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Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda : Modification of Rules of Procedure  
of the Committee, Section V Officers : Rules 12.1 and 14.2 - Duration  
of functions of members of Bureau

1. At its fourth session (September 1980), the Committee elected five Vice-Chairmen including the representatives of Ghana and Yugoslavia. However, at the Third General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, which met in October 1980, Ghana and Yugoslavia, whose term of office was due to expire at the end of the 21st session of the General Conference, were not candidates for re-election to the Committee and thus ceased to be members. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 12.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, these two Vice-Chairmen could no longer remain in office after the end of the 21st session of the General Conference. The members of the Bureau were consequently reduced in number.
2. To avoid a repetition of this situation, it would seem appropriate to amend the Rules of Procedure in one of the following ways :
  - a) either to provide that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur may only be elected among those States whose term of office does not expire before the next ordinary session of the Committee ;
  - b) or to foresee that the officers elected shall remain in office until the beginning of the next ordinary session, even if the States which they represent do not remain members of the Committee during the full period.

3. The text of Rule 12.1 reads at present as follows :

"12.1 The Committee, at the beginning of each ordinary session, shall elect 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."

If the Committee were to decide to amend the Rules of Procedure in the way described in paragraph 2 a) above, the following revised text of Rule 12.1 could be considered :

"12.1 The Committee, at the beginning of each ordinary session, shall elect a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur among those States whose term of office on the Committee does not cease before the next ordinary session. The officers elected shall remain in office until the beginning of the next ordinary session."

If, on the other hand, the Committee decided to amend the Rules of Procedure in the alternative way described in paragraph 2 b) above, the following revised text of Rule 12.1 could be considered :

"12.1 The Committee, at the beginning of each ordinary session, shall elect a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who shall remain in office until the beginning of the next ordinary session."

4. In both cases, Rules 14.2 and 15.2 would have to be amended accordingly. The following revised text of Rule 14.2 is proposed :

"14.2 If the Chairman 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."

A similar amendment would be made to Rule 15.2, as follows :

"15.2 If the Rapporteur 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."

Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda : Report on the fifth session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (Paris, 4-7 May 1981)

5. The report of the Rapporteur on the fifth session of the Bureau is set out in document CC-81/CONF.002/4.

Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda : Nominations to the World Heritage List

6. At its fourth session, the Committee deferred a decision on twenty-one nominations to the World Heritage List. Twenty-eight new nominations from fourteen countries were received by the Secretariat as at 1 January 1981, the deadline set by the Committee for the receipt of nominations to be examined during 1981. The Bureau examined all these nominations at its fifth session. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the recommendations formulated by the Bureau which are set out in Part II, paragraph 6, sections A and B, of the report on the Bureau meeting (document CC-81/CONF.002/4). These nominations are submitted to the Committee for a decision as to their inscription on the World Heritage List.
7. Any additional information received from States Parties in response to the requests made by the Bureau will be made available to the Committee.

Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda : Technical co-operation requests

8. At its fifth session, the Bureau examined the requests previously deferred as well as the new requests received from States Parties. The recommendations of the Bureau on all these requests which are submitted to the Committee for decision are given in Part III, paragraph 14, of the report on the Bureau meeting (document CC-81/CONF.002/4).
9. Any other technical co-operation requests received from States Parties, including those referred to in paragraph 15 of the above-mentioned report will be submitted to the Committee in a separate document.

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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda : Public information activities

10. This item is taken up in a separate document (CC-81/CONF-003/3).

Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda : Consideration of Statement of accounts of the World Heritage Fund and adoption of a budget for 1982

11. The Statement of accounts of the World Heritage Fund is given in document CC-81/CONF.003/4.

Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda : Guidelines for the evaluation of technical co-operation requests

12. At its fourth session, the Committee requested the Bureau to elaborate guidelines for the evaluation of technical co-operation requests which could be then reviewed and adopted by the Committee. The Bureau examined at its recent session a text prepared by the Secretariat to which it made several amendments. The revised text set out in Annex I which would replace paragraphs 45 to 49 of the "Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention" (document WHC/2 Revised, dated October 1980) is proposed to the Committee by the Bureau.

13. The Bureau furthermore recommended that in each future annual budget the Committee set aside a sum equivalent to one quarter of the total amount allocated for technical co-operation to be used for the financing of projects the cost of which does not exceed \$20,000 each.

Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda : Procedure for the evaluation and examination of nominations to the World Heritage List

14. At the fourth session of the Committee, a text was proposed by a member on working procedures for the evaluation and presentation of properties nominated and the Committee requested the Bureau to examine those proposals at its next session. In view of its heavy schedule, the Bureau was unable to take up this matter at its fifth session.

15. The proposal put forward at the last session is therefore brought to the attention of the Committee :

"The following working procedures should apply to evaluations of proposed nominations and their presentation to and discussion by the Committee :

- (i) representatives of a State Party, whether or not a member of the Committee, should not speak to advocate the inclusion in the list of a property situated within the territory of that State except to deal with a point of information in answer to a question;
- (ii) the manner of the professional evaluation carried out by ICOMOS and IUCN should be fully described in all instances;
- (iii) each property should be compared with properties of a similar type or dating from the same period inside and outside the State Party's boundaries, and a comparative justification should be given for its proposed inclusion in the List;
- (iv) it is desirable that wherever possible the professional presentation of the nominated property should include a slide presentation or other graphic presentation. (This is not only useful for making decisions, it also serves an important educational function for members of the Committee since they share responsibility for the propagation of information about properties included in the List.)"

Revised text proposed by the Bureau to replace paragraphs 45 to 49 of the "Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention" (document WHC/2 Revised, dated October 1980).

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

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

new 46. 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  
" in the following year.

new 47. The above 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  
" and receiving the advice of ICCROM, ICOMOS or IUCN, as appropriate, will  
" forward the request accompanied by all other relevant documents directly  
" to the Chairman, who is authorized to approve the financing of such  
" projects up to the total amount set aside for this purpose.

new 48. On receiving the request, the Secretariat :

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" - 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 :
- (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.

rev. 49. The following information should be provided in requests for technical co-operation :

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 50. If necessary, the Secretariat will request the country concerned  
" to provide further information. This information should be made  
" available to the Secretariat at least two months before the forth-  
" coming session of the Committee. The Secretariat can also ask for  
" expert advice from the appropriate organization (ICCROM, ICOMOS, IUCN).
- new 51. The Secretariat will present the Bureau with a brief description  
" of the technical co-operation requests which exceed \$20,000.
- new 52. 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  
" States members of the Committee.
- new 53. If the recommendation is positive, the Secretariat will proceed  
" with all the preparatory work necessary for implementing the  
" technical co-operation immediately after the Committee has decided to  
" approve the project.
- new 54. 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 and the Secretariat will proceed to implement the project."