09/84			
Saudi Arabia	07/08/78			
Sudan *	06/06/74			
Syrian Arab Republic *	13/08/75			
Tunisia *	10/03/75	89, 91	80, 81, 82, 92	87, 90
Yemen *	07/10/80			88

* An Asterisk (*) denotes those States Parties who have served on the World Heritage Committee.

State Party	Deposit of Instrument	Chairperson	Rapporteur	Vice-Chairperson
Asia / Pacific Region				
Afghanistan	20/03/79			
Australia *	22/08/74	81, 82		80, 83, 84, 88, 95, 96
Bangladesh	03/08/83			
Cambodia	28/11/91			
China *	12/12/85		94	92, 93
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	21/07/98			
Fiji	21/11/90			
India *	14/11/77			85, 86, 88
Indonesia *	06/07/89			
Iran (Islamic Rep. of) *	26/02/75	77		78
Japan *	30/06/92			95, 96, 97
Kazakhstan	29/04/94			
Kyrgystan	03/07/95			
Lao People's Democratic Republic	20/03/87			
Malaysia	07/12/88			
Maldives	22/05/86			
Mongolia	02/02/90			
Myanmar	29/04/94			
Nepal *	20/06/78			79, 81
New Zealand	22/11/84			
Pakistan *	23/07/76			82, 84
Papua New Guinea	28/07/97			
Philippines *	19/09/85			
Republic of Korea *	14/09/88			
Solomon Islands	10/06/92			
Sri Lanka *	06/06/80			83, 87
Tajikistan	28/08/92			
Thailand *	17/09/87	94		89, 90, 91, 93
Turkmenistan	30/09/94			
Uzbekistan	13/01/93			
Viet Nam	19/10/87			
Europe / North America				
Albania	10/07/89			
Andorra	03/01/97			
Armenia	05/09/93			
Austria	18/12/92			
Azerbaijan	16/12/93			
Belarus	12/10/88			
Belgium	24/07/96			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12/07/93			
Bulgaria *	07/03/74		87	79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 89, 90
Canada *	23/07/76	86, 87, 90	77, 85, 89	88
Croatia	06/07/92			
Cyprus *	14/08/75			
Czech Republic	26/03/93			
Denmark	25/07/79			

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Estonia	27/10/95			
Finland *	04/03/87			
France *	27/06/75	80	79, 84	77, 78, 87, 88, 91
Georgia	04/11/92			
Germany *	23/08/76	95		81, 92, 94, 96
Greece *	17/07/81		88	89
Holy See	07/10/82			
Hungary *	15/07/85			
Iceland	19/12/95			
Ireland	16/09/91			
Italy *	23/06/78	83, 97	90	82, 94, 95, 96
Latvia	10/01/95			
Lithuania	31/03/92			
Luxembourg	28/09/83			
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	30/04/97			
Malta *	14/11/78			
Monaco	07/11/78			
Netherlands	26/08/92			
Norway *	12/05/77			83, 84, 85
Poland *	29/06/76		78	77
Portugal	30/09/80			
Romania	16/05/90			
Russian Federation	12/10/88			
San Marino	18/10/91			
Slovakia	31/03/93			
Slovenia	05/11/92			
Spain *	04/05/82		93	
Sweden	22/01/85			
Switzerland *	17/09/75			
Turkey *	16/03/83			
Ukraine	12/10/88			
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	29/05/84			
United States of America *	07/12/73	78, 92		79, 80, 91, 93, 97
Yugoslavia *	26/05/75			80
Latin America / Caribbean				
Antigua and Barbuda	01/11/83			
Argentina *	23/08/78	84		82
Belize	06/11/90			
Bolivia	04/10/76			
Brazil *	01/09/77	88	83, 86	81, 91, 92
Chile	20/02/80			
Colombia *	24/05/83	93		89, 92, 94
Costa Rica	23/08/77			
Cuba *	24/03/81			
Dominica	04/04/95			
Dominican Republic	12/02/85			
Ecuador *	16/06/75			78, 97
El Salvador	08/10/91			
Grenada	13/08/98			

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Guatemala	16/01/79			
Guyana	20/06/77			
Haiti	18/01/80			
Honduras	08/06/79			
Jamaica	14/06/83			
Mexico *	23/02/84	96	91	85, 86, 87, 90, 95
Nicaragua	17/12/79			
Panama *	03/03/78			79, 80
Paraguay	27/04/88			
Peru *	24/02/82			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	10/07/86			
Saint Lucia	14/10/91			
Suriname	23/10/97			
Uruguay	09/03/89			
Venezuela	30/10/90			

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Bureau Membership by Year

1977

Chairperson	Iran
Rapporteur	Canada
Vice-Chairpersons	Egypt, France, Nigeria and Poland

1978

Chairperson	United States of America
Rapporteur	Poland
Vice-Chairpersons	Ecuador, Egypt, France, Iran and Nigeria

1979

Chairperson	Egypt
Rapporteur	France
Vice-Chairpersons	Bulgaria, Nepal, Panama, Senegal and United States of America

1980

Chairperson	France
Rapporteur	Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons	Australia, Ghana, Panama, United States of America, and Yugoslavia

1981

Chairperson	Australia
Rapporteur	Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons	Germany, Brazil, Bulgaria, Guinea and Nepal

1982

Chairperson	Australia
Rapporteur	Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons	Argentina, Bulgaria, Guinea, Italy and Pakistan

1983

Chairperson	Italy
Rapporteur	Brazil
Vice-Chairpersons	Algeria, Australia, Guinea, Norway and Sri Lanka

1984

Chairperson	Argentina
Rapporteur	France
Vice-Chairpersons	Algeria, Australia, Norway, Pakistan and Senegal

1985

Chairperson	United Republic of Tanzania
Rapporteur	Canada
Vice-Chairpersons	Algeria, Bulgaria, India, Mexico and Norway

1986

Chairperson	Canada
Rapporteur	Brazil
Vice-Chairpersons	Algeria, Bulgaria, India, Mexico and Zaire (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

1987

Chairperson	Canada
Rapporteur	Bulgaria
Vice-Chairpersons	France, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and the United Republic of Tanzania

1988

Chairperson	Brazil
Rapporteur	Greece
Vice-Chairpersons	Australia, Canada, France, India, and Yemen

1989

Chairperson	Tunisia
Rapporteur	Canada
Vice-Chairpersons	Bulgaria, Colombia, Greece, Senegal and Thailand

1990

Chairperson	Canada
Rapporteur	Mexico
Vice-Chairpersons	Bulgaria, Mexico, Senegal, Thailand and Tunisia

1991

Chairperson	Tunisia
Rapporteur	Mexico
Vice-Chairpersons	Brazil, France, Senegal, Thailand and the United States of America

1992

Chairperson	United States of America
Rapporteur	Tunisia
Vice-Chairpersons	Brazil, China, Colombia, Germany and Senegal

1993

Chairperson	Colombia
Rapporteur	Spain
Vice-Chairpersons	China, Oman, Senegal, Thailand and the United States of America

1994

Chairperson	Thailand
Rapporteur	China
Vice-Chairpersons	Colombia, Germany, Italy, Oman and Senegal

1995

Chairperson	Germany
Rapporteur	Niger
Vice-Chairpersons	Australia, Italy, Japan, Lebanon and Mexico

1996

Chairperson	Mexico
Rapporteur	Niger
Vice-Chairpersons	Australia, Germany, Italy, Japan and Morocco

1997

Chairperson	Italy
Rapporteur	Lebanon
Vice-Chairpersons	Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Morocco and the United States of America