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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

World Heritage Committee

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Item 12 of the Provisional Agenda: Nominations of cultural
properties to the World Heritage List and to the List of World
Heritage in Danger.

1. At its twelfth session, the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee examined 31 nominations of cultural properties to the World Heritage List. It recommended that the Committee inscribe on the List 21 cultural properties (section A below) and defer the examination of 7 properties (section C below).

2. The Bureau also recommended that the Committee do not consider 3 properties for inscription on the List; the nominations related to these properties have in the meantime been withdrawn by the State Party which had presented them.

3. Section B concerns 4 properties for which evaluations were not available at the time of the Bureau's session. The Bureau agreed that the evaluations of these sites by ICOMOS be directly presented to the Committee at its twelfth session.

4. Section D concerns 2 nominations to the List of World Heritage in Danger.

5. The recommendations formulated by the Bureau at its eleventh session are set out below. Additional information on certain sites which has been received by the Secretariat at the date of the preparation of this document is also indicated. Any new information which reaches the Secretariat after this date will be brought directly to the attention of the Committee at its twelfth session.

A. Properties recommended for inscription on the World Heritage List

<u>Name of Property</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>	<u>Contracting State having submitted the nomination of the property in accordance with the Convention</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
<u>Strasbourg - Historic Centre</u>	495	France	C(i)(ii)(iv)
<u>Mt. Athos</u>	454	Greece	C(i)(ii)(iv)(v)(vi)

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The Bureau recommended inscription of this site. Moreover, it requested that IUCN communicate to the December 1988 session of the Committee its evaluation of the natural aspects of Mt. Athos.

By letter dated 21 September 1988, IUCN communicated to the Secretariat its comments which were taken into account by ICOMOS. In accordance with the recommendations made by the participants in the informal consultation held on 28 September 1988 (see document SC-88/CONF.001/10 entitled "Examination of nominations with a combination of cultural and natural elements"), the evaluation of this property is presented by ICOMOS.

<u>Meteora</u>	455	Greece	C(i)(ii)(iv)(v)
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The Bureau recommended that this property be inscribed, on condition that the Greek authorities provide before the twelfth session of the Committee confirmation that the protection of the entire area proposed for inscription is guaranteed by adequate legal measures.

On 19 October 1988, the Greek authorities sent to the Secretariat three maps showing the delimitation of the site as well as a letter giving the references of legal provisions governing the protection of this property. These documents will be transmitted to ICOMOS before being brought to the attention of the Committee at its twelfth session.

The attention of the Committee is also drawn to document SC-88/CONF.001/10 entitled "Examination of nominations with a combination of cultural and natural elements".

<u>Monuments of Thessalonika</u>	456	Greece	C (to be determined)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of this property, on condition that a new nomination focussing specifically on early Christian and Byzantine monuments be presented to the Committee's December session. The list of monuments proposed for inscription should be drawn up by the Greek authorities in consultation with ICOMOS. On 19 October 1988, the Greek authorities sent to the Secretariat the list of fifteen monuments proposed for inscription, after consultation with ICOMOS. The nominations related to these fifteen monuments will be made available to the Committee at its twelfth session.

<u>Archaeological site of Epidaurus</u>	491	Greece	C(i)(ii) (iii)(iv) (vi)
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<u>Medieval City of Rhodes</u>	493	Greece	C(ii)(iv) (v)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of this property, having been informed that all conservation work on the architectural heritage of Rhodes would be carried out under the control of the Greek Ministry of Culture and in accordance with the Venice Charter and the Toledo International Charter for the conservation of historic towns and urban areas.

<u>Old Towns of Djenné</u>	116 rev.	Mali	C(iii)(iv)
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The Bureau recommended that the Committee inscribe this property and, at the same time, encourage the Malian authorities to ensure the long-term protection of Djenné, paying particular attention to preserving the balance between the built and unbuilt spaces of the town.

<u>Old Town of Timbuktu</u>	119 rev.	Mali	C(ii)(iv) (v)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of the mosques, cemeteries and mausoleums of Timbuktu, and encouraged the Malian authorities to ensure a global protection of the whole town. In view of the threat of sand encroachment at Timbuktu, the Bureau felt that the Malian authorities might wish to consider nominating this property to the List of World Heritage in Danger. The Bureau regretted the absence of slides of this site and hoped that these would be made available to the Committee.

<u>Historic Centre of Guanajuato and adjacent mines</u>	482	Mexico	C(i)(ii) (iv)(vi)
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The Bureau took note with satisfaction of the assurances given by the Mexican authorities concerning protection of the mining operations of Guanajuato and its surroundings.

<u>Pre-Hispanic City of Chichen-Itza</u>	483	Mexico	C(i)(ii) (iii)
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The Bureau recommended that the Committee inscribe this property and, at the same time, request that the Mexican authorities ensure that the tourism and hotel installations are not allowed to become obtrusive and that the site and its environment are adequately protected.

<u>Archaeological sites of Bat, Al-Khutm and Al-Ayn</u>	434	Oman	C(iii)(iv)
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The Bureau took note with satisfaction of the extension of the original nomination and recommended that the Committee stress to the Omani authorities the necessity of ensuring the long-term protection of the whole area inscribed.

<u>Convent Ensemble of San Francisco de Lima</u>	500	Peru	C(ii)(iv)
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The Bureau recommended that this property be inscribed, on condition that the Peruvian authorities provide assurances before the twelfth session of the Committee concerning the protection of the entire zone surrounding the convent.

On 18 October 1988, the Peruvian authorities sent to the Secretariat a summary of the measures for the protection of the Monumental Area of Lima, as well as two plans of the area in question. These documents have been transmitted to ICOMOS for analysis and will be at the disposal of the Committee at its twelfth session.

<u>Old City of Salamanca</u>	381 rev.	Spain	C(i)(ii) (iv)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of Salamanca, the perimeter of which has been extended, in accordance with the wishes of the Committee in 1987, and the exemplary nature of which clearly emerged from the comparative study carried out by ICOMOS on the old European university cities. The Bureau recommended that the Committee request the Spanish authorities to take all possible steps to ensure that the laws concerning the protection of the town be strictly applied.

<u>Sacred City of Kandy</u>	450	Sri Lanka	C(iv)(vi)
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The Bureau noted with satisfaction that the landscape surrounding the site was given an important protection guaranteed by legal texts. The Bureau regretted the absence of slides on this site and hoped that these would be made available to the Committee.

In September 1988, the authorities of Sri Lanka sent to the Secretariat the requested slides which will be presented to the Committee in December.

<u>Old Town of Galle and its fortifications</u>	451	Sri Lanka	C(iv)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of this property but greatly deplored the absence of any visual documentation that could have sufficiently testified to the unique nature of the architectural syncretisms of this fortified colonial city.

The Bureau requested that a set of slides on this site be made available to the Committee.

In September 1988, the authorities of Sri Lanka sent to the Secretariat the requested visual documentation which will be presented to the Committee in December.

<u>Medina of Sousse</u>	498	Tunisia	C(iii)(iv) (v)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of this site after having noted that the Tunisian authorities had provided assurances that it was adequately protected.*

<u>Medina of Kairouan</u>	499	Tunisia	C(i)(ii) (iii)(v) (vi)
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The Bureau recommended inscription of this site after having noted that the Tunisian authorities had provided assurances that it was adequately protected.*

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*N.B. The Bureau suggested that a summary of the conclusions reached at the meeting for harmonizing the tentative lists of Northern African countries organized in 1985 by ICOMOS be presented at the next session of the Committee. The requested summary has been prepared and is attached to the ICOMOS evaluation file.

Xanthos-Letoon 484 Turkey C(ii)(iii)

The Bureau recommended inscription of this property on the world Heritage List, on condition that the Turkish authorities extend the perimeter of protection of the site so that the zones of necropolises be included and that assurances be given that the environment will be protected.

Hierapolis-Pamukkale 485 Turkey C(iii)(iv)

The Bureau noted that this property had been evaluated by both ICOMOS and IUCN. Although IUCN did not recommend the inscription of this site on the basis of natural criteria, the Bureau nevertheless felt that recognition should be given to the combination of natural and cultural elements of this property. The Bureau agreed with ICOMOS that this site could be recommended for inscription on the World Heritage List under cultural criteria (iii) and (iv). The Bureau recognized however that at present, the site did not benefit from adequate legal protection. The Bureau encouraged the Turkish authorities to approve the proposal for a national park for the site and to update and adopt the management plan which would enable this nomination to be reconsidered by the Committee for inscription on the World Heritage List.

The attention of the Committee is also drawn to document SC-88/CONF.001/10 entitled "Examination of nominations with a combination of cultural and natural elements".

The Tower of London 488 United Kingdom C(ii)(iv)

The Bureau recommended inscription of this property, on condition that assurances be given that the area surrounding the Tower of London is duly protected by the British authorities so that the site and its environment are safeguarded without further damage.

By letter dated 11 October 1988, the authorities of the United Kingdom gave to the Secretariat the assurances that the area surrounding the Tower of London would be protected. The letter containing details related to this protection has been transmitted to ICOMOS and will be put at the disposal of the Committee at its twelfth session.

Canterbury Cathedral, 496 United Kingdom C(i)(ii)
St. Augustine's Abbey (vi)
and St. Martin's Church

The Bureau recommended inscription of this site and suggested that the Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's Church be included in one and the same protection area.

By letter dated 11 October 1988, the authorities of the United Kingdom informed the Secretariat that they accepted the suggestion of the Bureau that the Cathedral, the Abbey, and the Church be included in one and the same protection area.

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B. Nominations for which evaluations were not available at the time of the Bureau session

<u>Trinidad and the</u>	460	Cuba
<u>Valley de los Ingenios</u>		

The Bureau agreed that the evaluation of Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios by ICOMOS could be directly presented to the Committee at its twelfth session, since the Cuban authorities had informed the Secretariat that their tentative list of cultural properties consisted of this property alone.

<u>Port Royal</u>	457 rev.	Jamaica
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<u>Seville</u>	458 rev.	"
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<u>Spanish Town</u>	459 rev.	"
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The Bureau noted that ICOMOS would only be in a position to provide its evaluation of these three nominations after completion of its field review in August, 1988.

An expert mission having taken place as foreseen, ICOMOS was in a position to perform an evaluation for each of these properties. These evaluations are enclosed with the file prepared by ICOMOS for the Committee.

C. Nominations deferred by the Bureau

<u>Male Hukuru Miskiy</u>	461	Maldives
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<u>Utheemu Gaduvuru</u>	462	"
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<u>Eid Miskiy</u>	463	"
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<u>Fenfushi Hukuru</u>	464	"
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<u>Vadhoo Hukuru Miskiy</u>	465	"
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The Bureau recommended that the examination of these nominations be deferred, considering the insufficiency of the documentation available. Furthermore, it suggested that the Committee encourage the Maldivian authorities to reformulate these nominations, with the technical assistance of Unesco and ICOMOS.

New Lanark

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United Kingdom

The Bureau recognized the qualities of this site. However, it felt that inscription of this site would be premature until an overall view of the sites where social doctrines of the contemporary world evolved in connection with the industrial or agricultural revolutions had been realized and a comparative study on the industrial sites of the nineteenth century had been carried out by ICOMOS.

By letter dated 11 October 1988, the authorities of the United Kingdom sent to the Secretariat a document containing additional information on New Lanark. The document in question has been transmitted to ICOMOS and will be available for consultation, during the twelfth session of the Committee.

Pueblo of Taos

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United States of America

The Bureau recommended that the examination of this site be deferred until a comparative analysis of the sites of Pueblo culture had been carried out; a study on the complementarity between the site and its environment had been completed; the United States and Mexico had had a consultation with a view to harmonizing the question pertaining to Pueblo culture.

D. Nominations to the List of World Heritage in Danger

Bahla Fort

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Oman

In accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau at its twelfth session, an expert mission was sent to Bahla Fort with a view to evaluating the programme for corrective measures established by the Omani authorities. This mission was undertaken in October 1988; ICOMOS will communicate the results obtained to the Committee at its twelfth session.

(See also document SC-88/CONF.001/6 "Requests for technical cooperation".)

Wieliczka Salt Mine

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Poland

At its twelfth session, the Bureau expressed the wish that an in-depth study of the situation be carried out so as to enable the Committee to take a decision. Despite the repeated efforts of the Permanent Delegate of Poland to Unesco, and due to the complex situation, the required information was not available.

(See also document SC-88/CONF.001/6 "Requests for technical cooperation".)