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**To:** Delegations of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention and National Commissions of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

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

**Subject:** Progress report on the revision of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to inform you that the second draft of the revised *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* has been completed and comprises amendments agreed to by the Drafting Group who met at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France from 8 to 12 October 2001.

The report of the Drafting Group (WHC-01/CONF.208/6) which includes the second draft of the revised *Operational Guidelines* in Annex IV, was noted by the twenty-fifth session of the World Heritage Committee in Helsinki, Finland in December 2001. At the session, the Committee decided that the next meeting of the Drafting Group will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France from 18 to 22 March 2002 to review the Annexes and sections of the *Operational Guidelines* still requiring finalization.

The second draft of the revised *Operational Guidelines* is accessible for your review and comment in electronic form on the World Heritage Centre's web site ([www.unesco.org/whc/opgu/](http://www.unesco.org/whc/opgu/)).

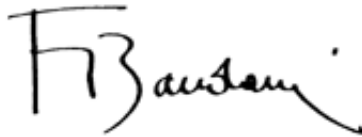
Please send your comments in writing, in **English or French to the World Heritage Centre or via e-mail to "s.titchen@unesco.org" and "i.connolly@unesco.org" by 1st February 2002** as requested by the Committee.

It would be useful if your comments and recommended texts to be inserted could make specific reference to the relevant paragraph number in the second draft revised *Operational Guidelines*.

If you have any queries relating to the draft revised *Operational Guidelines* and the review process, or if you cannot access the electronic version of the document, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Sarah Titchen on 01 45 68 14 04.

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 initial 'F' and a long, sweeping tail.

Francesco Bandarin  
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UNESCO World Heritage Centre