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OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

03105 ♦ **Regular Budget: \$3,525,800**

03106 Established in 1992 in order to promote the implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, to which 140 States are Parties (as of January 1995), the Centre acts as the secretariat of the Convention, in addition to servicing the States Parties on a daily basis. The Centre has a lead role in: promoting the Convention with Member States and the general public; assisting the States Parties in ensuring ongoing monitoring of the properties included on the World Heritage List and identifying the actions to be undertaken to guarantee their preservation; lastly, mobilizing financial resources needed for this purpose. The Centre is also responsible for the overall co-ordination of international assistance projects for world heritage properties which are implemented by competent units, inside and outside UNESCO (the Culture and Science Sectors, the Convention's advisory bodies, ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN, etc.).

1. To provide support to States Parties for the implementation of the Convention and to ensure the secretariat of the statutory bodies of the Convention

03107 Seven meetings of the statutory bodies (one General Assembly, two sessions of the World Heritage Committee and four meetings of the Bureau) will be organized and the implementation of the follow-up activities facilitated. Further efforts will be made to ensure the representativity of the World Heritage List by convening, with the advisory bodies, five regional expert meetings on the identification of world heritage properties. Assistance will be provided to States Parties, particularly in Africa and LDCs, for preparation of tentative lists, nomination files, technical assistance requests, and human resources development plans. Co-ordination with the secretariats of other conventions related to cultural and natural heritage protection will be strengthened through the preparation of country- or region-based joint action plans.

03108 The Centre will co-ordinate house-wide action regarding rapid responses to emergency situations, group training courses in World Heritage sites, in particular for women from African Member States and LDCs, and the provision of legal advisory services to strengthen the national legal and regulatory provisions and other mechanisms for the application of the Convention, priority being given to projects benefiting LDCs.

2. To assist Member States in monitoring World Heritage sites

03109 The Centre will assist States Parties in strengthening preventive measures and ensuring timely intervention with a view to ensuring the integrity and conservation of the world heritage properties. In close collaboration with the advisory bodies, UNESCO's field offices and other specialized institutions, it will promote monitoring activities endorsed by the World Heritage Committee and will support national monitoring activities. Two regional synthesis reports will be prepared. The Centre will also promote, through two regional training workshops, the application by States Parties and site managers of modern management tools, such as the Geographical Information System (GIS) and other computerized data, to facilitate monitoring of the state of conservation and to mitigate the causes of deterioration.

3. To promote awareness of the importance of safeguarding the World Heritage

- 03110 Promotion of the Convention will be ensured through the preparation and worldwide distribution of written and audio-visual information, including multimedia products (CD-ROM, CD-I), and through international networks (Internet) and photo-exhibits. Particular attention will be given to strengthening on-site promotional capacities, especially in Africa and in LDCs, by providing assistance for preparing basic information and promotion materials.
- 03111 *Young people's participation in World Heritage preservation and promotion*
- Duration** Six years.
- Location** States Parties to the World Heritage Convention in all regions of the World.
- Objectives**
- To develop through schools and out-of-school activities young people's awareness of the World Heritage natural and cultural sites and of the ways and means to protect them.
 - To encourage the preservation of traditional skills and to develop interest in new methods which are indispensable for the safeguarding of cultural and natural sites.
- Description** The project, initiated on an experimental basis in 1994-1995 in a selected number of schools which are part of the Associated Schools Project, aims at integrating World Heritage knowledge into secondary-school programmes. It will seek to foster the active involvement of students, teachers, heritage conservation specialists (mostly members of **ICOMOS**, **IUCN**, and **ICOM**) and site-managers in designing World Heritage awareness-building approaches and appropriate pedagogic material. During 1996-1997, efforts will focus on (i) increasing the number of participating schools in the 25 countries already included in the project; (ii) extending the scope of the project to other countries in all regions; (iii) producing and distributing written and audio-visual teaching material, on the basis of the recommendations of the World Heritage Youth Forum (Bergen, Norway, June 1995); (iv) strengthening co-operation between the public and the private sectors in World Heritage protection efforts; (v) assessing the results so far obtained by organizing, in 1997, at least one regional evaluation workshop.

**Expected
outputs for
1996-1997**

- Launching of World Heritage secondary-school level courses in at least 50 countries (120 countries by the end of the project).
- Production and distribution of a basic World Heritage teaching kit in two languages (in six languages by the end of the project).
- Distribution of basic written and audio-visual materials on the World Heritage to 300 schools (some 1,000 schools by the end of the project).
- Provision to at least 20 schools in developing countries of basic technical equipment (slide projectors and/or video equipment) for World Heritage teaching (some 100 schools by the end of the project).

**Regular
budget for
1996-1997**

\$100,000 (supplemented by \$20,000 under the ASP project and by extra-budgetary resources).

Financial arrangements

03112 The resources of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre are made up of a financial allocation to be approved by the General Conference under the Regular Programme (\$3,525,800 proposed), supplemented by contributions from States Parties and other sources deposited with the World Heritage Fund, in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, estimated at \$5,800,000 for 1996-1997. The total amount of \$9,325,800 is expected to be used as follows:

- \$2,925,500 for staff costs¹;
- \$6,400,300 for direct programme and support costs².

¹ US\$2,425,500 financed from the financial allocation provided by UNESCO, equivalent to the cost of 12 posts (two Directors, seven Professionals and three General Service).

² US\$1,100,300 financed from the UNESCO financial allocation for direct programme and support costs.