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Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda : Revision of Rules of Procedure

1. Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee stipulates that "the Committee shall elect at the beginning of each ordinary session a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur who shall remain in office until the beginning of the next ordinary session, provided that the States which they represent remain members of the Committee".
2. It will be recalled that at its second session held in Washington from 5 to 8 September 1978, the Committee elected Mr. K. Pawlowski (Poland) as Rapporteur. However, the term of office of the State represented by Mr. Pawlowski expired at the end of the 20th session of the General Conference and Poland withdrew its candidature for re-election to the World Heritage Committee. According to the terms of Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, Mr. Pawlowski could no longer remain in office. The Bureau consequently lacked a rapporteur for its second session (28-30 May 1979) and designated one of its members Mr. Parent (France), to act as rapporteur for that session.
3. In order to avoid a similar occurrence in the future, the Bureau recommends that the World Heritage Committee amend its Rules of Procedure by inserting immediately after Rule 14 an additional Rule providing for the replacement of the Rapporteur according to the same procedure as that foreseen in Rule 14 for the replacement of the Chairman, and proposes the following wording :

"Rule 15. Replacement of the Rapporteur

- 15.1 If the Rapporteur is unable to act at any session of the Committee, or part thereof, his functions shall be exercised by a Vice-Chairman in the English alphabetical order of States members of the Committee.

15.2 If the Rapporteur ceases to represent a State member of the Committee or if he is for any reason unable to complete his term of office, he is replaced by a Vice-Chairman, in the English alphabetical order of States members of the Committee, for the remainder of the term of office."