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BUREAU OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Eighteenth session

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, Room X (Fontenoy)

Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda : Requests for International Assistance

TRAINING ASSISTANCE

Jesuit Missions - ARGENTINA 20.000\$

Background: Argentina has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund including the 1992-1993 period.

Argentina received assistance for group training in 1988 and individual fellowship (conservation courses in Bahia, Brazil) in 1992.

The Second International Congress on Restoration of Architectural Heritage and Building will be held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, from August 23 to September 4, 1994.

A series of post-congress seminars will be held at different sites in Argentina and on different subject matters:

- 1) Posadas, 5-8 September 1994: Safeguarding the Jesuit Missions.
- 2) Mar del Plata, 30-31 August 1994: Tourism and cultural heritage.
- 3) Salta, 5-8 September 1994: Preservation of historic centres.
- 4) Cordoba, 5-8 September 1994: Interventions in the architectural heritage.
- 5) Buenos Aires, 5-8 September 1994: Recycling versus restoration.
- 6) Trelew-Chubut, 5-8 September 1994: Natural heritage, its relevance in the development process.

Description of the request: The Congress will attract a great number of high-level specialists from within and outside the region. The presence of these specialists will be exploited to the maximum by organizing the above-mentioned six seminars.

The organizing institution (Centro Internacional para la Conservación del Patrimonio) with the support of the Ministry of Culture, is requesting financial support to cover the participation of the specialists (travel, board and lodging costs).

National contribution: Of the total budget of US\$65,000, US\$45,000 will be covered nationally.

Amount requested from the Fund: An amount of US\$20,000 is requested to cover travel, Board and lodging costs of the specialists participating in the six training seminars.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is recommended to approve the request.

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Biodiversity Measuring and Monitoring Course - CHINA

Background: Biodiversity Measuring and Monitoring courses were held several times in the past, the last course took place at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington (USA), from 2 May to 3 June 1994. Two Chinese participants were supported for this course from the World Heritage Fund.

Description of the request: The training course will be held in the Dinghushan Biosphere Reserve, Guangdong Province, (China), in November-December 1994, and will be organized by the South China Institute of Botany and the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The request is for a three-week course of combined lectures and field experience training activities with resource persons and trainers from the Institute of Botany and the Smithsonian Institution. Trainee participants are professionals in the biological sciences working for nature reserves in China.

The curriculum of the course includes the determination of biodiversity in natural areas and monitoring trends (species, communities, population). The request has no relation to a World Heritage site, nor does the course curriculum include any reference to World Heritage themes or training on natural World Heritage values.

Amount requested from the Fund: US\$19,000.

National contribution: South China Institute of Botany (US\$5,000) and additional support from the Smithsonian Institution (US\$10,000).

Recommendations of the Bureau: The Bureau might wish to consider the request after the discussion on priorities for training requests.

Training course: "Conservation and Management of the World Heritage sites" (Palaces and Parks of Potsdam) - GERMANY 20.000 \$

Background: An international Summer Academy is being organized at the World Heritage site "Palaces and Parks of Potsdam", on an important topic, stressed several times by the Committee: "Conservation and Management of the World Heritage sites". This international summer training course shall be open, in priority, to participants from Central and Eastern Europe. Courses shall be given by international specialists concerned with the administration of cultural heritage.

Since the ratification of the World Heritage Convention, Germany has not benefitted from any assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

Description of the project: The course shall provide a methodology for the conservation and management of large historical ensembles which are open to an increasing number of visitors. Its objectives are: to identify the causes of deterioration of these sites; to elaborate appropriate strategies of conservation. Moreover, special attention will be given to the elaboration of conservation and management guidelines. The training course would also enable participants to build and strengthen a regional network of site managers. The main participating agencies are :

The German National Commission for UNESCO
ICCROM, Rome
The German National Committee of ICCROM, Munich
Potsdam University
Potsdam Professional Training School

Amount requested from the Fund: US\$ 20,000 to cover the travel expenditure of the participants and lecturers.

National contribution: Various national agencies have contributed an amount of 187,000 DM or approximately US\$ 125,000.

National History Park Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers - HAITI

Background: The National History Park Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1982. Technical assistance for this site was provided in 1982 (US\$57,200). Haiti received assistance in 1982, 1988 and 1993 for the training of technicians and specialists in conservation.

Haiti has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund including the 1992-1993 period.

The restoration of the Citadel was undertaken between 1979 and 1990 with funding from UNDP, UNESCO and many other national, international and bilateral sources. The total investment amounted to US\$4,700,000.

Within the framework of this programme, a training component was undertaken between 1980 and 1987 consisting of courses, seminars and practical studies for architects, engineers and architectural technicians.

Another component of the restoration programme was the inventory of architectural structures and remains in the National History Park. The inventory of the site of Ramiers and the Sans Souci Palace would complete the inventory.

Description of the request: The ISPAN (National Institute for the Conservation of the National Patrimony) intends to organize a one-month on-site training activity for five architectural students. These students will be trained by the experts of ISPAN in inventory and documentation of architectural structures as well as in preparing state of conservation reports. The on-site training will also result in a complete inventory and documentation of the palace and fortifications of Ramiers and the Palaces of Prince Royal and Sans Souci.

Given the international embargo and the socio-economic situation, ISPAN has no financial resources. Technical expertise, however, is fully available. The UNDP Resident Representative in Haiti could be asked to collaborate in the implementation and supervision of assistance.

National contribution: Expertise and training facilities will be provided by ISPAN.

Amount requested from the Fund: An amount of US\$4,100 is being requested as follows:

-	per diem for five students for a period of 26 days	US\$ 2,600
-	transportation and logistics	US\$ 940
-	drawing materials	US\$ 560

	TOTAL	US\$ 4,100

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is recommended to approve the request.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION REQUEST : BULGARIA

Background: Bulgaria has seven cultural sites inscribed on the World Heritage List. It has received five allocations from the World Heritage Fund for technical co-operation in 1982, 1987, 1990 and 1992 for an amount totalling US\$140,000.

At the seventeenth meeting of the World Heritage Committee, Bulgaria submitted a monitoring report on its seven sites and proposed conservation measures which required assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

Description of the project: On 28 May 1994, the Secretary General of the National Commission submitted the following requests:

A) Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo Monastery and Monastery of Rila: both monuments are situated in seismic areas and the geological support of these properties need to be examined and consolidated. Careful measurements need to be taken and extensive discussions among specialists should be held before any decision is made.

Amount requested from the Fund: US\$21,000 of which US\$16,000 shall be earmarked for the purchase of measuring equipment and US\$5,000 for advisory services on the nature of the conservation measures to be undertaken.

National contribution: 140.000 Leva, or US\$24,000 approximately, have been earmarked for the projects.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to approve the two projects for an amount of US\$21,000.

B) Establishment of an itinerant conservation laboratory which would service the seven sites inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Amount requested from the Fund: US\$39,000 for the purchase of equipment to install a conservation laboratory in a micro bus: a micro bus, a computer, an electric generator and conservation equipment.

National contribution: The itinerant laboratory shall be run by the National Institute for Culture.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to recommend to the Committee to approve US\$39,000 for this project.



Old City of Dubrovnik - CROATIA

Background : Croatia has two cultural sites inscribed on the World Heritage List. The Old City of Dubrovnik was included on the List of World Heritage in Danger by the Committee in 1991 at its fifteenth session held in Carthage (Tunisia).

Since 1992, Croatia has submitted two requests for Emergency Assistance, which were approved for an amount of US\$49,000. We have received continued evidence that a number of safeguarding measures have been taken such as:

- the definition of a restoration methodology,
- the purchase of equipment and materials.

Moreover, the World Heritage Committee at its seventeenth session in Cartagena (December 1993) noted that "the UNESCO activities undertaken in liaison with the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of Dubrovnik, the Institute for the Rehabilitation of Dubrovnik and the UNESCO National Commission, should be reinforced through support under the World Heritage Fund".

Description of the project : The project submitted by the Institute for the Rehabilitation of Dubrovnik foresees the restoration of mural paintings in the 18th Century Baroque Festival Palace which was badly damaged in 1991. The damage to the Palace have been assessed in the Action Plan prepared in collaboration with UNESCO. Preliminary research work has been conducted to determine the methodological approach. It is expected not only to prevent further deterioration but also to proceed with the conservation and restoration of the mural paintings located on the ground floor and first floor of the Palace, before major restoration work is undertaken. ICCROM shall supervise the project in collaboration with the Institute for the Restoration of Croatia.

Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund : US\$8,000.

On 21 June 1994, the Director of the Institute for Rehabilitation of Dubrovnik submitted a technical request for an amount of US\$8,000 to the World Heritage Centre as a contribution towards the total estimated amount of US\$16,000. US\$4,000 are earmarked for the purchase of equipment and the remaining sum will enable the Croatian authorities to cover the expenses of the services of ICCROM and the Institute for Restoration of Croatia.

National contribution : US\$8,000 have been reserved to cover the cost of the restoration.

Action of the Bureau : The Bureau may wish to approve this request which is a follow up of the Committee's appreciation on the assistance which should be granted to the Old City of Dubrovnik through the World Heritage Fund.

National History Park Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers - HAITI

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Background: The National History Park Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1982. Technical assistance for this site was provided in 1982 (US\$57,200). Haiti received assistance in 1982, 1988 and 1993 for the training of technicians and specialists in conservation.

Haiti has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund including the 1992-1993 period.

The restoration of the Citadel was undertaken between 1979 and 1990 with funding from UNDP, UNESCO and many other national, international and bilateral sources. The total investment amounted to US\$4,700,000. One of the activities of this programme was the creation of an interpretative exhibition.

The monitoring mission, undertaken in 1993 and reported upon at the seventeenth session of the World Heritage Committee, concluded that "there has been deterioration in La Citadelle's exhibition halls, photographic materials, numerous exhibition panels that were insufficiently adapted to the hall's microclimate and which should have been under close surveillance, or even due to be modified after the inauguration in 1990 of the final works of the joint ISPAN/UNDP/UNESCO project. These panels should be rebuilt using solutions that are better adapted to their environment, which will always be relatively damp."

The monitoring mission concluded that assistance of US\$15,000 would permit the creation of exhibition panels that would be better adapted to the climatic conditions of the site.

The National Institute for Conservation of the National Patrimony (Institut de Sauvegarde du Patrimoine National, ISPAN) is in charge of the management and protection of the site.

Given the international embargo and the socio-economic situation, ISPAN has no financial resources. Technical expertise, however, is fully available. The UNDP Resident Representative in Haiti could be asked to collaborate in the implementation and supervision of assistance.

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Description of the request: The request is for the preparation of new exhibition panels, the purchase of climate control equipment and other allied costs:

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| - installation of instruments for hygrometric control | US\$ 2,850 |
| - installation of a system to control air humidity | US\$ 3,000 |

-	adaptation of wall openings	US\$ 2,100
-	reprinting of photos	US\$ 2,150
-	plastification of photos	US\$ 980
-	improvement of exhibition panels	US\$ 3,930
-	transportation	US\$ 2,500

TOTAL

US\$ 17,510

National contribution: National contribution consists of professional expertise and labour.

Amount requested from the Fund: The request is for a total of US\$17,510.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to approve the request.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION : Historic Centre of Puebla (MEXICO)

Background: Over the years Mexico has received World Heritage assistance for training (1988: US\$42,000) and the preparation of a tentative list for cultural landscapes (1994: US\$14,700). No assistance has been provided for Puebla.

Mexico has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund including the 1992-1993 period.

The authorities of the State of Puebla and the municipality are planning for an urban rehabilitation programme, including 27 building blocks in the area along the former River San Francisco, with the objective of revitalising the area, and to introduce and/or strengthen new functions (hotels, restaurants, housing, etc.). The Bureau will recall that, as a consequence of a number of letters and reports that were received at the Secretariat expressing concerns about these plans, the case of Puebla was discussed at the seventeenth session of the Committee. On this occasion, the Delegate of Mexico informed the Committee that the project is still in the pre-planning phase and that no concrete plans as yet exist .

A UNESCO consultant undertook a mission to Puebla in May 1994 at the request of the Governor of Puebla. The consultant's report, as well as reports received from the Mexican authorities and ICOMOS, will be presented to the Bureau at its eighteenth session. These reports are expected to provide sufficient elements for the Bureau to judge on the context and appropriateness of the following request.

Description of the request: The authorities of Mexico and Puebla are requesting technical assistance under the World Heritage Fund in the form of expert services to advise them on the further development of the conceptual framework of the rehabilitation plans.

The expected outcome of the assistance would be a rehabilitation plan that would secure the safeguarding of the remaining historic buildings in the area, the introduction of new functions and structures compatible with the urban architecture and a maintenance programme for the future to keep the locality in good conditions.

Consultant services would be required for three one-week missions: one mission to define the concept and general framework for the rehabilitation plan, a second to review the progress made by the national and local authorities in further developing the plan, and a third mission for the final review and evaluation.

National contribution: The national contribution will be in the order of **US\$85.000** in technical services and expertise and the per diem for the duration of the missions of the international expert.

Amount requested from the Fund: A total amount of **US\$18,000** is requested for travel and professional fees for all three missions of one week each for an international expert specialising in urban conservation and rehabilitation.

Action by the Bureau: Having examined the state of conservation reports on the Historic Centre of Puebla, the Bureau may wish to consider approving this request.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

National History Park Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers - HAITI

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Haiti has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund including the 1992-1993 period.

The restoration of the Citadel was undertaken between 1979 and 1990 with funding from UNDP, UNESCO and many other national, international and bilateral sources. The total investment amounted to US\$4,700,000. One of the activities under this restoration programme was the reconstruction/restoration of the 78-meter long roof of the Batterie Royal.

Earlier this year, very heavy cyclones caused severe damage to the wooden construction of the roof, causing the displacement of the supporting horizontal beams. Due to these displacements, the entire roof is in danger of collapse during the coming gale season (June-December). The masonry of the 1.20-meter thick wall and the embrasures is equally in danger of cracking.

Emergency measures, as well as the structural consolidation of the entire roof construction, need to be undertaken.

The National Institute for Conservation of the National Patrimony (Institut de Sauvegarde du Patrimoine National, ISPAN) is in charge of the management and protection of the site.

Given the international embargo and the socio-economic situation, ISPAN has no financial resources. Technical expertise, however, is fully available. The UNDP Resident Representative in Haiti could be asked to collaborate in the implementation and supervision of assistance.

Description of the request: A request for emergency assistance for an amount of US\$73,000 has been made by ISPAN through the UNDP office in Haiti as follows:

1.	Emergency measures (materials and labour for the installment of temporary supporting structures)	US\$ 3,000
2.	Consolidation and repair of the roof (materials and labour)	US\$ 70,000

	TOTAL	US\$ 73,000

National contribution: ISPAN will provide technical expertise and supervision of the works.

Amount requested from the Fund: The request is for a total of US\$73,000.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is recommended to approve the request.