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**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE
WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**World Heritage Committee
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Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda: TENTATIVE LISTS.

1. At its seventeenth session in Cartagena, December 1993, the Committee expressed its concern on the small number of Tentative Lists that meet the requirements as stipulated in the Operational Guidelines, paragraphs 7 & 8, and confirmed the importance of these Lists for planning purposes, comparative analyses of nominations and for facilitating the undertaking of the global and thematic studies. These Lists constitute also an inventory of the properties situated within the territory of each State Party, and which it considers suitable for inclusion on the World Heritage List (WHL).

Bearing in mind, Article 11, para 2 of the Convention states :

"On the basis of the inventories submitted by States in para 1, the Committee shall establish, keep up to date and publish under the title "World Heritage List, a list of properties"

the Committee also confirmed that the Tentative Lists are mandatory for cultural properties which the State Party intends to nominate for inscription on the WHL during the coming five to ten years.

2. Therefore, the Committee invited the States Parties, which had not yet done so, to submit Tentative Lists in accordance with the Operational Guidelines, with the understanding that "preparatory assistance should be provided if necessary and requested by the States Party concerned". The Committee also decided that "from 1994 onwards, the Tentative Lists that meet the requirements as stipulated in the Operational Guidelines published

and presented as an information document to the Committee at its annual meeting".

3. In November 1994, out of 139 countries which had ratified the Convention,
- ✱ only 33 States Parties had submitted Tentative Lists which abided with the criteria of presentation specified in the Operational Guidelines;
 - ✱ 49 countries had submitted Tentative Lists which did not meet the requirements; and
 - ✱ 57 countries had not submitted any Tentative Lists.

Therefore, the Centre has sent out, in April/May 1994, letters to 132 States Parties requesting them to submit Tentative Lists which meet the requirements of the Operational Guidelines. In September 1994, only a few countries had submitted Tentative Lists and another few had requested preparatory assistance for the preparation of Tentative Lists.

4. It is, therefore, necessary to recall the purpose of the exercise. Each national Tentative List will serve as :
- i) the national expression to the international community of its cultural values;
 - ii) a contribution to global and thematic studies to enable comparative analyses. This may include regional or subregional harmonization programmes;
 - iii) an alerting device for emergency aid;
 - iv) a planning tool for both the State Party itself and the World Heritage Committee;
 - v) the first step towards nominating sites for inscription on the World Heritage List;
 - vi) recognition of living cultures and the close relation between natural and cultural properties, as recommended in the draft Global Strategy of June 1994; and
 - vii) a further step towards achieving a balanced representation of properties on the World Heritage List.
5. To encourage the preparation of national Tentative Lists for the above purposes, it is suggested that the following actions be reinforced in order to improve communication between the World Heritage Committee, as custodian of the

World Heritage List, and the State Parties as custodians of specific properties, together with the experts who advise both.

- a) Access to World Heritage Fund resources for the preparation of the Tentative List (preparatory assistance) through consultancy services.
 - b) Regional workshops in regions or sub-regions, under-represented World Heritage List, to stimulate the participation of State Parties and other interested States in the goals and objectives of the World Heritage Convention and to learn of the relevant concerns and interests of those States.
 - c) Each such regional or sub-regional workshop should include representatives of both the intellectual community and State Party decision-makers. These could meet together or separately according to circumstances. In general, as the meetings are intended to be proactive, they should be kept small and planned in coordination with the sub-regional meetings on the Global Strategy.
 - d) In well-represented areas, workshops to elaborate harmonization programmes and initiate comparative studies, according to their own priorities.
6. All the Tentative Lists received by the World Heritage Centre before 1st October 1994 are attached in **Annexe I**, in alphabetical order.

STATE PARTY	DATE OF PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE LIST	A= LIST MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF OP. GUIDELINES B= LIST DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS
ALGERIA	12-04-85	B
AUSTRALIA	19-09-91	B
AUSTRIA	30-08-94	A
BANGLADESH	30-09-93	B
BENIN	01-87	B
BULGARIA	18-10-84	B
BURKINA FASO	1987	B
CAMBODIA	09-92	A
CANADA	07-80 (REV. 29-09-94)	A
CHINA (People's Republic of)	05-10-93 (REV. 16.11.94)	A
COLOMBIA	30-12-88 (REV. 29-10-93)	A
COSTA RICA	24-08-94	A
CUBA	19-05-88	B
CYPRUS	12-84	B
CZECH REPUBLIC	30-06-93	A
DENMARK	01-09-93	A
EGYPT	10-94	A
EL SALVADOR	21-09-92	A
FINLAND	01-10-90	A
FRANCE	25-10-84	B
	19-12-88 (REV. 1994)	B
GEORGIA	28-10-93	B
GERMANY	12-83	B
GREECE	10-85	B
GUYANA	08-02-85	B
HUNGARY	08-93	A

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DATE OF PRESENTATION
OF TENTATIVE LISTA: LIST MEETS REQUIREMENTS
OF OP. GUIDELINES

B: LIST DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS

INDIA	02-81 16-04-86 12-87	B B B
IRAQ	UNDATED	B
ITALY	10-84	B
JAMAICA	10-87 (REV. 22-07-88)	B
JAPAN	09-92	A
JORDAN	18-11-93	B
LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REPUBLIC	12-03-92	A
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	09-01-84	B
LUXEMBOURG	01-10-93	A
MADAGASCAR	10-12-85	B
MALDIVES	12-87	B
MALI	14-12-87	B
MEXICO	06-10-94	B
MOZAMBIQUE	1990	B
NETHERLANDS	29-09-94	A
NEW ZEALAND	17-11-93	A
NICARAGUA	16-08-94	A
NIGERIA	22-07-88	B
NORWAY	19-12-84	B
OMAN	04-07-88	B
PAKISTAN	14-12-93	B
PARAGUAY	05-10-93	A
PERU	17-12-84	B
PHILIPPINES	13-08-93	A
POLAND	02-11-89 29-09-93	A A
PORTUGAL	12-02-85 07-83 29-09-93	B B B (+ REV)
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	09-94	A
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA	10-08-93	A

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ROMANIA	03-91	B
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	28-09-92	A
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	30-09-93	
	19-10-93	B
SLOVENIA	09.11.94	A
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM	15-07-91	B
SPAIN	24-01-89	B
	09-09-93	B
SRI LANKA	08-87 (REV. 12-87)	B
SUDAN	05-09-94	A
SWEDEN	09-06-89	A
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	UNDATED	B
THAILAND	06-89	B
TUNISIA	18-12-84 (06-88)	B
TURKEY	06-84	B
UKRAINE	05-89	B
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	11-85	B
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	30-01-89	B
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	30-04-82 (REV. 05-09-90)	A
URUGUAY	27-09-94 (REV. 24-10-94)	B
UZBEKISTAN	01-10-94	A
VENEZUELA	21-09-93	B
YUGOSLAVIA	10-85	A