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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Determination of the amount of the contributions to the World Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the *World Heritage Convention*

SUMMARY

In conformity with the terms of Article 16, paragraph 1 of the 1972 *World Heritage Convention*, the General Assembly of States Parties thereto is called upon to determine, in the form of a uniform percentage, the amount of the contribution to be paid to the World Heritage Fund by States Parties for the financial period 2008-2009.

This Article also states that in no case shall the compulsory contribution of States Parties to the *Convention* exceed one per cent of their contribution to the Regular budget of UNESCO. At all preceding General Assemblies of States Parties, it was decided that this percentage would be set at 1 % (one per cent).

Draft Resolutions: 16 GA 8.1 and 16 GA 8.2

I. Draft Resolution: 16 GA 8.1

The General Assembly,

1. *Decides to set at one per cent of the contribution to the regular budget of the UNESCO for the calculation of the amount of the contributions to be paid to the World Heritage Fund by States Parties for the financial period 2008-2009.*

II. Draft Resolution: 16 GA 8.2

The General Assembly,

1. *Recalling Decision **31 COM 20A** of the World Heritage Committee, which urges States Parties in arrears to pay their overdue contributions to the World Heritage Fund and invites the Director-General to encourage States Parties to make voluntary donations to the World Heritage Fund in addition to their contributions,*
2. *Takes note of Document WHC-07/16.GA/INF.8 on the Statement of compulsory and voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund.*