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Subject: Change of Deadline for receipt of World Heritage Nominations to be examined by the World Heritage Committee in 2002

To: Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions of all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

National Commissions to UNESCO of all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

This notice is to provide timely information to all States Parties of the decision made by the World Heritage Committee at its twenty-fourth session in Cairns, Australia, 27 November - 2 December 2000, concerning the change of deadline for receipt of World Heritage nominations to be examined by the World Heritage Committee in 2002.

At its twenty-fourth session the Committee decided to change the calendar of Committee and Bureau meetings, beginning in the year 2002. The Committee agreed that beginning in 2002, its annual meeting will be held in June, instead of November-December, that the meeting of the Bureau would be held in the preceding April, and that "extraordinary" sessions of the Bureau, immediately preceding each Committee meeting would be abolished.

The new schedule has significant implications for the deadline of nominations. The Committee agreed that complete nominations which received by the Secretariat by 31 December 2000 will be reviewed by the Committee at its June meeting in 2002. The former deadline of 1 July 2001 has been abolished. From 2002 onwards, the deadline for nominations will be 1 February.

The following table summarizes the schedule for nominations as approved by the Committee :

Nominations received by	To be examined by the Bureau	To be examined by the Committee
1 July 2000	June/July 2001	December 2001
31 December 2000	April 2002	June 2002
1 February 2002	April 2003	June 2003
1 February 2003	April 2004	June 2004

Referrals of nominations would be re-examined by the Bureau in the year following initial examination before proceeding to the Committee for decision.

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We acknowledge that this may cause some inconvenience to States Parties preparing nominations. Considering the short amount of time between now and the 31 December 2000 deadline, States Parties are encouraged to submit nominations by 1 February 2002 for review by the Committee in June 2003.

The content of this e-mail will be transmitted to all National Commissions and Heritage agencies concerned. As a matter of urgent priority, however, please inform the relevant national agencies in your country.

The report of the twenty-fourth session of the World Heritage Committee will be sent to you in due course.

Thank you very much for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Bandarin', with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

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