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Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda: Requests for international
assistance

The Third General Assembly of the Organization of World Heritage Cities and the 4th Symposium of World Heritage Cities, Evora (Portugal)

Background: The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) was founded in Quebec (Canada) in 1991 and meets every two years, regrouping experts from many of the 122 World Heritage Cities to discuss conservation and development issues concerning these cities. In September 1997 the Third Assembly will meet in Evora, following the 1995 meeting in Bergen and in 1993 in Fez. Evora was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1986. It is a city where architecture has been influenced throughout the ages by diverse cultures. Its city centre contains 36 national monuments and buldings of public interest.

Description of project: The Third General Assembly of the OWHC and the 4th Symposium of World Heritage Cities will take place over a four-day period from 17 - 20 September 1997. The Symposium will discuss "Tourism and World Heritage Cities" with two workshops, the first concerning: local council affairs and the second: management of mass tourism and the importance of commerce.

Estimated Budget:

Expenses for the General Assembly	US\$ 288,620
Expenses for the Symposium	US\$ 239,970
Expenses for the Cultural Programme	US\$ 259,980
Expenses for the Social Programme	US\$ 16,930
Total Expenses	US\$ 783,500

National Contribution: US\$ 433,440

Other Contributions: The other contributors include the Municipality of Evora (US\$ 101,700); The Getty Grant Programme (US\$ 60,000); private sponsors (US\$ 116,700); Council of Europe (US\$ 5,000), and the inscription fees (US\$ 16,660).

Amount requested from the Fund: US\$ 50,000 is requested as a co-financing of the overall cost.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to recommend the Committee to approve the requested amount of **US\$ 50,000** in view of the importance of this network of municipality authorities.