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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda: Guidelines for the evaluation of technical
co-operation requests

At its fourth session (1-5 September 1980), the World Heritage Committee requested the Bureau "to elaborate guidelines for the evaluation of technical co-operation requests which then could be reviewed and adapted by the Committee."

In accordance with this request, the Secretariat drew up the following suggestions which are submitted to the Bureau for consideration.

Modifications are suggested below for paragraphs 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 of the "Operational guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention".

45. States Parties can request technical co-operation for the following purposes:

original
(text)

- " a) work foreseen in safeguarding projects for properties included, or
" nominated for inclusion in the World Heritage List; and
" b) as support for the training of specialized staff at the national or
" regional level, in accordance with Article 23 of the Convention.

(new
clause)

" 45 bis Requests for technical co-operation must be sent to the Secretariat by the
" State Party concerned before 1st March of each year in order to be considered
" by the Bureau and the Committee within the same year. Requests received after
" this date will be considered by the Committee of the following year.

(proposal
based on
procedure
for requests
for prepa-
ratory
assistance)

This schedule does not apply however to projects not exceeding a ceiling of \$20,000, for which the following simplified procedure will be applied: the Secretariat, after examining the dossier, will forward the request to the Chairman, who will decide in consultation with the Director-General on how the request can be best implemented.

accompanied by all available information and the
advice of the Bureau, which will be as appropriate.

46. On receiving the request, the Secretariat:

(new
text)

- registers the request ensuring that it relates to property included or nominated for inclusion in the World Heritage List, or else that its objective is to assist training centres, in accordance with paragraph 45;
- checks that this request takes one of the forms foreseen in Article 22 of the Convention, as follows:

(original
text)

- (i) studies concerning the artistic, scientific and technical problems raised by the protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation of the cultural and natural heritage, as defined in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 11 of this Convention;
- (ii) provision of experts, technicians and skilled labour to ensure that the approved work is correctly carried out;
- (iii) supply of equipment which the State concerned does not possess or is not in a position to acquire;
- (iv) low-interest or interest-free loans which might be repayable on a long-term basis;
- (v) the granting, in exceptional cases and for special reasons, of non-repayable subsidies.

47. The following information should be provided in requests for technical co-operation:

(modified
text)

a. safeguarding projects for properties included or nominated for inclusion in the World Heritage List

(I) details of property

- date of inscription or of nomination for inclusion in the World Heritage List,
- description of property and of dangers to property,
- legal status of property

(II) details of request

- scientific and technical information on the work to be undertaken,
- detailed description of equipment requested (notably make, type, voltage, etc.) and of required personnel (specialists and workmen), etc.,
- if appropriate, details on the "training" component of the project.,
- schedule indicating when the project activities will take place,

- (III) cost of proposed activities
 - paid nationally,
 - requested under the Convention,
 - other multilateral or bilateral contributions received or expected, indicating how each contribution will be used,
 - (IV) national body responsible for the project and details of project administration.
- if the request involves
- b. support for the training of specialized staff at the national or regional level
- (i) details on the training course concerned (courses offered, level of instruction, teaching staff, number of students and country of origin, etc.);
 - (ii) type of assistance requested (details on field of specialization and level of teaching staff requested, duration required, equipment needed, etc.);
 - (iii) approximate cost of assistance requested;
 - (iv) other contributions: national financing, received or anticipated multilateral or bilateral contributions.

(new paragraph) 48. The Secretariat will request the country concerned to provide further information if necessary. The Secretariat can also ask for expert advice from the appropriate organization (ICCROM, ICOMOS, IUCN).

(N.B. Former paragraph 48 has been taken out, but some elements are taken up in paragraph 47, without making a distinction for "major projects".)

This information should be made available to the Government
 by each and every member before X the last meeting because of the
 Committee. X X

(modified text) 49. The Secretariat will forward requests not exceeding a ceiling of \$20,000 directly to the Chairman.

for other requests, the Secretariat will present the Bureau with a brief description of the technical co-operation requests.

(new clause) 49 bis The Bureau will consider the requests which are presented at its meetings and will make recommendations thereon to the Committee.

- The Secretariat will forward the Bureau's recommendation to all the State members of the Committee.

(new clause) 49 ter If the recommendation is positive, the Secretariat will proceed with all
" the preparatory work necessary for implementing the technical cooperation
" immediately after the Committee has decided to approve the project.

(new clause) 49 quatro At the Committee meeting, the Committee will make a decision on the request for technical co-operation taking account of the Bureau's recommendation.

- The Committee's decisions will be forwarded to the States Parties.

- The Secretariat will proceed to implement the project.