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BUREAU OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda : Information on Tentative Lists and examination of nominations of cultural and natural sites to the List of World Heritage in Danger and the World Heritage List

SUMMARY

1. At its seventeenth session in Cartagena, December 1993, the Committee expressed its concern on the small number of tentative lists that meet the requirements as stipulated in the Operational Guidelines, paragraphs 7 and 8, and confirmed the importance of these lists for planning purposes, comparative analyses of nominations and for facilitating the undertaking of the global and thematic studies. These lists constitute also an inventory of the properties situated within the territory of each State Party, and which it considers suitable for inclusion on the World Heritage List. The Committee also confirmed that the tentative lists are **mandatory** for cultural properties which the State Party intends to nominate for inscription on the World Heritage List during the coming five to ten years.
2. Therefore, the Committee invited the States Parties, which had not yet done so, to submit tentative lists in accordance with the Operational Guidelines, with the understanding that "preparatory assistance should be provided if necessary and requested by the State Party concerned". The Committee also decided that "as of 1 October 1995, only nominations of *cultural properties that are included in tentative lists which meet all requirements as stipulated in the Operational Guidelines would be processed.*"
3. By 1 July 1999, **43** countries had submitted nominations for cultural properties for inscription on the World Heritage List which appeared on their tentative lists and met the requirements of the Operational Guidelines.

4. As of 15 May 2000, out of **160** countries which had ratified the Convention,
 - **112** States Parties had submitted tentative lists in accordance with the criteria specified in the Operational Guidelines;
 - **47** countries had not submitted any tentative lists.
5. All the tentative lists received by the World Heritage Centre from State Parties having submitted nominations for review in 2000 are attached in **Annex I**, in alphabetical order.