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AND NATURAL HERITAGE

BUREAU OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Twenty-third session
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5 - 10 July 1999

Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda: Approval of the Committee's report on its activities for 1998-99 to be submitted to the 30th session of the General Conference of UNESCO

Summary

Source: Article 29.3 of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Background: The Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage was established by the *Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*, adopted by the General Conference at its seventeenth session, 16 November 1972.

This report will be submitted to the General Conference by the World Heritage Committee in accordance with Article 29.3 mentioned above, which stipulates that 'the Committee shall submit a report on its activities at each of the ordinary sessions of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization'.

Purpose: This report provides information on the improved universality of the Committee, with the increase of the World Heritage sites and their state of conservation, on the World Heritage Fund and the co-operation activities carried out under this Fund. Particular emphasis has been placed during this biennium on the representativity of the World Heritage List, the periodic reporting of the state of conservation and on the training of site managers.

Decision required: The twenty-third session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee may wish to approve this report.

I. COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1. The number of States Parties having deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession in respect of the World Heritage Convention was 152 at the beginning of the eleventh General Assembly, which met during the twenty-ninth session of the General Conference of UNESCO (Paris, 1997). On 25 February 1999, the number of States Parties had increased to 156. The List of States Parties is available upon request¹.

2. At its eleventh session, the General Assembly elected **seven** members of the Committee to replace those members whose terms of office were due to expire. The World Heritage Committee is composed at present as follows:

Australia**, Benin**, Brazil*, Canada**, Cuba**, Ecuador**, Finland***, France*, Greece***, Hungary***, Italy*, Japan*, Lebanon*, Malta**, Mexico***, Morocco**, Niger*, Republic of Korea***, Thailand***, United States of America*, Zimbabwe***.

3. Since the previous report, submitted to the General Conference during its twenty-ninth session (29 C/REP.10), the Committee has met twice: the first time at the invitation of the Italian authorities from 1 to 6 December 1997 in Naples (Italy), and the second, at the invitation of the Japanese authorities, in Kyoto (Japan) from 30 November to 5 December 1998. It has also held two extraordinary sessions: one in October 1997 to elect new Bureau members following the election of new Committee members during the eleventh General Assembly of States Parties, and the other on 12 July 1999 to discuss the case of the Kakadu National Park of Australia, as approved by the Committee at its twenty-second session in December 1998.

4. The Bureau of the Committee met twice in 1998. In 1999, the first meeting was held in July and the second will be held in November. It is composed as follows:

From December 1997 to December 1998:

Chairperson: Mr Francesco Francioni (Italy)
Vice-Chairpersons: Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Morocco and United States of America
Rapporteur: Mr Noël Fattal (Lebanon)

Since December 1998:

Chairperson: Mr Koïchiro Matsuura (Japan)
Vice-Chairpersons: Benin, Cuba, Italy, Morocco and Republic of Korea
Rapporteur: Mr Janos Jelen (Hungary)

¹ The List of current States Parties is on the Internet at: <http://www.unesco.org/whc/wldrat.htm>

2. * States whose terms of office will expire at the end of the thirtieth session of the General Conference.

** States whose terms of office will expire at the end of the thirty-first session of the General Conference.

*** States whose terms of office will expire at the end of the thirty-second session of the General Conference.

5. As stipulated in the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the World Heritage Committee, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee', has five essential functions:

- (i) to identify, on the basis of nominations submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of outstanding universal value which are to be protected under the Convention, and to list these properties on the 'World Heritage List' (Sections II and III of this report);
- (ii) to monitor, in liaison with the States Parties, the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (Section IV);
- (iii) to decide which properties inscribed on the World Heritage List are to be included on the List of World Heritage in Danger (Section IV);
- (iv) to determine the most appropriate ways and conditions under which the resources of the World Heritage Fund can be used to assist States Parties, as far as possible, in the protection of their properties of outstanding universal value (Sections V and VI); and
- (v) in addition, the Committee, through the World Heritage Fund, is active in its support of States Parties' public awareness-building and educational activities for World Heritage conservation (Section VII).

The Secretariat of the World Heritage Committee is provided by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

II. THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

6. On the basis of nominations put forward by States Parties in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, the World Heritage Committee has, since its last report to the General Conference, inscribed **76** new properties on the World Heritage List. As of 1 January 1999 the total number of inscriptions to the World Heritage List numbered **582**, distributed as follows: **445** cultural properties, **117** natural properties and **20** mixed properties. A copy of the World Heritage List is available upon request.³

7. Article 11 of the Convention asks States Parties to prepare an "inventory" of properties they intend to nominate for inscription during the following five to ten years to enable the Committee to evaluate within the widest possible context the "outstanding universal value" of each property nominated to the List. In view of the increasing number of nominations from States Parties, the Committee determined at its twelfth session in 1988 that nominations of cultural properties would not be examined unless the State Party concerned had previously submitted such an inventory, or "**tentative list**." As of 15 April 1999, **104** of the 156 States Parties had submitted tentative lists of cultural, natural and mixed properties, an increase of **44%** since the last General Conference. Tentative lists also assist the International

³ WHC.99/3, January 1999. On the Internet at: <http://www.unesco.org/whc/heritage.htm>

Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in evaluating new cultural and mixed property nominations.

8. In establishing the World Heritage List, the Committee has been guided by the recent development of a "**Global Strategy for a Credible and Representative World Heritage List**" (see Section III). Inscribed properties must meet the requirements of outstanding universal value stipulated by the Convention, and must also satisfy specific criteria adopted by the Committee for the evaluation of cultural and natural properties, set out in the Committee's '*Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*'.⁴ The Committee considers each nomination and takes note of the evaluations by ICOMOS and/or the World Conservation Union (IUCN), which, together with the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and the Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), attend the meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity.

III. GLOBAL STRATEGY

9. Following decisions taken by the World Heritage Committee at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions, in 1992 and 1993, the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS requested in 1994 a working group to study the representivity of the World Heritage List and the methodology to use for its definition and implementation. The aim of the meeting was to identify the best ways and means to ensure a more representative World Heritage List. The report of the Expert Meeting on «Global Strategy» endorsed by the Committee at its eighteenth session, emphasized the geographical, chronological and spiritual imbalance of the List, identified a number of themes (to be considered in their widest possible anthropological context) aimed at improving these shortcomings, and in this respect, suggested a regional approach recommending revisions to the cultural criteria with a view to redressing these imbalances.

10. Following the Expert Meeting of Le Parc national de la Vanoise (1996), and the request of the Committee, at its twentieth session, that a joint meeting of cultural and natural heritage experts be held, the Government of The Netherlands hosted the «World Heritage Global Strategy Natural and Cultural Heritage Expert Meeting» in Amsterdam in March 1998. The group of experts stressed that the *Convention* should be seen as a holistic document which unifies cultural and natural heritage, and to that end proposed a unified set of evaluation criteria with integrity and authenticity provisions for the inclusion of properties on the World Heritage List. The experts also strongly urged that the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* should ensure recognition and protection of outstanding interactions between people and the «natural» environment. In addition, the experts recommended the strengthening of management, monitoring and local participation in conservation.

11. In accordance with the decisions of the Committee, regional and thematic meetings on cultural landscapes were held in the *Andean* region (Peru, May 1998) with the participation of twenty experts from six countries and in *Africa* (Kenya, March 1999) with the participation of fifteen experts from eight countries. A cultural landscape meeting in *Eastern Europe*, will be held in Poland in July 1999 after the Bureau. In 1998, an Expert Meeting on Cultural Heritage of the *Caribbean* and the World Heritage Convention was held in Martinique and attended by twelve experts from francophone, anglophone and hispanophone countries. In the same year, the Fourth Global Strategy Meeting for *West Africa* was held at Porto Novo (Benin), with the

⁴ WHC.99/2. March 1999. <http://www.unesco.org/whc/opgutoc.htm>

participation of thirty experts from eleven countries. In August 1999, a sub-regional meeting on *Central Asian* heritage will be held in Turkmenistan with the participation of sixteen experts from nine countries. Also in August, a sub-regional meeting on Global Strategy in the *Pacific* will be held in Vanuatu, in co-operation with the Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA).

12. In the framework of the advisory bodies' contributions to the Global Strategy, ICOMOS has successfully completed seven comparative studies. IUCN has produced two publications in 1997/98 : «A General Overview of Wetland and Marine Protected Areas on the World Heritage List» and «A Global Overview of Forest Protected Areas on the World Heritage List», as well as two new thematic studies on «The Human Use of World Heritage Natural Sites» and «A Global Overview of Geological Features in Natural World Heritage Sites ». Furthermore, a study on «Protected Areas of Exceptional Biodiversity » is under preparation.

13. At its twenty-second session in December 1998, the Committee adopted regional plans of action (Africa, Arab States, Asia, Pacific, Europe and North America, Latin American and the Caribbean) concerning natural and cultural heritage and emphasized their indissociable character. Furthermore, in accordance with the recommendation of the Consultative Body (see also Section VI), the Committee adopted a master action plan defining the common priorities of the regional action plans. The report of the twenty-second session of the Committee reflects the richness of the debate on the question of representivity of the World Heritage List. The Committee «stressed the urgent need to establish a representative World Heritage List and considered it imperative to ensure more participation of those States Parties whose heritage is currently underrepresented on the World Heritage List». The Committee therefore decided to include this question on the agenda of the twelfth General Assembly of States Parties which will be held in October 1999. The Committee thus wished to inform all the States of the importance of the Global Strategy and the evolution of the issue. The General Assembly will therefore examine a draft resolution which will define the ways and means to ensure a more representative World Heritage List. In general, the actions undertaken have encouraged proposals for the inscription of new types of properties to the World Heritage List and the recognition of the need for it to be more balanced and representative of cultural diversity.

14. A revision of the « inscription criteria » will be submitted to the twenty-third session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee in July 1999.

IV. STATE OF CONSERVATION OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

15. The World Heritage Committee, in reviewing the implementation of the World Heritage Convention on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary in 1992, recognized monitoring and reporting on the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List as an essential function. Making a distinction between *periodic reporting* and *reactive monitoring*, the Committee allocated amounts of US\$ 240,000 in 1998 and US\$ 270,000 in 1999 for support to States Parties for periodic reporting activities, and amounts of US\$ 120,000 (1998) and US\$ 195,000 (1999) for reactive monitoring.

Periodic reporting

16. Following extensive discussions at the tenth and eleventh General Assemblies of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, the 29th General Conference of UNESCO adopted a resolution in which it *invited the States Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage to submit to it in accordance with Article 29 of the Convention,*

through the World Heritage Committee, via its Secretariat, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, reports on the legislative and administrative provisions they have adopted and other actions which they have taken for the application of the Convention, including the state of conservation of the World Heritage properties located on their territories.

It also requested the World Heritage Committee to define the periodicity, form, nature and extent of the periodic reporting on the application of the World Heritage Convention and on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties and to examine and respond to these reports in accordance with the principle of State sovereignty.

17. In response to this request, the World Heritage Committee, at its twenty-second session held in December 1998, invited States Parties to submit periodic reports every six years using a Format and Explanatory Notes that the Committee adopted at the same session.

It also decided to examine the States Parties' periodic reports region by region as per the following timetable:

Region	Examination of Properties inscribed up to and including	Year of Examination by Committee
Arab States	1992	2000
Africa	1993	2001
Asia and the Pacific	1994	2002
Latin America and the Caribbean	1995	2003
Europe and North America	1996/1997	2004/2005

The Committee will examine at its twenty-third session in December 1999 regional strategies for the implementation of the above timetable.

18. The decision-making process on the application of Article 29 of the World Heritage Convention is herewith concluded. There is no doubt that the periodic reporting will become a major challenge for the States Parties, the Secretariat, the World Heritage statutory bodies and the advisory bodies to the World Heritage Committee (IUCN, ICOMOS and ICCROM). A close coordination and cooperation between all the partners involved is a prerequisite for this process to be beneficial to all of them and to contribute to a strengthened implementation of the Convention.

Reactive monitoring

19. In 1998-1999, reports on the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger were submitted to the Committee. On the basis of these reports, the Committee decided to remove Plitvice Lakes National Park (Croatia) (at its twenty-first session) and the Old City of Dubrovnik (Croatia) and the Wieliczka Salt Mines (Poland) (at its twenty-second session) from the List of World Heritage in Danger. At the twenty-first session, four properties were added to the List of World Heritage in Danger: Okapi Faunal Reserve and the Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo), the Manova-Gounda St Floris National Park (Central African Republic) and Butrinti (Albania).

20. Twenty-three properties are at present inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (15 natural and 8 cultural properties, see **Annex I**) and special attention, as well as financial considerations, are accorded to them by the Committee.

21. Furthermore, each year, the Committee and its Bureau examined up to ninety reports on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties and made specific recommendations to the States Parties for corrective or preventive measures.

V. THE WORLD HERITAGE FUND

(i) Contributions

22. As at 31 May 1999, contributions received from States Parties for the period **1998-1999 amounted to US \$4,619,793**, of which US \$2,841,064 were mandatory contributions and US \$1,778,729 voluntary contributions. Mandatory contributions still receivable for 1998-1999 amount to US \$1,154,416 and to US \$3,280,818 respectively, if account is taken of the total of unpaid contributions for the years 1998-1999 and the previous years. There is a cash **balance of US \$6,099,450** as at 31 May 1999. It is recalled that paragraph 4 of Article 16 of the World Heritage Convention stipulates that voluntary contributions shall be paid on a regular basis **at least every two years**, and should not be less than the contributions which they should have paid if they had been bound by the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article.

23. The budgets approved by the World Heritage Committee respectively for its twenty-first (Naples, December 1997) and twenty-second (Kyoto, December 1998) sessions for 1998 and 1999 are as follows:

	1998 US \$	1999 US\$
World Heritage Fund	4 160 750	4 676 000
Emergency Reserve Fund	500 000	600 000

(ii) Advisory Services

24. To provide the necessary advisory services in accordance with the World Heritage Convention, the following amounts were allocated to the advisory bodies (as shown) during 1998 and 1999

	1998 US \$	1999 US\$
ICOMOS	327 000	407 000
IUCN	237 750	325 000
Others	40 000	30 000

(iii) Assistance to States Parties

25. From 1 January 1998 to 31 May 1999, various types of international assistance have been provided to States Parties from the World Heritage Fund.

(a) Preparatory assistance: At its twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, the World Heritage Committee granted, respectively, preparatory assistance of **US \$300,000** for 1998 and **US \$300,000** for 1999. Assistance for the preparation of tentative

lists of properties suitable for inclusion on the World Heritage List, the preparation of nomination dossiers or projects was provided to the following States Parties:

1998

Africa : Benin (2: 1C/1N), Ethiopia (C), Malawi (C), Tanzania (C); *Arab States* : Egypt (2 x C), Syria (2 x C), Oman (C); *Asia & The Pacific* : Pakistan (C), Malaysia (N/C), Philippines (N), Vietnam (C), Bangladesh (C), Papua New Guinea (N); *Europe & North America* : Armenia (C), Azerbaijan (C), Lithuania (N/C), Slovakia (C), U.K. (C), *Latin America & The Caribbean* : Ecuador (C), Guyana (N), Uruguay (C), Argentina (N).

1999

Africa : Benin (2 x N), Niger (mixed), Nigeria (mixed); *Arab States* : Lebanon (2 : C and mixed), Oman (C); *Asia & The Pacific* : DPR Korea (mixed), Fiji (mixed)), India (C), Lao (C), Mongolia (C), Nepal (2 x C), Pakistan (C), Papua New Guinea (N), Rep. of Korea (C); *Europe and North America* : Georgia (2 x C), Hungary (C), Slovakia (mixed), Spain (C); *Latin America and the Caribbean* : Bolivia (N), Brazil (2 : 1C/1N), Dominica (C), Guyana (C), Mexico (C).

(b) Technical co-operation: At its twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, the World Heritage Committee approved respectively, a budget of **US \$1,032,500** for 1998 and **US \$1,245,000** for 1999. The following projects have been approved by the Committee for amounts above US \$30,000, by the Bureau for amounts between US \$20,000 and US \$30,000 and by the Chairperson of the Committee for amounts below US \$20,000.

1998 TECHNICAL COOPERATION : Implementation of approved projects as at 31.12.98 Natural (N), Cultural (C) and Mixed (M) Sites

AFRICA			US\$
Guinea	Purchase of hydrological equipment for Mount Nimba	N	19 840
Niger	Purchase of equipment for "W" National park	N	51 943
Zimbabwe	ICCROM: Preparation of a conservation plan for Khami Ruins	C	36 900
Sub-total Africa			<u>108 683</u>

ARAB STATES

Egypt	Preparation of cooperation programme for Historic Cairo	C	18 764
Syria	Restoration of the Roman Baths in ancient city of Bosra	C	30 000
Yemen	Construction of furnace for brick-making, Zabid	C	19 000
Yemen	Creation of a handcraft Centre in Shibam	C	20 000
Yemen	Preservation of Al-Maidan steambath in Sana'a	C	19 000
Sub-total Arab States			<u>106 764</u>

ASIA & THE PACIFIC

Cambodia	Hydrological and topographical studies of Moats of Angkor	C	28 595
Indonesia	Training course on Rock Art	C	20 000
India	Strengthening protection of the Kaziranga National Park	N	49 884
India	Enhanced Management of the Elephanta Caves	C	20 000
Indonesia	Workshop on preservation and management of Sangiran	C	21 600
Nepal	Studies on traditional architecture, construction and conservation technique, documenting, Bhaktapur	C	28 001
Nepal	Improving visitor amenities at Sagarmatha National Park,	N	15 000
Nepal	Structural survey of the 55 Windows Palace in Kathmandu	C	19 800
Nepal	State of conservation of the Kathmandu Valley	C	29 869

Nepal	Sub-regional Meeting on conserving Hymalayan Heritage	N	20 000
Pakistan	Vegetation control of the WH site of Taxila (Dharmajika)	C	20 000
Sri Lanka	Restoration of Kandy monument following terrorist bombing	C	20 000
Thailand	Review of Management policy of Thung Yai and Huay Khan	N	20 000
Vietnam	Revision of urban planning regulations of Hue Complex	C	35 000
Vietnam	Geomorphology study of the Ha Long Bay Area	C	8 857
Sub-total Asia & the Pacific			<u>356 606</u>

EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA

Cyprus	Technical assistance – Paphos, Cyprus	C	12 187
Latvia	Rehabilitation of the Old Town of Riga	C	20 000
Lituania	Rehabilitation of the Old Town of Vilnius	C	19 500
Poland	Organize a seminar on the planning and protection of the surroundings of the World Heritage site Auschwitz	C	20 000
Portugal	Technical cooperation for the Town of Evora	C	15 000
Spain	Rehabilitation project for the Albayzin	C	15 000
Sub-total Europe & North America			<u>101 687</u>

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Costa Rica	Costa Rican Conservation Area Authority project	N	17 130
Colombia	Santa Cruz de Mompox	C	20 000
Colombia	Conservation of Archaeological Nat. Park of Tierradentro	C	30 000
Commonwealth of Dominica	Revision of the Management Plan for Morne Trois Pitons National Park	N	9 000
Dominica	Regional Conference of Cultural and Natural Heritage	N	30 000
Ecuador	Limit adverse effects of 1998 El Nino: Development of Ecosystem Monitoring Framework for Galapagos	N	20 000
Mexico	Special course on the World Heritage Convention for Latin America and the Caribbean	C	30 000
Sub-total Latin America & the Caribbean			<u>156 130</u>

GLOBAL	ICCROM – Technical Assistance Programme (TAP)	C	<u>25 000</u>
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Grand Total Technical Cooperation **854 870**

1999 TECHNICAL COOPERATION : Approved projects as at 31 May 1999 Natural (N), Cultural (C) and Mixed (M) Sites

AFRICA			US \$
Ghana	Documentation research for the World Heritage Site "Forts and Castles of Ghana"	C	40 000
Mozambique	Within the framework of PACSICOM organize a workshop on natural heritage of coastal & marine Africa	N	20 000
Niger	Suivi de la Réunion de Stratégie globale pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest tenue au Bénin en 1998	M	12 800
Niger	Strengthening Management Capacity of "W" National Park of Niger	N	45 000
United Rep. of Tanzania	Kilimanjaro Stakeholders meeting	N	30 000
Sub-total Africa			<u>147 800</u>

ARAB STATES

Egypt	Rehabilitation Programme for Islamic Cairo	C	120 000
Jordan	Visitors' Centre at Quseir Amra	C	20 000
Lebanon	Conservation project for the Temple of Bacchus, Baalbek	C	7 500
Mauritania	Stabilisation of the sands surrounding the site of Chinguetti	C	20 000
Morocco	Technical co-operation for establishing a management plan of the Archaeological Site of Volubilis	C	7 500

Syrian Arab Republic	Establishing an overall management plan of Palmyra (1st phase)	C	20 000
Syrian Arab Republic	Conservation Project for the Ancient City of Damascus	C	30 000
Syrian Arab Republic	Conservation project for Tekiya Suleymaniah in the Ancient City of Damascus	C	18 000
Tunisia	Establishing a management plan for the Site of Carthage	C	14 000
Sub-total Arab States			<u>257 000</u>
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC			
China	Procurement of Equipment for the Chengde Mountain Resort Museum	C	34 150
China	Workshop on a national strategy concerning the natural World Heritage conservation in China	N	20 000
Nepal	Reproduction of the Joint Mission Report on the State of Conservation of Kathmandu Valley	C	2 550
Nepal	Preparing a full inventory of 120 buildings within the Bauddhanath Monument Zone, Kathmandu Valley	C	20 000
Nepal	Donor Meeting (in London) for training of the Chief Warden of the Sagarmatha National Park	N	7 000
Pakistan	Taxila World Heritage site vegetation control	C	8 000
Philippines	GIS for enhanced management of the Rice Terraces of the Philippines Cordilleras	C	50 000
Viet Nam	Assistance for technical cooperation to Hue and Hoi An	C	16 811
Sub-total for Asia and the Pacific			<u>158 511</u>
EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA			
Bulgaria	Technical Equipment for Monitoring of the Boyana Church	C	20 650
Croatia	Designing and Developing a Dynamic three-dimensional geodetic model of the Plitvice Lakes, travertine barriers and tributaries	N	16 000
Georgia	Implementation of the Masterplan for Mtskheta	C	19 000
Lithuania	Old Town Revitalisation Agency - OTRA	C	20 000
Lithuania	Enhancing of functional capability of public organisations "Academy of Cultural Heritage"	C	20 000
Malta	Technical assistance for the preparation of a Master Plan for the City of Valletta	C	20 000
Portugal	International Symposium on the Conservation and Management of Prehistoric Rock Art Sites on the World Heritage List	C	20 000
Turkey	Conservation work of the mosaics at Hagia Sophia	C	50 000
Turkey	Technical co-operation for the "House of Fatih Inhabitants" within the Historic Centre of Istanbul	C	30 000
Ukraine	Equipment to preserve ancient wall paintings, Saint-Sophia Cathedral, Kiev, Ukraine	C	19 750
Sub-total Europe and North America			<u>235 400</u>
Global			
ICCROM	Reference manual of methodologies for assessing the state of conservation of World Heritage sites:	M	8 000
RAMSAR	Support to Managers of Wetland World Heritage Sites to participate at the Seventh Session of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Ramsar COP7), San Jose, Costa Rica 10-18 May 1999	N	20 000
Sub-total Global			<u>28 000</u>

***LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN***

Brazil	Technical Assistance for the Historic Town of Ouro Preto and the Historic Centers of Olinda and Sao Luiz	C	19 375
Brazil	Restoration of the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus de Congonhas	C	32 574
Cuba	Conservation and management of Morro-Cabana in Havana	C	28 777
Cuba	Rescue and Preservation of La Estrella Fortress and of the Smith (Gramma) Key at the San Pedro de la Roca Castle in Santiago de Cuba	C	50 000
Ecuador	Ecological Monitoring in the Galapagos Archipelago – Establishing a Quarantine System for Monitoring Introduction and Spread of Alien Species	N	61 000
Peru	Emergency measures at the Lines and Geoplyphes of Nasca and Pampas de Jumana	C	50 000
Peru	Master Plan for Chan Chan Archaeological Zone	C	8 700
<i>Sub-total Asia and the Pacific</i>			<u>250 426</u>

Grand Total Technical Co-operation (1999) **1 077 137**

(c) **Training:** At its twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, the World Heritage Committee granted, respectively, for 1998 **US\$982,500** and for 1999 **US \$981,000** for training activities. The Committee continued to give priority to group training rather than individual fellowships. The following training activities were approved by the Committee for amounts above US \$30,000, by the Bureau for amounts between US \$20,000 and US \$30,000, and by the Chairperson of the Committee for amounts below US \$20,000.

**1998 TRAINING – Implementation of approved projects as at 31.12.98
Natural (N), Cultural (C) and Mixed (M) Sites**

<i>AFRICA</i>			US\$
Cameroon	Sub-regional workshop on strengthening biodiversity conservation at the Dja Faunal Reserve	N	29 807
Cameroon	3 Fellowships at Training School of Wildlife Specialists, Garoua for the Academic Year 1998/9	N	20 144
Ethiopia	Seminar on International normative texts and guidelines for conservators	C	15 000
Ghana	ICCROM: Ashanti Traditional buildings	C	47 000
Senegal	2nd International Conference on Wetlands, Dakar	N	20 000
South Africa	World Archaeological Congress-Major Symposium on the World Heritage Convention:concept, development and education,	C	20 000
Uganda	ICCROM:Training for the conservation and maintenance of Kasubi Tomb	C	20 000
Regional	ICCROM - Rock Art Preservation in Southern Africa	C	20 000
Regional	3 fellowships for African specialists in protected site managers for Training at Meka College of African Wildlife Management (Academic year 1998 –1999)	N	30 000
<i>Sub-total Africa</i>			<u>221 951</u>

ARAB STATES

Egypt	Egypt's World Heritage Sites	C	19 990
Lebanon	Conservation of mural paintings	C	19 363
Spain	Sustainable Tourism in Small Islands Developing countries, Lanzarote	M	20 000
Regional	ICCROM: Regional training programme for conservation of historic & archaeological mosaics in the Mediterranean region	C	20 000

Regional	ICCROM - Training seminar for the conservation of archaeological sites in the Near and Middle East region	C	15 000
Regional	ICCROM - Seminar for NAMEC-ITUC urban conservation, Morocco	C	15 000
Sub-total Arab States			<u>109 353</u>
ASIA & THE PACIFIC			
China	Training workshop for urban planning for the International Conference of the Mayors of historic cities	C	24 965
India	Meeting of Regional Training Centers for curricula and training materials development, Wildlife Institute of India	N	30 000
India	Site management Workshop in Elephanta Caves	C	10 000
Indonesia	Global Policy Dialogue of W H and tropical Forest Biodiversity, Brastagi, Northern Sumatra, Dec 98	N	30 000
Iran	Persepolis Stone Conservation	C	15 000
Japan	Multi-coastal agreements for biodiversity conservation	N	20 000
Rep. of Korea	National Training Course on Cultural Heritage Monitoring	C	20 000
Laos	Training programme for the Historic Town of Luang Prabang	C	25 000
Philippines	Training of a core-group of personnel on human and scientific dimensions of managing Tubataha Reef	N	30 000
Philippines	Training to enhance the management of the Baroque Churches	C	22 000
Regional	Training needs analysis of site managers in South East Asia and West Pacific, Australia and New Zealand on local community participation in site management	N	20 000
Sub-total Asia & the Pacific			<u>246 965</u>
EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA			
Armenia	International training activity on "Anti-Seismic Undertaking in Preservation Works of Monuments and Sites"	C	20 000
Austria	Training course for the examination and conservation of architectural surfaces	C	35 000
Croatia	Meeting of World Heritage Educational Co-ordinators	C	15 000
USA	Course for Latin America Wildlands Protected Area Management, July - August 1998	N	16 200
Regional	ICCROM - ITUC North-eastern Europe Training course	C	20 000
Sub-total Europe and North America			<u>106 200</u>
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN			
Brazil	Inter-regional postgraduate course in the conservation of monuments and the rehabilitation of historic cities (CECRE)	C	46 796
Costa Rica	Scholarship to Latin American World Heritage and Protected Area Managers to participate in the 'Catie' Management course	N	20 000
Guyana	International conference on shelter and revitalization of the Management old historic urban centre	C	1 700
Suriname	Seminar on natural heritage and the WH Convention in the Caribbean to be held in Surinam in 1999	M	19 500
Sub-total Latin America & the Caribbean			<u>87 996</u>
GLOBAL			
Regional	Contract with IUCN for Training activities	N	32 400
Regional	ICCROM – Development of a training strategy and procedural Framework in Latin America	C	40 000
Sub-total Global			<u>72,400</u>
Grand Total Training (1998)			<u>844 865</u>

1999	TRAINING : Approved projects as at 31 May 1999		
	Natural (N), Cultural (C) and Mixed (M) Sites		
AFRICA			
Cameroon	Rédaction des actes du seminaire-atelier International de "Formation des Gestionnaires des sites du Patrimoine Mondial et des Réserves de la Biosphère"	N	5 000
Cameroon	3 Training Fellowships for the training of Wildlife Specialists, Garoua, Cameroon for the Academic years 1999 to 2000 and. 2000 to 2001	N	45 000
ICCROM	AFRICA-2009: Conservation of Immoveable Cultural Heritage in Sub-Saharan Africa	C	100 000
Niger	National Sensitising Seminar for the Personnel Charged with Surveillance at the Frontiers for the protection of national cultural and natural heritage	N	20 000
United Rep. of Tanzania	3 fellowships for African specialists in Protected Area/Wildlife Management for the Academic Year 1999 - 2000 at the Mweka College of African Wildlife Management, Tanzania		30 000
	Sub-total Africa		<u>200 000</u>
ARAB STATES			
Egypt	Documentation of Archaeological sites using GIS and Multimedia	C	20 000
Egypt	Regional Workshop for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and preparation of site specific state of conservation reports on periodic monitoring	N	20 000
Jordan	First Aid Kit on the handling and treatment of archaeological material	C	20 000
Lebanon	Training Programme of Conservators-Restorers in the field of Mural Paintings at the World Heritage sites in Lebanon	C	60 000
Oman	Regional Training Workshop for the promotion of the W.H. Convention and raise public awareness of heritage conservation	N	40 000
	Sub-total Arab States		<u>160 000</u>
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC			
China	Training Programme for site managers of World Heritage Cities in China--Consolidation of the International Conference for Mayors of Historic Cities in China and the European Union	C	35 000
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	Training for national, regional and local authorities in the implementation of the WH Convention.	M	20 000
ICCROM	Development of a training strategy for SE Asian cultural heritage	C	25 000
Nepal	14-day Donor meeting for training of the Chief Warden of the Sagarmatha National Park	N	8 202
	Sub-total Asia and the Pacific		<u>88 202</u>
EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA			
Bulgaria	Training workshop on "Srebarna Nature Reserve – core site of the European Ecological Network" (22-25 April 1999)	N	8 000
Russian Federation	Lake Baikal Training Workshop for Russian and Trans-boundary World Natural Heritage Site Managers and Perspective Site Managers	N	48 528
Russian Federation	International Training Workshop for World Heritage Cultural Site Managers from Eastern and Central Europe to be held in Veliky Novgorod, Russian Federation	C	40 000
	Sub-total Europe and North America		<u>96 528</u>

GLOBAL

ICCROM	ITUC'99 - Second International ITUC Workshop, 13 May-26 June 1999, Rome, Italy,	C	30 000
IUCN	Assistance to the World Heritage Centre for implementing the Strategic Action Plan for the Training of Specialists in Natural Heritage	N	30 000
WCMC	Integrating Biodiversity Information Management into Curricula of Regional Wildlife/Protected Area Management Training Institutions - Project Development Workshop	N	30 000
Sub-total Global			<u>90 000</u>

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Argentina	Support for a Master Programme in Conservation of Heritage	C	25 000
Brazil	Specialized Course on Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation – Brazil programme ITUC 1999-2000)	C	49 900
Costa Rica	CATIE XXith International Protected Area Course (19 April to 24 May 1999)	N	20 000
Cuba	Training in Preventive Conservation	C	30 000
Ecuador	Ecological Monitoring in the Galapagos Archipelago – Establishing a Quarantine System for Monitoring Introduction and Spread of Alien Species	N	31500
ICCROM	PAT 99 - Second Pan-American Course on the Conservation and Management of Earthen Architectural and Archaeological Heritage	C	78 470
Sub-total Latin America and the Caribbean			<u>234 870</u>

Grand Total Training (1999)**869 600**

(d) On-site Promotional activities : In 1998, an amount of \$125 000 was allocated for on-site promotional activities of which \$124 998 had been implemented as at 31.12.1998. In 1999, an amount of \$100 000 was budgeted for this activity under which \$122 000 have been approved as at 31 May 1999, as shown below

1998 On-site Promotional activities : Implementation of approved projects as at 31.12.98			
Natural (N), Cultural (C) & Mixed (M) sites			
			US \$
AFRICA			
Mali	Meeting on "Cultural Heritage and Creativity" Bamako 12-18 May 1998	C	5 000
Mali	Expo photos sur architecture dogon au Mali	C	5 000
Ethiopia	UNESCO/CRCCH joint workshop on sharing experiences in World Heritage sites, Addis Ababa, 1-2 July 1998	C	5 000
Mozambique	Seminar Managers Cultural Heritage	C	5 000
Sub-total Africa			<u>20 000</u>
ARAB STATES			
Algeria	Tassili n'Ajjer - Publication of promotional activities	C	5 000
Egypt	Exhibition of Islamic Cairo	C	5 000
Yemen	National Workshop on the W H Convention	C	9 556
Regional	Translation arabic of Operational guidelines	M	3 000
Sub-total Arab States			<u>22 556</u>
ASIA & THE PACIFIC			
China	Publication of an album "The WH of China"	M	7000
China	Exhibition at Mt Huangshan	M	5000
India	On-site promotion for Elephanta Caves	C	5 000

Indonesia	On -site promotion of the Sangiran Early Man Site	C	5 000
Indonesia	On-site promotion of Borobodur & Prambanan	C	5000
Lao P D R	Promotion WH Convention in Luang Prabang	C	5000
Nepal	On-site promotion activity at Kathmandu	C	5000
New Zealand	Photographic exhibition of New Zealand World Heritage sites	C	4 000
Philippines	On site promotion of Baroque Churches	C	5 000
Vietnam	Promotion of the Convention Hue Monuments	C	5 000
Sub-total Asia & the Pacific			<u>51 000</u>
EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA			
Portugal	Seminar on the application of article 29 of the Convention for natural and cultural heritage	C	5 000
Belgium	Information Kit in Flemish	M	2 200
Sub-total Europe & North America			<u>7 200</u>
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN			
Mexico	Contract with INAH for the procurement and installation of a computer in the City of Guanajuato	C	5 000
Brazil	Production of an exhibit on Brazilian World Heritage sites	C	9 242
Colombia	Special issue on WH, Revista de Restoracion HOY	C	5 000
Ecuador	Expo Oswaldo Marin "Villes du P.M." Paris	C	5 000
Sub-total Latin America & the Caribbean			<u>24 242</u>
Grand Total Promotional Activities (1998)			<u>124 998</u>
1999	On-site Promotional activities : Approved requests as at 31 May 1999		
	Natural (N), Cultural (C) and Mixed (M) Sites		
AFRICA			
Botswana	National Workshop for preparation of tentative list	M	2 000
Ghana	National Workshop on 1972 Convention	M	5 000
Sub-total Africa			<u>7 000</u>
ARAB STATES			
Iraq	Photo Exhibition on the W H site of "Hatra" to be held at UNESCO HQs : 24-25 March 1999	C	3 500
Lebanon	Photo Exhibition on Lebanese (Baalbeck and Tyr) and other WH sites organised within the framework of "Beirut Cultural Capital of the Arab World in 1999".	C	5 000
Morocco	Exhibition on the restoration work of Dar Adyel at Fez	C	3 700
			<u>12 200</u>
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC			
Bangladesh	Promotion of the WH Convention in Bangladesh	M	5 000
China	UNESCO's Participation in the International Horticulture Exposition in Kunming, China 1May-31 October 1999	M	5 000
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	Translation of the W H Convention and the Operational Guidelines into national Korean language	M	5 000
Indonesia	On-site promotion at Borobodur and Prambanang	C	5 000
Pakistan	Signage on-site within the Taxila Museum Complex concerning the WH Convention and its relation to the Taxila WH Site.	C	5 000
Pakistan	Signage on-site at the Fort and Shalimar Gardens of Lahore concerning the World Heritage Convention and its relation to the Fort and Shalimar Gardens sites.	C	5 000
Philippines	Travelling exhibition on the World Heritage Convention in the Philippines	C	5 000
			<u>35 000</u>

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Austria	Promotional Assistance for the Austrian magazine Das Welterbe	M	5 000
Belgium	Information Kit in Flemish	M	2 800
Finland	Web site Project of the Baltic Sea World Heritage Program	M	10 000
Germany	MOSAÏC - film project proposal by Ms Deborah Phillips	C	5 000
Norway	World Heritage seminar and summer camp for young people and teachers, Roros August 1999	C	10 000
Slovakia	Exhibit of the art of primary school students from World Heritage cities entitled "World Heritage - A Youthful Vision"	C	5 000
Sweden	First World Heritage teacher/student camp, Tanum - 26 to 29 August 1999	C	10 000
Turkey	Historic areas of Istanbul	C	5 000
Turkey	Exposition on Hagia Sophia, Istanbul	C	5 000
Sub-total Europe and North America			<u>57 800</u>

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Ecuador	Publication of book on cultural World Heritage sites	C	5 000
Nicaragua	Conferences to promote the World Heritage Convention in Nicaragua	M	5 000
Sub-total Latin America and the Caribbean			<u>10 000</u>

Grand Total Promotional Activities (1999) **122 000**

(e) **Emergency assistance:** Thanks to a reserve fund for emergency assistance of **\$500,000 in 1998**, established from the operating reserves of the World Heritage Fund, several rapid interventions have made it possible to contribute and respond to emergency requests approved for an exceptional total amount of **\$655,250** for both the cultural and the natural heritage. Actual implementation of **1998 approved** projects amounted to **\$323 155**. An amount of **\$600,000** was approved for **1999** of which Emergency requests totalling **\$491,528** were approved as at **31 May 1999**.

26. Assistance for work relating to cultural and natural properties inscribed or suitable for inscription on the World Heritage List and which have undergone or are threatened by serious damage due to unpredictable and sudden phenomena, was provided for the period 1 January 1998 to 31 May 1999, for the following properties:

1998 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE :Implementation of approved requests as at 31.12.98

			US\$
AFRICA			
Democratic Republic of Congo	<u>Purchase of two vehicles for World Heritage sites</u>	N	<u>41 150</u>
Sub-total Africa			<u>41 150</u>
ARAB STATES			
Morocco	Preservation of the City wall of Medina d' Essaouira	C	47 199
Mauritania	Conservation of the Minaret of the Oasis of Ouadane	C	3 931
Sub-total Arab States			<u>51 130</u>
ASIA & THE PACIFIC			
India	Contribution towards the implementation of an emergency rehabilitation plan for Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	N	2 909
Vietnam	Historic monuments of Queen Mother's Palace	C	47 091
Sub-total Asia & the Pacific			<u>50 000</u>

**EUROPE & NORTH
AMERICA**

Albania	Butrinti, site in danger: Water drainage, sheltering alarm system	C	10 645
Sub-total Europe & North America			<u>10 645</u>

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Colombia	Santa Cruz de Mompox	C	50 000
El Salvador	Urgent works at the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren	C	35 000
Honduras	Replacement of a protective canopy of the Hieroglyphic Stairway at the Maya site of Copan	C	5 000
Nicaragua	Emergency conservation measures at the site of Leon Viejo	N	37 000
Peru	Chavin Archaeological Site	C	37 298
Sub-total Latin America & the Caribbean			<u>164 298</u>

GLOBAL

ICOMOS	Request for supplementary emergency assistance	C	<u>5 932</u>
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Grand Total Emergency Assistance (1998) **323 155**

**1999 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE : Approved projects as at 31 May 1998
Natural (N), Cultural (C) and Mixed (M) Sites**

ARAB STATES

US\$

Mauritania	Conservation of the Minaret of the Oasis of Ouadane (US \$ 3,931 spent in 1998, rest of US \$ 46,069 to be obligated in 1999)	C	46 069
Sub-total Arab States			<u>46 069</u>

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

China	Rehabilitation of Wulingyuan Scenic and Historic Interest Area and Flood Damage Control	N	60 000
Sub-total Asia and the Pacific			<u>60 000</u>

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Albania	Butrinti	C	89 355
Armenia	Museum Building of the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots	C	29 682
Malta	Emergency Assistance for Hagar Qim, Megalithic Temples	C	72 448
Sub-total Europe and North America			<u>191485</u>

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Brazil	Consolidation of the slopes of the hills around Ouro Preto and restoration of Antonio Diaz bridge.	C	50 000
Dominican Republic	Emergency measures at the Palacio de Diego de Herrera in Santo Domingo (Approved in 1998)	C	50 000
Ecuador	Measures to prevent damage to cultural heritage of Quito in event of eruption of the volcano Guagua Pichincha	C	50 000
Honduras	Emergency measures for the protection and reconstruction of the Maya Site of Copan	C	43 975
			<u>193 975</u>

Grand Total Emergency Assistance (1999) **491 529**

VI. CONSULTATIVE BODY OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Background

27. At its twentieth session in December 1996, the World Heritage Committee requested a Financial Audit of the World Heritage Fund for the year ending 31 December 1996 and a Management Review of the World Heritage Convention. Furthermore, the Committee established a Consultative Body “to take action on the proposal adopted by the Committee, to undertake a review of the way in which the World Heritage Centre has assisted the Committee in implementing the World Heritage Convention”.

28. At its twenty-first session in December 1997, the Committee had requested that the Consultative Body examine four issues and present a report to the twenty-second session of the World Heritage Committee and its Bureau:

1. Technical issues
2. Communications and Promotion
3. Management Review and Financial Audit
4. Use of the World Heritage Emblem and Fund-Raising Guidelines.

29. The Consultative Body had asked Professor Francioni (Italy) to chair the Consultative Body in 1998. Members of the Consultative Body were Australia, Benin, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malta, Mexico, United States of America and Zimbabwe. A meeting of the Consultative Body was held at UNESCO Headquarters on 29 and 30 April 1998. At the invitation of the Chairperson, representatives of Germany and Greece also attended, as did observers from Ecuador and Hungary and the Director of the World Heritage Centre. The Report of the Rapporteur of the meeting of the Consultative Body was adopted on 24 June 1998 and was subsequently discussed by the twenty-second ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (22-27 June and 27-28 November 1998) and the twenty-second session of the World Heritage Committee (30 November-5 December 1998).

Technical Issues

30. The following technical issues were examined by the Consultative Body at the request of the twenty-first session of the Committee:

- (a) the application of cultural criteria (i) and (vi);
- (b) the test of authenticity;
- (c) the imbalance of the World Heritage List; and
- (d) the implementation of the Global Strategy.

31. The Consultative Body also referred to some of the main findings of the World Heritage Global Strategy Natural and Cultural Heritage Expert Meeting, held in Amsterdam in March 1998. The Committee adopted a number of decisions, seeking to ensure more participation of those States Parties whose heritage is currently underrepresented on the World Heritage List through stronger implementation of the *Global Strategy for a credible and representative World Heritage List*. The Committee also requested the World Heritage Centre to work with the advisory bodies, to further develop the revision of Section I of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* and submit them to the twenty-third session of the Bureau. The Bureau would then submit for adoption its recommendations to the twenty-third session of the World Heritage Committee.

Furthermore, the Committee requested that the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the advisory bodies present a progress report on the implementation of the regional actions described in the Global Strategy Action Plan adopted by the Committee at its twenty-second session to the twenty-third session of the Committee. Finally, the Committee requested that an agenda item on “Ways and means to ensure a representative World Heritage List” be presented to the twelfth General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention in 1999. The twenty-third session of the Bureau was asked to prepare the agenda item for the General Assembly.

Communication and Promotion

32. A discussion paper was prepared by Canada on the issue of Communication and Promotion and examined by the Consultative Body during its meeting in Paris in April 1998. Three recommendations were formulated in the proposal and adopted by the Consultative Body: The first recommendation called for the adoption of a set of principles and guidelines for future governance of the communication and promotional activities. The second called for a strategic plan and the third for a business case of the *World Heritage Review*. A strategic plan for World Heritage Documentation, Information and Education activities and a business case of the *Review* were therefore prepared by the Secretariat as requested and submitted to the World Heritage Committee at its twenty-second session in Kyoto, Japan. The Committee noted the quality of the strategic plan and agreed to continue to support the *Review* by providing funds for coordination, editing and quality control of the articles, while stressing the need to develop the specificity of the *Review* and expressing concern about its sustainability. The actions required by the Secretariat, as formulated in recommendations II and III, were carried out and supported by the Committee. However, the principles and guidelines proposed in recommendation I were not formally adopted by the World Heritage Committee due to lack of time. Recommendation I will therefore be brought before the twenty-third session of the World Heritage Committee in December 1999 for adoption.

Management Review and Financial Audit

Follow-up to the Report of the External Auditor to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Management Review of the World Heritage Convention

33. The “*Report of the External Auditor to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Management Review of the World Heritage Convention*” was submitted to its twenty-first session in December 1997. The recommendations of the Management Review and Financial Audit were discussed at the April 1998 Consultative Body meeting with reference to a discussion paper prepared jointly by France and Italy. The twenty-second session of the Bureau examined the Report of the Rapporteur of the Consultative Body and prepared a number of recommendations. The recommendations of the twenty-second session of the Bureau were presented to the twenty-second session of the Committee.

34. A Progress Report on Follow-up to the “*Report of the External Auditor to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Management Review of the World Heritage Convention*” was presented to the twenty-second session of the World Heritage Committee in December 1998 however, it could not examine the progress report in detail, due to time constraints.

35. The Committee requested the twenty-third session of the Bureau to examine the *Progress Report on Follow-up to the “Report of the External Auditor to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Management Review of the World Heritage Convention”* prepared by the Centre. Furthermore, the Committee asked that the twenty-third session of the Bureau present its own report and recommendations on the subject to the twenty-third session of the World Heritage Committee for adoption.

Role and functions of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

36. At its twenty-second session in June 1998, the Bureau requested that the Director-General of UNESCO provide a report outlining “the tasks and functions of the World Heritage Centre as Secretariat to the Convention”.

37. At the request of the twenty-second session of the Committee, the “Green Note” entitled the ‘Preservation and Presentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage’ issued by the Director-General of UNESCO on 23 November 1998 (DG/Note/98/53) was presented to the Committee.

38. Following considerable debate as to how best to express the vision they have for the future of the Centre, the twenty-second session of the Committee repeated the request made by the twenty-second session of the Bureau in June 1998. The Committee requested the Director-General of UNESCO to prepare a report to include reference to the tasks and functions of the World Heritage Centre as Secretariat to the Convention for presentation to the twenty-third session of the Bureau (5-10 July 1999). There has been another note of the Director-General of UNESCO on “Adjusting the structure of the Culture Sector” (DG/Note/99/9) issued on 19 March 1999 which refers to the synergy between the World Heritage Centre, the Cultural Heritage Division and the Division of Ecological Sciences.

Use of the World Heritage Emblem and Fund-Raising Guidelines

39. After many years of debate on the issue of the use of the World Heritage Emblem and Fund-raising for World Heritage, the twenty-first session of the Committee decided to entrust these matters to the Consultative Body for further examination. Japan and the United States of America undertook to prepare a proposal for new guidelines on these issues. At its meeting in April 1998, the Consultative Body discussed the proposed guidelines and decided that these should be amended, in co-operation with the Secretariat, to reflect the discussions of the group. The amended proposal was examined by the twenty-second ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (22-27 June and 27-28 November 1998) and then submitted for approval to the twenty-second session of the World Heritage Committee (30 November to 5 December 1998). The Committee adopted new Guidelines and Principles for the use of the World Heritage Emblem which were included in the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the Convention* as Annex 3. Furthermore, the Committee directed the Centre to work in accordance with the “Internal Guidelines for Private Sector Fund-raising in Favour of UNESCO” for matters related to fund-raising for the World Heritage Fund.

VII. WORLD HERITAGE PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

40. Public awareness building being fundamental to the transmission of values and knowledge, and sense of individual responsibility for the protection of World Heritage, as clearly indicated in the World Heritage Convention, information and promotional activities over the past two years have focused on the dissemination of World Heritage information to as wide a sector of the general public as possible. In 1998, a strategic plan for World Heritage

Information, Documentation and Education Activities was developed, as recommended by the Consultative Body of the World Heritage Committee, and presented to the twenty-second session of the World Heritage Committee. This strategic plan, essentially targeting the States Parties, in support of their efforts to implement the Convention, and the international community, was elaborated to help respond to growing need for information about the Convention and the sites under its protection. It focuses primarily on the creation of new partnerships and addresses some of the problems such as limited distribution of information materials produced by UNESCO owing to insufficient print-runs and distribution capacity. The strategy plan emphasizes the need for co-operation from States Parties and stresses the importance of international mass media involvement to guarantee maximum information dissemination.

41. The proposed annual workplan includes the following activities: the improvement of the information management of the World Heritage Centre through electronic conversion of documents to strengthen the Centre's capacity to handle a growing number of documents (see below); the continued production of the World Heritage information package, support to the publication of the World Heritage Review; the duplication of a French-language slide pack and the translation into Spanish of the travelling exhibit on the World Heritage conservation process. This workplan also includes Internet and World Heritage Information Network activities such as: the annual update of the web site, the introduction of geographic information and maps to the web site and a web site expansion. It also focuses on existing partnerships with the media and publishers and plans to expand the network of current partners by introducing new participants specialized in other methods of communication, such as radio, to reach different target groups.

42. A three-year workplan offering opportunities for periodic review by the Committee was proposed for the first time. This three-year workplan will be reduced to a two-year plan after the year 2001 to coincide with the UNESCO biennium cycle.

Statutory Documentation

43. The World Heritage Centre has placed particular emphasis on establishing a modern document and information management system to enable better decision and policy-making. Statutory documentation includes the reports of statutory and expert meetings, site nomination dossiers, state of conservation reports and mission reports. To facilitate access and utilization, the highest priority was given to converting these documents into electronic formats, allowing search capability and rapid access to the information. These electronic files now include the texts and graphic material from the nomination dossiers of all sites inscribed on the World Heritage List.

44. As approved by the twenty-first session of the Committee, a group of international experts met with staff of the World Heritage Centre in March 1998 to review the information management of the Centre's operations. It recommended the introduction of a new management information system to integrate existing information sources within the Centre, making the resulting information available for the first time to Centre staff, advisory bodies, Committee members and other units in UNESCO. This would provide with real-time access to the digitized nomination dossiers and mission reports, state of conservation files, and the most current international assistance decisions. With assistance from the World Heritage Committee, Finland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, the first stage of this system will become a reality by late 1999.

45. The UNESCO Special Project: "**Young People's Participation in World Heritage Preservation and Promotion**" continues to be implemented jointly by the World Heritage Centre and the Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) of UNESCO's Education Sector. The Project aims to develop new educational approaches to raise young people's awareness about World Heritage, and promote attitudes and competence in favour of the protection of the world's outstanding natural and cultural heritage. The Project received wide acclaim and support from the World Heritage Committee.

46. After four years of preparation by a UNESCO team, with the inputs from several international experts, an innovative educational resource Kit for teachers entitled "**World Heritage in Young Hands**" has been produced (2,500 copies in English and 1,500 copies in French). The Kit is now available for testing in Associated Schools and other secondary schools (especially those near World Heritage properties) throughout the world. The Kit was prepared with financial support from the Rhône-Poulenc Foundation of France. More than 1,300 copies of the Kit were distributed to schools via National Commissions for UNESCO at the beginning of 1999. Another 600 copies were sent to UNESCO field offices. UNESCO has received 45 requests for the translation and publication of the Kit in national language versions.

47. With support from the World Heritage Committee, the World Heritage Centre, the Education Sector of UNESCO and the Osaka Junior Chamber Inc. of Japan, a Second International World Heritage Youth Forum was held in Japan in November 1998. A World Heritage Youth Forum will be organized at the Island of Gorée, Senegal from 21 to 27 August 1999. This event will bring together students and teachers from English speaking Africa, as well from the Caribbean, to talk about World Heritage preservation at a site with powerful associations with the slave trade. Also, the First Arab States World Heritage Youth Forum will be held in Morocco from 23 to 28 November 1999 in co-operation with the Moroccan National Commission for UNESCO. The aim is to follow-up the Committee's request for greater implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Arab States. Thirteen States Parties in the region will be invited to participate in this Youth Forum.

48. With a view to examining the overall development of this Special Project, an International Workshop on World Heritage Education was organized by the World Heritage Centre and UNESCO's Education Sector in Chartres, France in February 1999. Participants from UNESCO field offices of different regions of the world, experts from the advisory bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN) discussed and prepared an Action Plan for the future implementation of the Project (1999-2001) and Guidelines for sub-regional teacher-training courses in favour of World Heritage Education.

49. A new brochure describing the Project was produced in English and French in September 1998 and reprinted in April 1999. More than 2,000 copies were distributed to Associated Schools worldwide and as a result UNESCO received numerous requests for further co-operation. Also, a bilingual flyer (English and French) introducing the Kit was produced in six thousand copies. A 14 minutes video presenting the Special Project has been produced in 1999 for distribution to all Member States of UNESCO.

ANNEX I

PROPERTIES WHICH THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO INCLUDE IN THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

Contracting State Having Submitted the Nomination In Accordance with the Convention	Name of Property	Date of Inscription
Albania	Butrinti	6/12/1997 Naples, 21st Session of the Committee
Benin	Royal Palaces of Abomey	6/12/1985 Paris, 9th Session of the Committee
Bulgaria	Srebarna Nature Reserve	14/12/1992 Santa Fe, 16 th Session of the Committee
Cambodia	Angkor	14/12/1992 Santa Fe, 16 th Session of the Committee
Central African Republic	Manovo-Gounda St. Floris National Park	6/12/1997 Naples, 21st Session of the Committee
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Virunga National Park	17/12/1994 Phuket, 18th Session of the Committee
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Garamba National Park	7/12/1996 Merida, 20th Session of the Committee
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kahuzi-Biega National Park	6/12/1997 Naples, 21st Session of the Committee
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Okapi Wildlife Reserve	6/12/1997 Naples, 21st Session of the Committee
Ecuador	Sangay National Park	14/12/1992 Santa Fe, 16 th Session of the Committee
Ethiopia	Simien National Park	7/12/1996 Merida, 20th Session of the Committee

Guinea/Cote d'Ivoire	Mount Nimba Nature Reserve	14/12/1992 Santa Fe, 16th Session of the Committee
Honduras	Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve	7/12/1996 Merida, 20th Session of the Committee
India	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	14/12/1992 Santa Fe, 16th Session of the Committee
Jerusalem (site proposed by Jordan)	Old City of Jerusalem & its Walls	17/12/1982 Paris, 6th Session of the Committee
Mali	Timbuktu	12/12/1990 Banff, 14th Session of the Committee
Niger	Air & Ténéré Natural Reserves	14/12/1992 Santa Fe, 16th Session of the Committee
Oman	Bahla Fort	9/12/1988 Brasilia, 12th Session of the Committee
Peru	Chan Chan Archaeological Zone	28/11/1986 Paris, 10th Session of the Committee
Tunisia	Ichkeul National Park	7/12/1996 Merida, 20th Session of the Committee
United States of America	Everglades National Park	11/12/1993 Cartagena, 17th Session of the Committee
United States of America	Yellowstone	9/12/1995 Berlin, 19th Session of the Committee
Yugoslavia	Natural & Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor	26/10/1979 Luxor, 3rd Session of the Committee

see also: <http://www.unesco.org/whc/danglist.htm>