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**To: All Members of the World Heritage Committee**

**cc: Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN)**

**Subject: Resignation of Mr Peter King (Australia) as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee**

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is with regret that I inform you that Mr Peter King has advised the World Heritage Centre of his resignation as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee. Furthermore, Mr King is unable to attend the 13th General Assembly on 30 to 31 October 2001.

Please find the letter of resignation from Mr King attached upon his request.

In accordance with Rule 14.2 of the *Rules of Procedure*,

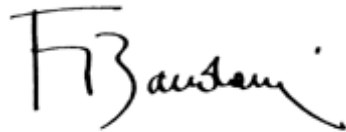
"if the Chairperson ceases to represent a State member of the Committee or is for any reason unable to complete his term of office, he/she is replaced by a Vice-Chairperson, in the English alphabetical order of States members of the Committee, for the remainder of the term of office."

As a result, the State Party of Canada has been asked to designate the name of the new temporary Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee.

Following the elections of the new World Heritage Committee members at the 13th General Assembly, the new Bureau members and Chairperson will be elected by the Committee at its 5th Extraordinary session on 1 November 2001.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Bandarin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'F' and a long, sweeping tail.

Francesco Bandarin  
Director  
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Attachment: Letter from Mr Peter King to Mr Francesco Bandarin, Director, World Heritage Centre dated 15 October 2001 advising of his resignation as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee.

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Dear Francesco,

It is with regret that I tender my resignation as President of the World Heritage Committee. I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to the members of the Bureau and Committee.

As I mentioned following the last Bureau meeting it has become unfeasible for me to attend the Assembly meeting in early November due to my endorsement as a candidate for Parliamentary Office in Australia.

Can I assure you, your staff and my colleagues that my work as President of the World Heritage Committee has been a highlight of my public career.

It was a delight meeting the many wonderful people who have contributed to the work of the Committee and the Bureau.

My thanks go to the Committee and to you for the support and assistance I have received during my term in office. I especially commend the WHIPCOE initiative and our work in indigenous heritage and the World Heritage membership proposal.

Please be assured of my continuing support for the work of everyone involved in the work of the World Heritage Convention.

I look forward to seeing you in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



PETER E KING  
President  
World Heritage Committee