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### REPORT ON ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE DIVISION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AT WORLD HERITAGE SITES

#### **SUMMARY**

In accordance with the request of the World Heritage Committee at its twenty-first session held in Naples, Italy, and in partial response to Recommendations 94 and 97 of the « Report of the External Auditors to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Management Review of the World Heritage Convention », this Information Document prepared by the Division of Cultural Heritage (CLT/CH) of the UNESCO Cultural Sector provides summary tables by geographical regions of on-going activities financed from extrabudgetary funding sources carried out at World Heritage sites by CLT/CH.

It should be noted that extrabudgetary funds provided to UNESCO for implementation by CLT/CH are not only for World Heritage sites, but cover other activities for sites which are not inscribed on the World Heritage List. The summary tables therefore only list those activities specifically related to World Heritage sites financed from extrabudgetary funds.

It should also be noted that the largest part of the funds mobilized by UNESCO (CLT/CH, Science Sector, Education Sector and the World Heritage Centre, among others) through its technical support in project identification, project development and advisory services are financed and implemented through other international or bilateral development co-operation agencies (eg. World Bank, UNDP, etc) and therefore do not appear in these tables as they cannot be considered as UNESCO extrabudgetary funds.

Given the multi-year duration of extrabudgetary projects, the termination dates of the projects provided in these tables are only indicative. Moreover, some projects mentioned in these tables may be current phases of projects which have had earlier phases that have been completed. Such prior-year phases of projects do not appear in these tables.

**REGION: AFRICA** 

Country/World Heritage Site	Project title	"Donor"	Total budget of project since creation	Activities for 1999 and foreseen expenditure
Benin				
Royal Palaces of Abomey (World Heritage in Danger)	Improvement and promotion of the two royal palaces of Abomey	Italy	\$416,000	Activities under a 1998 contract with ICCROM were interrupted and restoration work has resumed in 1999 and is expected to be terminated in December 2000. (\$200,000)
Ethiopia				
Rock-hewn Churches of Lalibela	Construction of shelters for the churches	European Union project	European Union project	This project was prepared by the EU further to a UNESCO financed mission in 1997. UNESCO's contribution involves participation of 1 CH and 1 WHC staff member in the jury of the international design competition for the shelters (September 1999).
	International Campaign for the safeguarding of the principal monuments and sites of Ethiopia	Switzerland	\$135,000	The Swiss National Commission for UNESCO contributed to the restoration of the Adadi Mariam Church terminated in early 1999.
Senegal				
Island of Gorée	International Campaign for the Safeguarding of the Island of Gorée	International Campaign voluntary contributions	\$132,500	Promotional activities "Journées culturelles" organised by the City of Gorée (May 1999). (\$5,000)
Zimbabwe				
Great Zimbabwe National Monument	Development Plan for the Great Zimbabwe National Monument	UNDP	\$201,310	Final revision being prepared for this project.

**REGION: EUROPE** 

World Heritage Site	Project title	"Donor"	Total budget of project since creation	Activities for 1999 and foreseen expenditure
Italy				
Venice and its Lagoon	UNESCO/Private Committee Programme for the Safeguarding of Venice	Private International Committee funds	\$1.3 million	Continuation of restoration and conservation activities (palaces, churches, paintings, frescos etc.) sponsored by the private international committees.
Romania				
Churches of Moldavia	International Support for the restoration and preservation of the Probota Monastery	Japan	\$756,000	The project is to be completed in September 1999 with the restoration/conservation of the mural paintings. Preparation of a new project is in process.
	Data Base for the restoration and preservation of the Probota Monastery	Japan-Accrued Interest	\$71,200	Preparation of the computer data base and of a booklet on the project. 4 panels on the progress of work are available for exhibition at the Bureau meeting.
T. 1				For both projects \$400,000 to be spent in 1999
Turkey	TD1 T 1	T	Φ174.000	D 1 L 1 L
Historic areas of Istanbul	The International Campaign for the Safeguarding of the	International Campaign voluntary	\$174,000	Brochures on Istanbul and Göreme have just been printed. The pilot restoration projects
Göreme National	Historic Quarters of	contributions		outlined in the brochures are
Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia	Istanbul and the Site of Goreme in Cappadocia			presently under discussion with the Turkish authorities with a view to using the remaining funds in the Trust fund.

**REGION: ASIA/PACIFIC** 

Country/ World Heritage Site	Project title	"Donor"	Total budget of project since creation	Activities for 1999 and foreseen expenditure
Bangladesh				
Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat Ruins of the	International Campaign for the Safeguarding of the Historic Sites	International Campaign voluntary contributions	\$3,800	Campaign Review meeting foreseen 2 <sup>nd</sup> half 1999. (\$3,000)
Buddhist Vihara	of Paharpur and			
at Paharpur	Bagerhat	Japan FIT	\$527,500	
Cambodia				
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	International Programme for the Preservation and Presentation of the Angkor Site	American Express	\$50,000	The tourist guide (E/F) will be printed in 1999. (\$27,000)
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	Formation des Guides touristiques au Cambodge	American Express	\$50,000	Training manual (E/F/Khmer) to be printed. (\$10,000)
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	Restoration of the Temple Pre-Rup, Angkor (Phase II)	Italy	\$127,000	The first team mission composed of an engineer, an architect and local consultants was undertaken in Feb. 1999 for the consolidation of the east-south towers. (\$32,000)
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	Selection of Khmer inscriptions in Angkor- publication of epigraphic reference book	Japan	\$70,000	Preparation of the manuscript (\$21,000)
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	Restauration de la Terrasse des Eléphants	France	\$37,000	Activity terminated in Dec. 1998.
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	Conservation and restoraton of Royal Plaza, Bayon and Angkor Vat	Japan	\$8.5million (1 <sup>st</sup> phase) \$9.7 million (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase)	Continuation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase when approved for scientific research and restoration work as well as the elaboration of a Master Plan of the Bayon Temple.
Angkor (World Heritage in Danger)	Training for National Capacity Building for the Conservation of Cultural Monuments (includes Angkor)	Japan	\$1.2 million	Training programme for Cambodian university students in the field of archaeological conservation and architecture for a 3 year period starting 1999. (\$400,000 for 1999)

China				
Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian	Rehabilitation, Protection and Conservation of the Peking Man World Heritage Site.	FIT-Private funds (Assistance Ethno,Franc e +EDF)	\$70,000 (Assistance Ethno) + \$140,000 in kind (EDF)	Plan of work for the conservation of the site to be prepared for this project estimated at \$2.2 million. (\$30,000)
India				
Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	Project for Sanchi (inscribed on list) and Satdhara	Japan	\$443,000	The project has reached the last stage of the foreseen excavations and conservation work including the stabilization of the structural remains and their vicinity including the Sanchi Hill. Work is expected to be completed in March 2000. (all sums obligated by 1998).
Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	Tripartite Review of Sanchi project	Japan	\$20,000	Missions for tripartite review held in early 1999. (\$20,000)
Taj Mahal	Preservation of the Taj Mahal and other monuments in Agra	FIT-Private funds (Rhône- Poulenc)	\$236,700	Training in France of 2 chemists from the Agra Archaeological Survey; study trip to France for the 2 deputy Director-Generals who will meet with UNESCO, French Ministry of Culture, CNRS etc.; mission of a stone specialist; stone conservation equipment for the Archaeological Survey laboratory in Agra. (Total \$46,000)
Indonesia				
Borobudur Temple Compounds	International Campaign for the Safeguarding of the Temple of Borobudur	International Campaign voluntary contributions	\$7 million	Photogrammetric equipment for the Borobudur Conservation Laboratory has been ordered for some \$110,000.
Iran				
Tchogha Zanbil	Conservation of Tchogha Zanbil	Japan	\$442,000	Work on the conservation and drainage of the ziggurat and the main court yard is progressing since late 1998 when the operational plan was approved and a national coordinator appointed. (\$126,000).
Nepal				
Kathmandu Valley	International Safeguarding Campaign for the Kathmandu Valley	International Campaign voluntary contributions	107,000	Next Campaign review foreseen in July 1999. The restoration of the mural paintings at Sundari Chowk will start in October 1999. (\$13,000)
		Japan FIT	\$375,000	
		UNDP	\$1 million	
Pakistan				
Archaeological ruins at Moenjodaro	International Campaign for the Safeguarding of Moenjodaro	International Campaign voluntary contributions	\$7 million	The Campaign was completed in 1997. The Government is preparing a report on the implementation of the last Consultative and Executive meetings including the maintenance of the site and the
		Japan FIT	\$0.5 million	development of the Moenjodaro Conservation Cell. (\$60,000)
		UNDP	\$0.5 million	

Taxila and Buddhist ruins of Takht-I-Bahi, Pakistan	Conservation of the Gandhara Monuments Gandhara Tripartite Review	Japan Japan	\$443,000 \$25,000	Restoration operations will terminate in 1999 (\$3,600). Follow-up phase to project is eventually foreseen for 1999-2000.  Missions for tripartite meeting held in early 1999.(\$25,000)
Sri Lanka				
Sacred City of Anuradhapura, Ancient City of Polonnaruva, Ancient city of Sigiriya, Sacred City of Kandy and Golden Temple of Dambulla	International Campaign for Safeguarding the Cultural Triangle of Sri Lanka	International Campaign voluntary contributions WFP UNDP	\$19,900 \$2.7 million \$0.5 million	The conservation of these sites has almost been completed according to the master plan and the Government is presently preparing the last session of the International Campaign Committee (all remaining funds obligated in 97/98).
Thailand				
Historic Town of Sukhothai	International Campaign for the Safeguarding of Sukhothai	International Campaign voluntary contributions	\$160,000	Awaiting government approval for Phase II of Master Plan which concerns the development of the park and its vicinity.
Vietnam				
Complex of Hue monuments	International Campaign for safeguarding the monuments of Vietnam	International Campaign voluntary contributions  Japan FIT  Rhône- Poulenc	\$100,000 \$300,000	Computer equipment order (\$10,000).

#### **REGION: ARAB STATES**

Country/World Heritage Site	Project title	"Donor"	Total budget of project since creation	Activities for 1999 and foreseen expenditure
Egypt				
Nubian Monuments from Abu Simbel to Philae  And  Islamic Cairo	International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo	International Campaign voluntary contributions	\$4.6 million	Continuation of training personnel for the Nubia Museum by ICOM (International Council on Museums). \$75,000
Jordan	Cuno			
Petra	Conservation of the Alter of the Qasr el Bint Temple	Private Funds (Hotel Radisson)	\$40,000	Conservation work. (\$40,000)
Jordan/Syria		,		
Petra, Quseir Amra  Ancient City of Damascus, Ancient City of Bosra, Site of Palmyra, Ancient City of Aleppo	Training courses in management of monuments and archaeological sites (Jordan/Syria)	Italy	\$300,000	The courses will begin this year. (approx. \$100,000)
Lebanon				
Tyre	International Campaign for the Safeguarding of Tyre	International Campaign voluntary contributions		\$15,000 for the first meeting of the Int'l Scientific Committee, to be held in June 1999.
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya				
Old Town of Ghadames	The rehabilitation of the Old City of Ghadames: enhancement of tourism and improvement of economic and social activities	UNDP preparatory assistance	\$10,000	Awaiting government approval of feasibility study, prepared by this project, for a possible FIT project.
Mauritania				
Ancient Ksour of Ouadane, Chinguetti	Conservation of the manuscripts of Chinguetti and Ouadane	FIT-private funds (Rhône- Poulenc)	\$89,600	Continuation of the systematic inventory of manuscripts . (\$36,000).
Morocco				
Fez	Restoration and rehabilitation of Dar Adiyel Palace	Italy	\$734,000	The project is finished and a publication has been printed in 1999. (approx. \$25,000)

#### **REGION: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Country/World Heritage Site	Project title	"Donor"	Total budget of project since creation	Activities for 1999 and foreseen expenditure
Historic centres in the region on the World Heritage List	Study on historic centres in Latin America and the Caribbean	France, IDB	\$20,000	Preparation and publication of the study on historic centres in Latin America and the Caribbean. (\$20,000)
Quito	Social sustainability of the historic center of Quito	UNESCO in partnership with the IDB	\$80,000	Technical assistance to make the population aware of the cultural values of the historic centre which is being renovated on a large scale. (\$40,000)