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WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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ITEM 11 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA : REVISION TO THE  
OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

Other modifications to the Guidelines

1. SECTION III - INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE - Section A  
(ii) Emergency assistance

Paragraph 72 add, after "or are in immanent danger of severe damage", the words "caused by these phenomena".

2. SECTION III - INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Insert a new section E as follows:

- E. Conditions for the granting of international assistance

95. The conditions for and types of international assistance are established by articles 19 to 26 of the World Heritage Convention. Establishing a parallel between the conditions of eligibility for the World Heritage Committee set out in Article 16 of the Convention, the Committee decided, at its thirteenth session (1989), that States who were in arrears of payment of their contributions to the World Heritage Fund would not be able to receive a grant of international assistance in the calendar following year, it being understood that this provision would not apply in case of emergency assistance as defined in these Guidelines. In making this decision, the Committee wished to emphasize the importance which it accorded to States Parties paying their entire contribution within the periods set out in Article 16 of the Convention.

3. Insert in SECTION VI - OTHER MATTERS a new section F as follows:

F. Participation of experts from least developed countries (LDCs)

110. In order to ensure a fair representation within the Committee of the various geographical and cultural areas, the Committee decided to include in its budget a sum intended to cover the cost of participation, in its sessions and sessions of its Bureau, of representatives of States members of the Committee which are on the list of least developed countries (LDCs) issued by the United Nations but only where they were experts in conservation of the cultural or natural heritage.