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OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters
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Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda:
Elections to the World Heritage Committee

**INF. 5: List of candidatures for the elections
to the World Heritage Committee**

SUMMARY

This document presents the finalized List of States Parties candidates for the elections to the World Heritage Committee as per Rule 13.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

This document cancels and replaces the previous one

List of candidatures for the election to the World Heritage Committee¹

STATE PARTY		PROPOSED MANDATE
1.	Jamaica	4 years
2.	Kazakhstan	4 years
3.	Kenya	4 years
4.	Lebanon	4 years
5.	Namibia	4 years
6.	Republic of Korea	4 years
7.	Senegal	4 years
8.	Sudan	4 years
9.	Türkiye	4 years
10.	Ukraine	4 years
11.	Viet Nam	4 years

¹ Complete curricula vitae of experts in the field of cultural/natural heritage proposed by States Parties' candidates available on <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/24GA>

LIST OF THE 195 STATES PARTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE FROM 1976 TO 2022

States Parties	Accession to the Convention	Type of instrument	Electoral group	Mandates to the World Heritage Committee	Total of years	Total of Mandates
Afghanistan	20/03/1979	R	4			0
Albania	10/07/1989	R	2			0
Algeria	24/06/1974	R	5b	1978 - 1980; 1983 - 1989; 2011 - 2015;	12	3
Andorra	03/01/1997	Ac	1			0
Angola	07/11/1991	R	5a	2015 - 2019;	4	1
Antigua and Barbuda	01/11/1983	Ac	3			0
Argentina	23/08/1978	Ac	3	1978 - 1985; 2001 - 2005;	11	2
Armenia	05/09/1993	S	2			0
Australia	22/08/1974	R	4	1976 - 1983; 1983 - 1989; 1995 - 2001; 2007 - 2011; 2017 - 2021;	27	5
Austria	18/12/1992	R	1			0
Azerbaijan	16/12/1993	R	2	2015 - 2019;	4	1
Bahamas	15/05/2014	R	3			0
Bahrain	28/05/1991	R	5b	2007 - 2011; 2017 - 2021;	8	2
Bangladesh	03/08/1983	Ac	4			0
Barbados	09/04/2002	Ac	3	2007 - 2011;	4	1
Belarus	12/10/1988	R	2			0
Belgium	24/07/1996	R	1	1999 - 2003;	4	1
Belize	06/11/1990	R	3			0
Benin	14/06/1982	R	5a	1995 - 2001; 2003 - 2007;	10	2
Bhutan	22/10/2001	R	4			0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	04/10/1976	R	3			0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12/07/1993	S	2	2017 - 2021;	4	1
Botswana	23/11/1998	Ac	5a			0
Brazil	01/09/1977	Ac	3	1980 - 1987; 1987 - 1993; 1993 - 1999; 2007 - 2011; 2017 - 2021;	27	5
Brunei Darussalam	12/08/2011	R	4			0
Bulgaria	07/03/1974	Ac	2	1978 - 1983; 1985 - 1991;	11	2
Burkina Faso	02/04/1987	R	5a	2015 - 2019;	4	1
Burundi	19/05/1982	R	5a			0
Cabo Verde ²	28/04/1988	Ac	5a			0

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Cambodia	28/11/1991	Ac	4	2009 - 2013;	4	1
Cameroon	07/12/1982	R	5a			0
Canada	23/07/1976	Ac	1	1976 - 1978; 1985 - 1991; 1995 - 2001; 2005 - 2009;	18	4
Central African Republic	22/12/1980	R	5a			0
Chad	23/06/1999	R	5a			0
Chile	20/02/1980	R	3	2003 - 2007;	4	1
China	12/12/1985	R	4	1991 - 1997; 1999 - 2005; 2007 - 2011; 2017 - 2021;	20	4
Colombia	24/05/1983	Ac	3	1989 - 1995; 1999 - 2005; 2011 - 2015;	16	3
Comoros	27/09/2000	R	5a			0
Congo	10/12/1987	R	5a			0
Cook Islands	16/01/2009	R	4			0
Costa Rica	23/08/1977	R	3			0
Côte d'Ivoire	09/01/1981	R	5a			0
Croatia	06/07/1992	S	2	2013 - 2017;	4	1
Cuba	24/03/1981	R	3	1987 - 1993; 1995 - 2001; 2005 - 2009; 2015 - 2019;	20	4
Cyprus	14/08/1975	Ac	1	1980 - 1987; 1991 - 1997;	13	2
Czechia ³	26/03/1993	S	2			0
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	21/07/1998	Ac	4			0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	23/09/1974	R	5a	1980 - 1987;	7	1
Denmark	25/07/1979	R	1			0
Djibouti	30/08/2007	R	5a			0
Dominica	04/04/1995	R	3			0
Dominican Republic	12/02/1985	R	3			0
Ecuador	16/06/1975	Ac	3	1976 - 1980; 1995 - 2001;	10	2
Egypt	07/02/1974	R	5b	1976 - 1983; 1991 - 1997; 1999 - 2005; 2007 - 2011; 2019 - 2023;	27	5
El Salvador	08/10/1991	Ac	3			0
Equatorial Guinea	10/03/2010	R	5a			0
Eritrea	24/10/2001	Ac	5a			0
Estonia	27/10/1995	R	2	2009 - 2013;	4	1
Eswatini ⁴	30/11/2005	R	5a			0
Ethiopia	06/07/1977	R	5a	2009 - 2013; 2019 - 2023;	8	2

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Fiji	21/11/1990	R	4			0
Finland	04/03/1987	R	1	1997 - 2003; 2013 - 2017;	10	2
France	27/06/1975	Ac	1	1976 - 1978; 1978 - 1985; 1987 - 1993; 1993 - 1999; 2009 - 2013;	25	5
Gabon	30/12/1986	R	5a			0
Gambia (the)	01/07/1987	R	5a			0
Georgia	04/11/1992	S	2			0
Germany ⁵	23/08/1976	R	1	1976 - 1978; 1980 - 1987; 1991 - 1997; 2011 - 2015;	19	4
Ghana	04/07/1975	R	5a	1976 - 1980;	4	1
Greece	17/07/1981	R	1	1985 - 1991; 1997 - 2003;	12	2
Grenada	13/08/1998	Ac	3			0
Guatemala	16/01/1979	R	3	2017 - 2021;	4	1
Guinea	18/03/1979	R	5a	1980 - 1987;	7	1
Guinea-Bissau	28/01/2006	R	5a			0
Guyana	20/06/1977	Ac	3			0
Haiti	18/01/1980	R	3			0
Holy See	07/10/1982	A				0
Honduras	08/06/1979	R	3			0
Hungary	15/07/1985	Ac	2	1997 - 2003; 2017 - 2021;	10	2
Iceland	19/12/1995	R	1			0
India	14/11/1977	R	4	1985 - 1991; 2001 - 2007; 2011 - 2015;	16	3
Indonesia	06/07/1989	Ac	4	1989 - 1995; 2015 - 2019;	10	2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26/02/1975	Ac	4	1976 - 1980;	4	1
Iraq	05/03/1974	Ac	5b	1976 - 1983; 2009 - 2013;	11	2
Ireland	16/09/1991	R	1			0
Israel	06/10/1999	Ac	1	2005 - 2009;	4	1
Italy	23/06/1978	R	1	1978 - 1985; 1987 - 1993; 1993 - 1999; 1999 - 2001;	21	4
Jamaica	14/06/1983	Ac	3	2013 - 2017;	4	1
Japan	30/06/1992	Ac	4	1993 - 1999; 2003 - 2007; 2011 - 2015;	14	3
Jordan	05/05/1975	R	5b	1980 - 1987; 2007 - 2011;	11	2
Kazakhstan	29/04/1994	Ac	4	2013 - 2017;	4	1
Kenya	05/06/1991	Ac	5a	2005 - 2009;	4	1
Kiribati	12/05/2000	Ac	4			0

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Kuwait	06/06/2002	R	5b	2003 - 2007; 2015 - 2019;	8	2
Kyrgyzstan	03/07/1995	Ac	4	2017 - 2021;	4	1
Lao People's Democratic Republic	20/03/1987	R	4			0
Latvia	10/01/1995	Ac	2			0
Lebanon	03/02/1983	R	5b	1983 - 1989; 1993 - 1999; 2001 - 2005; 2013 - 2017;	20	4
Lesotho	25/11/2003	Ac	5a			0
Liberia	28/03/2002	Ac	5a			0
Libya ⁶	13/10/1978	R	5b	1980 - 1987;	7	1
Lithuania	31/03/1992	Ac	2	2003 - 2007;	4	1
Luxembourg	28/09/1983	R	1			0
Madagascar	19/07/1983	R	5a	2005 - 2009;	4	1
Malawi	05/01/1982	R	5a	1983 - 1989;	6	1
Malaysia	07/12/1988	R	4	2011 - 2015;	4	1
Maldives	22/05/1986	Ac	4			0
Mali	05/04/1977	Ac	5a	2009 - 2013; 2019 - 2023;	8	2
Malta	14/11/1978	Ac	1	1995 - 2001;	6	1
Marshall Islands	24/04/2002	Ac	4			0
Mauritania	02/03/1981	R	5b			0
Mauritius	19/09/1995	R	5a	2005 - 2009;	4	1
Mexico	23/02/1984	Ac	3	1985 - 1991; 1991 - 1997; 1997 - 2003; 2009 - 2013;	22	4
Micronesia (Federated States of)	22/07/2002	Ac	4			0
Monaco	07/11/1978	R	1			0
Mongolia	02/02/1990	Ac	4			0
Montenegro	03/06/2006	S	2			0
Morocco	28/10/1975	R	5b	1995 - 2001; 2005 - 2009;	10	2
Mozambique	27/11/1982	R	5a			0
Myanmar	29/04/1994	Ac	4			0
Namibia	06/04/2000	Ac	5a			0
Nepal	20/06/1978	Ac	4	1978 - 1983;	5	1
Netherlands ⁷	26/08/1992	Ac	1	2003 - 2007;	4	1
New Zealand	22/11/1984	R	4	2003 - 2007;	4	1
Nicaragua	17/12/1979	Ac	3			0

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Niger	23/12/1974	Ac	5a	1993 - 1999;	6	1
Nigeria	23/10/1974	R	5a	1976 - 1980; 2001 - 2005; 2007 - 2011; 2019 - 2023;	16	4
Niue	23/01/2001	Ac	4			0
North Macedonia ⁸	30/04/1997	S	2			0
Norway	12/05/1977	R	1	1983 - 1989; 2003 - 2007; 2017 - 2021;	14	3
Oman	06/10/1981	Ac	5b	1989 - 1995; 2001 - 2005; 2019 - 2023;	14	3
Pakistan	23/07/1976	R	4	1978 - 1985; 1987 - 1993;	13	2
Palau	11/06/2002	Ac	4			0
Palestine	08/12/2011	R	5b			0
Panama	03/03/1978	R	3	1978 - 1985;	7	1
Papua New Guinea	28/07/1997	Ac	4			0
Paraguay	27/04/1988	R	3			0
Peru	24/02/1982	R	3	1989 - 1995; 2005 - 2009; 2013 - 2017;	14	3
Philippines	19/09/1985	R	4	1991 - 1997; 2013 - 2017;	10	2
Poland	29/06/1976	R	2	1976 - 1978; 2013 - 2017;	6	2
Portugal	30/09/1980	R	1	1999 - 2005; 2013 - 2017;	10	2
Qatar	12/09/1984	Ac	5b	2011 - 2015;	4	1
Republic of Korea	14/09/1988	Ac	4	1997 - 2003; 2005 - 2009; 2013 - 2017;	14	3
Republic of Moldova	23/09/2002	R	2			0
Romania	16/05/1990	Ac	2			0
Russian Federation ⁹	12/10/1988	R	2	2001 - 2005; 2009 - 2013; 2019 - 2023;	12	3
Rwanda	28/12/2000	Ac	5a			0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	10/07/1986	Ac	3	2017 - 2021;	4	1
Saint Lucia	14/10/1991	R	3	2001 - 2005;	4	1
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	03/02/2003	R	3			0
Samoa	28/08/2001	Ac	4			0
San Marino	18/10/1991	R	1			0
Sao Tome and Principe	25/07/2006	R	5a			0
Saudi Arabia	07/08/1978	Ac	5b	2019 - 2023;	4	1
Senegal	13/02/1976	R	5a	1976 - 1978; 1978 - 1985; 1989 - 1995; 2011 - 2015;	19	4
Serbia	11/09/2001	S	2	2011 - 2015;	4	1
Seychelles	09/04/1980	Ac	5a			0

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Sierra Leone	07/01/2005	R	5a			0
Singapore	19/06/2012	R	4			0
Slovakia	31/03/1993	S	2			0
Slovenia	05/11/1992	S	2			0
Solomon Islands	10/06/1992	A	4			0
Somalia	23/07/2020	R	5a			0
South Africa	10/07/1997	R	5a	1999 - 2005; 2009 - 2013; 2019 - 2023;	14	3
South Sudan	09/03/2016	R	5a			0
Spain	04/05/1982	Ac	1	1991 - 1997; 2005 - 2009; 2017 - 2021;	14	3
Sri Lanka	06/06/1980	Ac	4	1983 - 1989;	6	1
Sudan	06/06/1974	R	5b	1978 - 1980;	2	1
Suriname	23/10/1997	Ac	3			0
Sweden	22/01/1985	R	1	2007 - 2011;	4	1
Switzerland	17/09/1975	R	1	1978 - 1985; 2009 - 2013;	11	2
Syrian Arab Republic	13/08/1975	Ac	5b	1989 - 1995;	6	1
Tajikistan	28/08/1992	S	2			0
Thailand	17/09/1987	Ac	4	1989 - 1995; 1997 - 2003; 2009 - 2013; 2019 - 2023;	20	4
Timor-Leste	31/10/2016	R	4			0
Togo	15/04/1998	Ac	5a			0
Tonga	30/04/2004	Ac	4			0
Trinidad and Tobago	16/02/2005	R	3			0
Tunisia	10/03/1975	R	5b	1976 - 1983; 1987 - 1993; 2005 - 2009; 2015 - 2019;	21	4
Turkey	16/03/1983	R	1	1983 - 1989; 2013 - 2017;	10	2
Turkmenistan	30/09/1994	S	4			0
Tuvalu	18/05/2023	R	4			0
Uganda	20/11/1987	Ac	5a	2017 - 2021;	4	1
Ukraine	12/10/1988	R	2			0
United Arab Emirates	11/05/2001	A	5b	2009 - 2013;	4	1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	29/05/1984	R	1	2001 - 2005;	4	1
United Republic of Tanzania	02/08/1977	R	5a	1985 - 1991; 2015 - 2019;	10	2
United States of America	07/12/1973	R	1	1976 - 1983; 1987 - 1993; 1993 - 1999; 2005 - 2009;	23	4

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Uruguay	09/03/1989	Ac	3			0
Uzbekistan	13/01/1993	S	2			0
Vanuatu	13/06/2002	R	4			0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	30/10/1990	Ac	3			0
Viet Nam	19/10/1987	Ac	4	2013 - 2017;	4	1
Yemen ¹⁰	07/10/1980	R	5b	1985 - 1991;	6	1
Zambia	04/06/1984	R	5a			0
Zimbabwe	16/08/1982	R	5a	1997 - 2003; 2015 - 2019;	10	2

1st election: 26 November 1976.

Committee's 1st session: 27 June - 1 July 1977.

Members' mandates which were to expire in 1982 were extended to 1983 because of a change in the General Conference's calendar.

Also see: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/>

Notes

1. This *Convention* entered into force on 17 December 1975. It subsequently entered into force for each State three months after the date of deposit of that State's instrument, except in cases of declarations of succession (indicated by the letter (S)), where the entry into force occurred on the date on which the State assumed responsibility for conducting its international relations.
2. Change of country name: 25 October 2013.
3. Effective date for the short official name: 17 May 2016.
4. Further to the communication dated 30 May 2018 from the permanent mission addressed to the Protocol and Liaison Service, the country name was changed from the former name of the Kingdom of Swaziland (former short form: Swaziland). Effective date: 19 April 2018.
5. Through the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany, with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German States have united to form one Sovereign State. The Contracting Parties to the Unification Treaty "have agreed that the treaties and agreements to which the Federal Republic of Germany is a contracting party ... remain in force and that their respective rights and obligations ... be applied" to the whole territory of Germany. The German Democratic Republic acceded to this Convention on 12 December 1988.
6. On 16 September 2011, the National Transitional Council requested, via the Protocol and Liaison Service, that the form "Libya", previously not in use at the UN, replace both the earlier official and short forms (respectively, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (the)).
7. With an extension to Curaçao.
8. Further to the communication dated 14 February 2019 from the permanent mission addressed to the Protocol and Liaison Service in line with the Final Agreement for the Settlement of the Differences as Described in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the Termination of the Interim Accord of 1995, and the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership between the Parties. Effective date: 14 February 2019.
9. The instrument of ratification was deposited by the U.S.S.R., on 12 October 1988.
10. The unification of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen into a single Sovereign State, the Republic of Yemen, was proclaimed on 22 May 1990.