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Item 16 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 15th session, the Bureau of World Heritage Committee examined 38 nominations of cultural properties, 11 nominations of natural properties, and one nomination of a "mixed" site to the World Heritage List. It recommended the inscription of seven cultural properties. The Bureau did not recommend the inscription of two cultural properties, referred back to the States Parties concerned and to ICOMOS fourteen nominations - for further information - and deferred the examination of seventeen cultural nominations.

2. This document has been drawn up taking into account the submission of additional information by States parties concerned. For twelve sites where files were referred back to the nominating States or to ICOMOS, further information has been received. These sites are listed in category C. In the same category are also listed four sites for which examination was deferred. However, substantial additional information having been provided by States parties concerned, these sites are placed in category C so as to bring the updated files to the Committee's attention. As additional information has not been received for four files which were referred back to nominating States, they are not examinable by the Committee for this session.

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Section A : Properties recommended for inclusion in the  
World Heritage List

Section B : Properties which the Bureau did not recommend  
for inclusion in the World Heritage List

Section C : Properties for which further information or  
evaluation has been received

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A.	Name of Property	Identification N°	State Party having submitted the nomination of the property in accordance with the Convention	Criteria
	Poblet Monastery	518 Rev	Spain	C ( i) (iv)
	Old Rauma	512	Finland	C (iv) ( v)
	Paris, Banks of the Seine The Bureau emphasized the merit of this nomination of a historic area of Paris	600	France	C ( i) (ii) (iv)
	Cathedral of Notre Dame Saint-Rémi Abbey Palais de Tau of Reims	601	France	C ( i) (ii) (iv)
	Borobudur	592	Indonesia	C ( i) (ii) (vi)
	Historic Centre of Morelia	585	Mexico	C (iii) ( iv) (vi)

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this site, and requested the Mexican authorities to send it confirmation of the state of preservation of this historic town centre before its special session in December 1991.

In June 1991, the Permanent delegation of Mexico has sent the Secretariat complementary information, which has been transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Ilha de Moçambique	599	Mozambique	C ( iv) ( vi)
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B. Properties which the Bureau did not recommend for inscription in the World Heritage List

Name of Property	Identification N°	State Party having submitted the nomination of the property in accordance with the Convention
Amphitheatre of Durrës	571	Albania

While recognizing the importance of this property as part of the cultural heritage of Albania, the Bureau considered that it did not meet the criteria for inscription on the World Heritage List as defined for the purposes of the application of the Convention.

Warrior's cemetery and Monument of Freedom of Riga	605	USSR
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While recognizing the importance of this property as part of the national cultural heritage, the Bureau considered that it did not meet the criteria for inscription on the World Heritage List as defined for the purposes of the application of the Convention.

C. Properties for which further information or evaluation has been received

Name of Property	Identification N°	State Party having submitted the nomination of the property in accordance with the Convention
The Kasbah in Algiers	565	Algeria

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this site, provided that the Algerian authorities provide details as to the government's resolve to protect the historic centre of Algiers. Furthermore, the Bureau requested ICOMOS to make a comparative study of the medinas of this cultural area. In the light of this study and of the information received from the Algerian authorities, the nomination could be re-examined by the Bureau at its special session in December 1991.

By letter of 24 October 1991, the Permanent Delegation of Algeria to UNESCO expressed the government's resolve to protect this site. However, ICOMOS has indicated that the comparative evaluation of the medinas of this cultural area could not be provided in less than a year.

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Sucre

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Bolivia

The Bureau deferred the examination of this nomination, considering that it should be reformulated by the Bolivian authorities so as to clarify the legal provisions adopted to ensure the management and protection of this site. The Bureau also considered that the buffer zone of the historic centre of the town should be extended in order to provide better protection of the site and its immediate environment.

By letter of 11 September 1991, the Permanent Delegation of Bolivia to UNESCO sent additional information on this site to the Secretariat. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Serra da Capivara  
National Park

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Brazil

The Bureau deferred the examination of this nomination pending receipt from the Brazilian authorities of fuller information on the dating of the rock paintings of Serra da Capivara in relation to the different successive cultures revealed by recent archaeological excavations. The Bureau wished the natural assets of this site to be taken into consideration when the nomination was re-examined.

The Permanent delegation of Brazil has provided the Secretariat with a revised nomination for this site based only on cultural criteria. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Fortress of  
Suomenlinna

583

Finland

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this site, provided that, before its special session in December 1991, the Finnish authorities furnish assurances concerning the existence of a buffer zone to ensure full protection of the site.

By letter of 28 October 1991, the Permanent Delegation of Finland presented information concerning the protection of the natural environment of this site. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

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Petäjävesi Old Church

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Finland

The bureau recommended the inscription of this property, but asked ICOMOS to submit a comparative evaluation of old wooden churches in Northern Europe. In the light of this additional information, the nomination of Petäjävesi would be re-examined by the Bureau at its special session in December 1991. The Finnish authorities have provided a comparative evaluation which has been transmitted to ICOMOS.

ICOMOS will state its views on the comparative evaluation of this site.

Lorsch

515 Rev.

Germany

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property, but asked the German authorities to submit a plan clearly showing the existing relationship between the Abbey and the Altenmüster. The nomination could then be examined at the special meeting of the Bureau in December 1991.

By letter of the 1st October 1991, the Permanent Delegation of Germany to UNESCO sent additional information on this site to the Secretariat. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Prambanan

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Indonesia

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property on condition that it be nominated separately.

By letter of 24 October 1991, the Permanent Delegation of Indonesia sent the Secretariat a complete nomination file concerning the Temple of Prambanan. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

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Historic Centre  
of Lima

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Peru

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property, but requested the Peruvian authorities to submit details of the legal protection and management plan required to safeguard the proposed perimeter which, in actual fact, did not correspond to the concept of a "historic centre". In the light of the information received, which should include an appropriate name, the Bureau could re-examine the nomination at its special session in December 1991.

The Secretariat has received additional information from Peru on several occasions for this site. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Monastery of  
Jasna Gora

563

Poland

The Bureau deferred the examination of this nomination pending receipt from the Polish authorities of a nomination containing arguments which would enable it to better evaluate the artistic merits of this monastery.

The Polish National Commission for UNESCO has sent to the Secretariat additional iconographic documentation and a study concerning the artistic value of this site. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

The Old Town of Zamosc

564

Poland

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property, and requested the Polish authorities to define a buffer zone around the fortifications and to furnish details of the legal protection afforded to this zone. The Bureau noted the spirit of tolerance which had been a feature of the history of Zamosc, and wondered whether direct and material testimony to the co-existence of different communities still existed. If such were the case, the Polish authorities could supply the requisite additional information so that ICOMOS might consider the possibility of also applying cultural criterion (vi).

By letter of 12 October 1991, the Polish National Commission for UNESCO informed the Secretariat of the legal status of this site in national law. However, the Polish authorities did not express their opinion on the possibility of also applying cultural criteria (vi). The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

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Golden Rock Temple  
of Dambulla

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Sri Lanka

The Bureau requested ICOMOS to evaluate this property more thoroughly; the evaluation should comprise a comparative study of Dambulla in relation to other sites of the same type in the geo-cultural area concerned, and should also consider the possible application of criterion (ii) instead of criterion (i). Furthermore, the Bureau asked ICOMOS and ICCROM to examine the philosophy of the preservation of the mural paintings of this site and to submit their conclusions. The Bureau also requested a more comprehensive photographic documentation. The nomination of Dambulla would then be reconsidered at its special session in December 1991.

ICCROM provided a mission report on the conservation philosophy of the mural paintings at this site. The document was transmitted to ICOMOS and will be presented jointly with its own observations. ICOMOS is in possession of new iconographic documentation.

Palace of  
Drottningholm

559

Sweden

The Bureau recommended the inscription of the entire Royal Estate of Drottningholm, subject to receipt of confirmation from the Swedish authorities before the special session in December 1991.

The Swedish authorities have confirmed by a letter of 8 October 1991 that the entire Royal Estate of Drottningholm is nominated and has sent to the Secretariat a file with additional documentation. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Historic City  
of Ayutthaya

576

Thailand

The Bureau deferred the examination of this nomination pending receipt from the Thai authorities of details of the boundaries of the area nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List.

By letter of 11 October 1991, the Thai authorities sent to the Secretariat the clarification required. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

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Sukhothai and  
associated towns

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Thailand

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property, subject to receipt of details of the perimeter of the area nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List. In the light of this additional information, the Bureau would be able to re-examine the nomination at its special session in December 1991.

By letter of 12 October 1991, the Permanent Delegation of Thailand to UNESCO sent to the Secretariat the additional information requested. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.

Bukhara

602

USSR

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property, but asked ICOMOS to submit, as soon as possible, a new and more thorough evaluation. In this connection the Bureau encouraged ICOMOS to send a field mission to update the information contained in the nomination. On the basis of this additional material, the Bureau could re-examine the nomination at its special session in December 1991.

An ICOMOS expert will undertake a mission to Bukhara from 20-27 November, and a report will be presented to the December session.

Novgorod

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USSR

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property, but requested the Soviet authorities to submit a plan clearly showing the boundaries of the property nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List, and also to consider the possibility of naming it "Historic Monuments of Novgorod". In the light of the information received, the nomination could be re-examined by the Bureau at its special session in December 1991.

By letter of 11 October 1991, the Permanent Delegation of USSR expressed the agreement of the competent authorities to naming the site "Historic Monuments of Novgorod and their environs" and furnished clarifications on the plan as requested. The documents submitted were transmitted to ICOMOS for examination.