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Monitoring of the state of conservation of the cultural
properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

1. At its twelfth session, the World Heritage Committee decided that the experiment started in 1989 of the system of monitoring the state of conservation of cultural properties should be continued, and that the state of conservation of the second set of fifty cultural properties would be examined in 1989. Consequently, on 31 March 1989, the Secretariat sent the questionnaire entitled "Information update on the cultural sites inscribed on the World Heritage List" together with a letter explaining as clearly as possible the Committee's aims with respect to the monitoring system to the States Parties on whose territory are situated the properties under consideration.
2. According to the new timetable adopted by the Committee at its twelfth session, the States Parties concerned have been asked to meet the 31 December 1989 deadline which was fixed for the reception of the questionnaires by the Secretariat of the Committee. The answers received will be examined by the Secretariat, they will then be transmitted to ICOMOS for technical advice during the first semester of 1990. Therefore, the questionnaires will be at the disposal of the Bureau Members at the fourteenth session of the Bureau.
3. In accordance with the wish of the Committee at its twelfth session, the Secretariat has sent a reminder letter to all those States which had not provided answers to the questionnaires sent out in 1988.