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Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda: Consideration of nominations to the World Heritage List for which supplementary information has been requested by the Bureau at its second session

At its second session (28 - 30 May 1979), the Bureau was unable to formulate a recommendation on 31 nominations to the World Heritage List, because either the supporting documentation was inadequate or a sufficiently persuasive case had not been made. The Secretariat has been in contact with each of the States concerned with a view to obtaining the necessary additional information and documentation. Set out below is the list of these 31 nominations together, where appropriate, with indications on the additional information and documentation received by the Secretariat at the time of preparation of this document (1 October 1979).

1. Archaeological sites in Ethiopia (Nos. 10 to 17)

Additional documentation has been received and will be available for examination by the Bureau at its third session.

2. Ancient City of Aleppo (No. 21), Ancient Town of Bosra (No. 22) and Site of Palmyre (No. 23) - Syrian Arab Republic

The additional information and documentation required has not yet been received by the Secretariat.

3. Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (No. 25) - Senegal

The Bureau deferred its decision on this site, on advice from IUCN which felt that other wetlands existed in the same region that were of greater importance than Djoudj and indicated that there was a serious threat of damage to the site from the development works on the delta of the River Senegal. The Secretariat has received no further information from the Senegalese authorities on this matter.

4. Warsaw Historical Centre (No. 30). - Poland

Opinion was divided in the Bureau on this nomination since the site did not meet the criteria of authenticity. The representative of ICOMOS will report to the Bureau on the results of its studies on this question. The additional information requested by the Secretariat on the proportion of original buildings restored (as distinct from those reconstructed) has not been received.

5. Forts and castles, Volta Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions (No. 34) - Ghana

The Ghanean authorities have submitted a list of ll forts and castles which they are nominating for inclusion in the World Heritage List. Additional documentation, in the form of maps, plans and photographs, has been received and will be available for examination at the third session of the Bureau.

6. Asante traditional buildings (No. 35) - Ghana

The additional documentation requested by the Bureau has been received and will be available for examination at the third session of the Bureau.

7. Madara Rider (No. 43) - Bulgaria

The Secretariat has not received from the Bulgarian authorities any information that would enable a comperative study of relevantly similar sites to be undertaken.

8. Norwegian nominations (No. 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62)

No further information relating to the justification of these sites for inclusion in the World Heritage List has been received from the Norwegian anthorities.

9. Virunga National Park (No. 63) - Zaire

The additional information and documentation required has now been received. A revised version of the nomination form has been distributed to members of the Bureau and of the Committee. The additional documentation will be available for examination at the third session of the Bureau.

10. Edison National Historic Site (No. 77) - USA

This nomination is to be re-examined by the Bureau in the light of the debate on item 3 of the Provisional Agenda of the third session of the Bureau ("Amendments to the criteria for the inclusion of cultural and natural properties in the World Heritage List").

11. Paphos, Birthplace of Aphrodite (No. 79) - Cyprus

The additional information has been received: a map indicating the delimitation of the sites will be made available to the Bureau at its third session. A further statement, justifying the inclusion of the sites in the World Heritage List, has been distributed to members of the Bureau and the Committee in the form of an Addendum to the nomination form.

12. The Historic Centre of Rome (No. 91) and "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci (No. 93) - Italy

The additional information requested by the Bureau has not been received from the Italian authorities.

13. Ohrid region with its cultural and historical aspects and natural environment (No. 99) - Yugoslavia

The Bureau deferred its recommendation on this site, on the one hand because IUCN considered that it did not meet the condition of integrity and, on the other hand, to permit ICOMOS to complete its study of the cultural aspects.

14. Durmitor National Park (No. 100) - Yugoslavia

The Secretariat has not received the additional information on the different zones of the park which was required by IUCN to enable it to complete its evaluation.

15. Bale Mountain National Park (No. 111) and Abijatta Shalla Lakes National Park (No. 112) - Ethiopia

The additional documentation and information necessary to enable IUCN to formulate its recommendation on these two nominations has not been received by the Secretariat.