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To: National Agencies with Responsibility for World Heritage

CC: Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions of all States Parties to the Convention

Madam/Sir,

We would like to improve the distribution of the **World Heritage Newsletter** and other publications available from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to World Heritage management authorities in your country. In addition, we are frequently called upon to supply local addresses for site management authorities and other local institutions with specific information about World Heritage properties.

We are soliciting your assistance in verifying the accuracy of contact information including postal address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as e-mail and web addresses if available, for local institutions, museums and management authorities for each World Heritage site.

Furthermore, we wish to verify that the State Party Information Sheets that are being made available to the public via the Internet and in print form are correct.

Please review the above-mentioned information provided as attachment herewith for accuracy and return the sheets to us with your comments by **1 December 2000** (by fax +33[0] 1 45 68 55 70 or by E-mail: p.stott@unesco.org).

In addition to the printed **Newsletter**, the Centre also maintains an electronic e-mail newsletter, distributed 2-3 times per month. If you have e-mail capacity, you may subscribe to the newsletter by sending the single phrase "subscribe whnews" to majordomo@world.std.com. For more information, you can also write to the Newsletter Editor at the address above, or at wheditor@unesco.org.

As you may know, the World Heritage Centre operates **World Wide Web** pages at <http://www.unesco.org/whc/>. In addition to the basic texts and application forms relevant to the World Heritage Convention, the web site also contains a descriptive page on each inscribed site. The page contains the location, statement of significance of the site as determined by the World Heritage Committee, a brief description, and Internet links to other web sites that describe the World Heritage site. As we can only provide a limited amount of information about each site; it has long been our belief that the site management authorities themselves are the ultimate source of the most reliable and up-to-date information about each site. As a result, we would very much like to know of your own activities on the web. If you have a web site, please send us the web address and the name and e-mail address of the person who maintains the information therein.

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The Centre also has other printed information on World Heritage sites, which is available for distribution through your agency and at the sites. You will find attached an outline of the different materials available at the Centre. The World Heritage Centre will continue to provide you free of charge with a reasonable amount of copies of these materials upon request. However, should you wish to order more than the indicated number of copies per year, please let us know before January 30 of each year, in order to benefit from gross-order prices. The cost of subsequent individual orders will necessarily be higher and will have to be recalculated according to the quantity ordered directly with the printers. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.

Other publications : the **World Heritage Review**, a bi-monthly magazine in English, French and Spanish, published since April 1996 and sold through subscriptions or in bookshops, and the **World Heritage Desk Diary**, well known since its creation in 1987. Both publications are produced on the basis of cost-sharing agreements between the Centre, the UNESCO Publishing Office and commercial partners. We wish to underline the importance of broadening the reach within the States Parties of these World Heritage publications and would appreciate your support to diffuse them in your country.

Both the **World Heritage Review** and the **World Heritage Desk Diary** can be ordered directly through the UNESCO Publishing Office: 1, rue Miollis, 75115 Paris.

All income from sales of these products are directly paid into the World Heritage Fund and contribute further to the preservation of sites.

We thank you in advance for your kind co-operation and collaboration in this important exercise and are grateful for your support of the World Heritage Convention in your country.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Francesco Bandarin
Director
UNESCO World Heritage Centre



Attachments:

- Outline of the World Heritage information materials available
- State Party World Wide Web Page
with list of National Agencies responsible for World Heritage activities
- Contact addresses for site management authorities and institutions

World Heritage Information Package

Publication	Number of copies provided annually free of charge	Indicative price per/copy if ordered before 15 February
WH Folding Map and Brochure – in English, French and Spanish	100	US\$ 2
Information kit (11 sheets on the WH Convention and its application) – in E, F and S	20	US\$ 1
Brief descriptions of WH sites – in E and F	20	US\$ 0.30
WH List – in E and F	As requested within limits of stock	
Text of WH Convention	“	
Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the WH Convention	“	
Series of posters on selected themes concerning WH – in E and F	5	US\$ 4 / poster
Slide pack (50 slides) – in E and F	One copy is provided to the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO of your State Party	US\$ 30 / set