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**Item 5E of the Provisional Agenda: Follow-up on the Periodic Report in Latin
America and the Caribbean**

SUMMARY

This document contains brief descriptions of activities organized by the World Heritage Centre to follow up on the presentation of the regional periodic report on *The State of the World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean*, implemented in the sub-regions of Latin America, Central America and the Caribbean: a meeting of States Parties from Latin America to develop an Action Plan for Latin America (Cartagena, Colombia, 25-27 October 2004), a training seminar for natural and cultural heritage for Central America and Mexico (San Jose, Costa Rica, 1-4 November 2004) and a meeting to develop an implementation structure for the Caribbean Action Plan in World Heritage (Kingston, Jamaica, 27-29 September 2004). Immediately after their completion, summary reports of these meetings, as well as a summary version of the periodic report, will be provided to the Committee members.

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I. Periodic Report publication

1. In order to immediately distribute the main findings of the Periodic Report in the region and initiate the consultation process with the States Parties, the World Heritage Centre has published a summary version of the Periodic Report in English, French and Spanish. This version includes the main findings of the Periodic Report and the unabridged version of the proposed action plan for World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the decision of the World Heritage Committee relevant to the Periodic Report. Copies of these documents will be made available to the members of the Committee separately.

II. Development of an Action Plan for World Heritage in Latin America

2. As per the decision of the World Heritage Committee at its 28th session (Decision **28 COM.16**), the World Heritage Centre has convened a meeting of States Parties from Latin America with the view to develop a detailed Action Plan for Latin America. This meeting (Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 25-27 October 2004) is organised in collaboration with the Government of Colombia. The World Heritage Centre has invited States Parties to nominate representatives from the cultural and natural heritage fields. The meeting will also be attended by World Heritage Centre staff, the Advisor for World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean and the regional focal points of the Advisory Bodies. Immediately after its completion, a summary report of this meeting will be provided to the Committee.

III. Training Seminar for Natural and Cultural Heritage in Central America

3. Framed within the follow-up activities to the Periodic Report for Latin America and the Caribbean, the World Heritage Centre is organizing a training seminar for natural and cultural heritage in San Jose, Costa Rica from 1 to 4 November 2004, after finalization of the Cartagena meeting for the development of an Action Plan for Latin America. This training activity is organized in collaboration with the Government of Costa Rica and the UNESCO Offices in San Jose and Montevideo in response to the call upon States Parties made by the World Heritage Committee at its 28th session to work on the elaboration of Tentative Lists and consists of sessions discussing the Action Plan for Latin America, addressing thematic imbalances to increase representation of the Central American sub-region, while assisting the States Parties in updating or finalizing their Tentative Lists. It will be executed with local resource persons of the Advisory Bodies, the UNESCO Office in San Jose and World Heritage Centre staff, for which cultural and natural heritage experts from all Central American countries and Mexico have been invited. Immediately after its completion, a summary report of this meeting will be provided to the Committee.

IV. An Implementation structure for an Action Plan for World Heritage in the Caribbean

4. As follow-up to the sub-regional Conference in Saint Lucia (23-29 February 2004), during which an Action Plan for World Heritage in the Caribbean was developed, a meeting is scheduled to define an implementation structure for the Action Plan, including identification of potential partners and the development of the second phase of the Caribbean Capacity Building Programme, focusing on the training component. The meeting is organized by the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Government of Jamaica and the UNESCO Office for the Caribbean, and took place in Kingston, Jamaica, from 27 to 29 September 2004. Representatives from Caribbean States Parties and Associated Territories that participated in the Saint Lucia Conference have been invited. A summary report of this meeting will be provided to the Committee.

V. Draft decision

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Takes note of the follow-up meetings related to the 2004 Periodic Report in Latin America and the Caribbean, being those in Kingston (Jamaica), Cartagena (Colombia) and San José (Costa Rica);*
2. *Endorses the Action Plan for World Heritage in Latin America contained in the Cartagena document;*
3. *Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties of the region, to further develop the Caribbean and the Latin American Action Plans into operational work plans and identify partners for their implementation;*
4. *Strongly encourages the States Parties and all other World Heritage partners and stakeholders in the region to co-operate actively and to take the necessary actions to follow-up in a concerted and concrete manner in the implementation of the Action Plans for World Heritage in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean;*
5. *Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the implementation of the Caribbean and Latin American Action Plans at its 30th session.*