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To: All States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

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

Subject: Improved communication with States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*

Dear Madam/Sir,

In order to improve the distribution of Circular Letters and other relevant information of importance to States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, we have decided to open two electronic mailing lists.

WH-STATES@UNESCO.ORG is an electronic mailing list for all States Parties to the Convention. This mailing list, which will not replace the traditional means of notifying States Parties, will allow the World Heritage Centre to communicate in a timely manner announcements about the availability of documents, changes to meeting schedules, changes to the password for Committee documents on line, and other issues relevant to the implementation of the Convention. Messages will be in both working languages of the Committee, English and French.

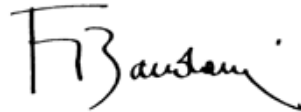
I therefore request Delegations, National Commissions and other State Party representatives to communicate to us the contact information (postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses) of all those representatives who wish to receive these electronic messages. This information can be sent by e-mail to **wh-register@unesco.org** or by fax to +33(0)1 45 68 55 70.

A second electronic mailing list, **WH-COMMITTEE@UNESCO.ORG** will provide information relevant to Committee members only. State Party addresses from **WH-STATES@UNESCO.ORG** will be automatically copied to **WH-COMMITTEE@UNESCO.ORG** when the State Party becomes a member of the Committee.

This circular letter, and all previous circular letters may be found at:
<http://www.unesco.org/whc/circs/>

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the initials 'FB' followed by the name 'Bandarin' in a cursive script.

Francesco Bandarin
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