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Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda: Requests for Technical Cooperation

Since the Eleventh Ordinary Session of the World Heritage Committee held between 7-11 December 1987, the following technical cooperation requests have been received from **Algeria, Nepal, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire** for natural properties and from **Greece, Oman, Poland, and Sri Lanka** for cultural properties. In addition, a request for support for a training seminar in the field of natural heritage has been received from **Madagascar**.

1. Tassili N'Ajjer National Park - Algeria

Background: Tassili N'Ajjer National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in December 1982. In 1987, some small-scale equipment was provided under technical cooperation at a cost of \$5,600. The Committee approved a further \$17,000 under the 1988 technical cooperation budget for consultant services, small-scale equipment and a financial contribution towards the publication of a consultant report forming the basis of the management plan. This consultancy has resulted in the formulation of a large-scale UNDP project to implement certain aspects of the management plan.

Description of the request: The sum of \$53,000 is requested to cover the costs of equipment for the visitor's centre (photographic material, etc. for preparing diaporamas) and for an all-terrain vehicle. This request complements the activities to be undertaken in the UNDP project.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is invited to make a recommendation on this request from the Committee (1989 budget).

2. Royal Chitwan National Park (Nepal)

Background: The Royal Chitwan National Park of Nepal was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1984. The Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Conservation of Nepal requested \$30,000 for the development of an interpretive and conservation education centre. That request, however, was not revised along the lines suggested by the Secretariat and since then no other request for this site had been received.

Description of Request: The objectives of the project are:

- a) The development of an over-all scheme for the protection of the site and the implementation of at least three prototype projects which would be recommended by the scheme.
- b) The development of an interpretive/conservation education prospectus for park headquarters.
- c) The preparation of interpretive materials for distribution to schools, visitors and local people and the production of a comprehensive field guide on the natural and human history of the park.

The total amount requested includes expenses for three different consultancies in relation to each of the above objectives and an additional \$32,300 to meet costs of equipment purchase. The project is part of the UNDP/FAO project (NEP/85/11) on National Parks and Protected Areas Management in Nepal which has been in progress for the last two years and awaits evaluation for renewal in August 1988.

National Contribution: The Department of National Parks and Wildlife is contributing an estimated \$10,000 in kind. The King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation of Nepal has provided technical and professional assistance for project development and financial management of the project.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve \$30,000 for meeting the costs of a three-month consultancy for developing a scheme mentioned in objective (a) and for purchasing equipment essential to implementing at least three prototype projects to be recommended as part of the scheme.

3. Mweka College of African Wildlife Management (United Republic of Tanzania)

Background: The College of African Wildlife Management at Mweka, United Republic of Tanzania, is a regional training centre in accordance with Article 23 of the Convention. Each year, the training of 3-5 specialists from States Parties to the World Heritage Convention is supported under the World Heritage Fund. The College is a regional focal point for training managers of several natural World Heritage sites of anglophone Africa.

The College's regional importance is also acknowledged by other international organizations.

Description of Request: The request concerns the funding required to purchase a "UNIMOG", an all-terrain vehicle, urgently required for use in field training activities of the college. The total cost is estimated to be \$60,000, of which \$30,000 is requested under the World Heritage Fund.

National Contribution: The college is raising the balance of \$30,000 from national and other regional and international sources.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is invited to consider approving this request.

4. Zaire

A. **Garamba National Park**

The Garamba National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1980 and on the World Heritage List in Danger in 1984. \$19,120 was provided for purchase of equipment for this site in 1981. Since then, a consortium has been formed between WWF, the Frankfurt Zoological Society and the World Heritage Convention/Unesco to provide support in the longer-term to protect the rhinoceros population within the park. For this joint activity, \$20,000 was approved in 1985 for purchase of equipment for poaching control. During 1985 an additional amount of \$25,000 was also provided under emergency assistance.

Description of Request: A request has been submitted by the Institut Zaïrois pour la conservation de la nature for the purchase of equipment and spare parts for the World Heritage Toyota vehicle to strengthen the anti-poaching measures for a total amount of \$50,000.

Action by the Bureau: This request is currently under revision and will be presented orally to the Bureau.

B. **Virunga National Park**

Background: Virunga National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979. A sum of \$43,760 was provided under technical cooperation in 1980 for purchase of equipment for research and data collection and improving protection of the site.

Description of Request: The request aims to cover the total cost of purchasing equipment essential for better patrolling the park. A total sum of \$40,000 is to be used for the purchase of 3 motor boats, 20 large tents, 50 small tents, 20 pairs of binoculars, 200 water cans, 200 back-packs and 25 walkie-talkies. EEC is presently developing initiatives for reconstructing park headquarters and field stations and repairing roads within the park. Links have been established with EEC for collaborating in this venture.

National Contribution: All local costs pertaining to implementation of the project will be met by the State Party.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is invited to make a recommendation on this request to the Committee.

5. Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae (Greece)

Background: The Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae, situated in a zone of seismic activity, was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1986. Since 1965 measures of structural consolidation, as well as of anti-seismic and micro-climatological protection, have been carried out by the Greek authorities and will be continued as part of a programme of conservation.

Description of Request: In order to monitor the effectiveness of the above-mentioned measures, the Greek authorities require specialized equipment. The cost of some of this equipment is expected to be met through national funding. The present request of \$30,000 from the Fund would

cover the acquisition from abroad of two portable micro-earthquake systems (\$20,000 approx.) and the purchase and assembly in Greece of a micro-climatological monitoring device. This equipment is expected to be used also to monitor the state of other Greek properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

National Contribution: The total amount that Greece intends to allocate to this conservation and restoration programme over 7 years will be some \$3,000,000.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may perhaps wish to approve the amount of \$30,000 requested.

6. Bahla Fort (Oman)

Background: At its eleventh session in 1987, the Committee, while inscribing the property on the World Heritage List, expressed the wish that the Sultanat of Oman request that this property be placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger. Oman submitted such a request on 8 February 1988.

In fact, the mud walls of the Fort are crumbling, the rooftops and ceilings have practically disappeared and termites have destroyed most of the wooden doors and windows.

Description of request: The request to the Fund would cover the cost of work to strengthen the foundations of the Fort wall and to study methods for the reconstruction of the doors, windows and other wooden elements, estimated at \$250,000.

National Contribution: Oman envisages employing a workforce of 90 persons over a two-year period for strengthening the walls of the Fort, installing water and electrical facilities and for carpentry and metalwork, and expects to allocate approximately \$1 million to these tasks.

Action by the Bureau: On the basis of comments to be made by the representative of ICOMOS at the Bureau meeting, the Bureau may perhaps wish to recommend that the Committee approve an appropriate amount.

7. Wieliczka Salt Mine (Poland)

Background: On account of the degradation of this property which was placed on the World Heritage List in 1978, and which has just been the object of a monitoring report, Poland requested once again, in its letter of 31 March 1988, that the property be placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

The request for technical cooperation submitted by Poland in 1983 was not accepted by the Committee at that time due to the fact that Poland had already been granted assistance several times from the World Heritage Fund and also that the resources of the World Heritage Fund were very limited.

In 1984, the Committee also considered that the geological information available was insufficient to take a decision on this request.

The Salt Mine, which has been in activity without interruption since the Middle Ages and which has a total linear surface of 300 kms on 9 levels, is in danger of collapse, inundation, and of disintegration of its salt walls due to condensation of water vapour.

Description of Request: Poland is requesting \$1 million to cover the cost of equipment unavailable locally, and for the technological assistance necessary for restoration work. In view of the large amount requested, the Secretariat asked the Polish authorities to provide a detailed cost estimate for the first part of the priority work.

National Contribution: The amount foreseen by Poland over a period of 30 years, amounts to \$300 million.

Action by the Bureau:

On the basis of the comments which the representative of ICOMOS will present at the Bureau meeting, the Bureau may perhaps wish to recommend that the Committee approve an appropriate amount.

8. Sri Lanka

Background: The cities of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1982.

An International Campaign has been launched for the "Cultural Triangle" and assistance provided to the project, notably through UNDP and the World Heritage Fund (\$33,342 for basic equipment and the archaeological laboratory of Anuradhapura).

Description of Request: Sri Lanka would need special equipment for conservation and restoration of monuments, and would need to train restoration architects and archaeologists. Sri Lanka is seeking \$59,000 for this purpose. The Secretariat has requested Sri Lanka to provide a detailed list of the necessary equipment as well as an estimate of costs.

National Contribution: Sri Lanka has already spent \$75,000 for training courses in archaeology and architectural conservation.

Action by the Bureau: Subject to receiving the information requested, the Bureau may perhaps wish to recommend that the Committee approve this request.

9. Madagascar - Request for support for training activities

Background: At present, there are no natural or cultural World Heritage properties within Madagascar. The nomination of a natural site (Tsingy de Bamaraha) will be examined by the Bureau at its session this year. Support under the World Heritage Fund has been provided for preparatory assistance (\$1,500 for natural heritage in 1985, \$1,398 for cultural heritage in 1985), for training of natural heritage specialists (\$9,000 in 1985; \$12,000 in 1986) and for a national meeting promoting the aims of the Convention at an exemplary natural heritage project area (\$25,000 in 1987).

Description of Request: The sum of \$25,000 is requested to support a training seminar on the management of natural resources and of biosphere reserves in Madagascar, to be held in early 1989 as a follow-up to the 1987 meeting. Such a training seminar is considered of priority to the Malagasy government. No indication is given of the national counterpart contribution.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is invited to consider approving this request.