



Responses to  
Circular Letter 6  
(2 July 2001)  
concerning

**Proposals for a new additional voluntary  
contribution by States Parties  
to the World Heritage Fund**



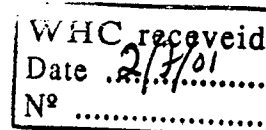
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Monsieur le Président,

Votre lettre du 18 juin 2001 m'est bien parvenue et je vous en remercie. Elle aborde deux sujets qui, de l'avis de notre délégation, doivent être traités séparément.

En ce qui concerne l'augmentation des ressources du Centre du patrimoine mondial, nous partageons entièrement votre analyse que les questions fondamentales posées par le Comité du patrimoine mondial demeurent sans réponse.

L'accroissement simultané du nombre d'Etats parties et des sites inscrits sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial implique une augmentation de la charge de travail pour le Centre du patrimoine mondial. Si l'Unesco considère la mise en œuvre de la Convention du patrimoine mondial comme une activité phare dont la visibilité pour l'organisation est très grande, elle se doit de contribuer à la crédibilité de la Convention en accordant au Centre les ressources humaines et financières indispensables pour assurer correctement le secrétariat de la Convention, sa mission première.

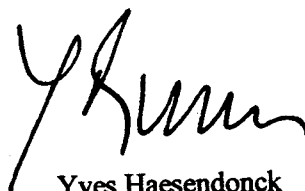
Le Comité a pris ses responsabilités en adoptant à Cairns toute une série de mesures visant à garantir la crédibilité de la Convention, à simplifier et rendre plus efficace sa mise en œuvre. Ces mesures doivent être accompagnées d'une programmation adéquate des ressources humaines et budgétaires.

L'augmentation des contributions des Etats parties est à notre avis sujette à la satisfaction de cette première condition car elle nécessitera forcément des ressources humaines supplémentaires. Or, la programmation dans le document C31/5 ne prévoit des ressources qu'au même niveau qu'en 1999. Vous indiquez dans votre lettre qu'il est temps d'aller de l'avant. Nous sommes par conséquent très intéressés à prendre connaissance des démarches que vous préconisez pour essayer de redresser la situation.

Le temps très limité que vous nous accordez pour réagir au deuxième sujet abordé dans votre lettre, nous permet de vous donner une réponse très franche. L'idée de doubler les contributions des pays au Fonds du patrimoine mondial par des contributions volontaires additionnelles ne nous paraît pas réaliste. En effet, les contributions financières sont subordonnées à des règles et procédures précises. Schématiquement, elles ne peuvent être effectuées que s'il y a une base juridique solide ou si elles sont destinées à la réalisation d'un projet précis correspondant à des priorités définies. Nos différentes administrations concernées ne pourront donc pas effectuer de contribution volontaire additionnelle car une telle formule ne répond à aucune des deux conditions mentionnées ci-dessus.

Je souhaite en revanche attirer votre attention sur une méthode alternative permettant d'accroître les ressources du Fonds du patrimoine mondial. Dans le cadre esquissé ci-dessus, les administrations ont la possibilité d'examiner le (co)financement des projets figurant au programme de travail adopté par le Comité du patrimoine mondial et correspondant à leurs priorités. La présentation du budget couvrant un cycle biennal, tel que décidé par le Comité à Cairns, facilitera l'identification des projets par les administrations et donc la mise en œuvre de cette proposition. Cette dernière comporte un avantage majeur par rapport aux contributions volontaires additionnelles ou aux accords de coopération bilatérale de l'Unesco dans la mesure où les ressources humaines du Centre ne seront pas déviées vers des projets qui n'auraient pas reçu l'aval du Comité ou que ce dernier aurait considérés comme moins prioritaires.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de ma considération la plus distinguée.

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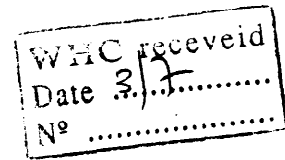
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PERMANENT DELEGATION OF FINLAND  
TO UNESCO

Paris, 29 June 2001

No. U 79



Dear Mr King,

With reference to your letter WHC/33/5.ST.nd dated 18 June concerning the voluntary contribution to the World Heritage Fund, Finland is of the opinion that it does not see feasible the method you have suggested, that of increasing the voluntary contribution, since Finland does not consider it as predictable way for securing funds to the activities of World Heritage Centre. Therefore, Finland cannot approve the increase of voluntary contribution as suggested.

However, Finland wishes to stress the importance that every State Party should pay its contribution to the World Heritage Fund promptly and without delay. Finland also urges all the State Parties, which have arrears to the World Heritage Fund, to make their contributions at earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

Taina Kiekkö  
Ambassador  
Permanent Delegate

Mr Peter King  
Chairperson of the  
World Heritage Committee  
UNESCO - PARIS

cc : World Heritage Centre ✓  
UNESCO - PARIS



Paris, 28 September 2001

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cc: AD/WHC  
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Dear Mr. Chairperson,

With reference to the circular letter CL/WHC.6/01/2-7-2001 (DOC WHC-2001/Conf.206/2b/4-7-2001) concerning your proposal for a new additional voluntary contribution by states parties to the World Heritage Fund, Greece could not support the relevant Resolution to the thirteenth General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention for the following reasons:

- I. Increasing the voluntary contributions is not a predictable way for securing funds.
- II. The institutionalisation of this measure seems contradictory to the current policy of the Executive Board of UNESCO concerning the contribution of the Member States to the Organization since the elaboration of the next programme and budget (31 C/5) and the medium-term strategy (31 C/4) is based on the budget ceiling "zéro nominal growth".
- III. The eventual increase of the World Heritage Fund presupposes the adoption of a concrete policy by the World Heritage Committee for planning its operations effectively based on the articles 21 and 15(4) of the Convention in relation to the capacity building of under-represented regions and to the implementation of the article 29 of the Convention.
- IV. The eventual increase of the fund presupposes also the enforcement of the staff of the World Heritage Centre for the management and evaluation of the results of granting activities.
- V. In conformity with the dispositions of the Convention the World Heritage Committee is the statutory organ which defines the strategic orientation of the Convention. The proposed resolution was never been examined by the Committee and consequently no decision was taken for submission of its draft to the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention.

However, Greece wishes to stress the importance that every State Party to the Convention shall encourage the establishment of national public and private foundations whose purpose is to invite donations for the World Heritage and to give their assistance to international fund-raising campaigns organized for the World Heritage Fund under the auspices of UNESCO in conformity with the articles 17 and 18 of the Convention.

Please accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurances of our highest consideration,

Vassilis Vassilikos  
Ambassador

→ Mr. Peter King  
Chairman of the World Heritage Committee

cc. World Heritage Centre  
UNESCO - Paris



*Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes*

Guatemala, 22 de septiembre de 2001  
OFICIO DM-00943-2001

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**ASUNTO:** Proposiciones por una Contribución Adicional por los  
Estados Miembros, al Fondo del Patrimonio Mundial

Estimado señor Presidente:

Atentamente me dirijo a usted para acusar recibo de su comunicación por medio de la cual hago de mi conocimiento que la cuota anual con esa Organización como parte de país miembro asociado, que le corresponde pagar al Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, ha sido incrementada de US \$980 a US \$1960.

A ese respecto, por este medio me permito hacer de su conocimiento que el Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes acepta esta nueva cuota que se hará efectiva a partir del año 2002.

Para el debido control de nuestros registros, mucho le agradeceré enviarme vía FAX un estado de cuenta de este Ministerio a la presente fecha.

Al agradecer su atención a la presente, quedo en espera de sus prontas noticias y me suscribo de usted reiterándole las muestras de mi distinguida consideración.

*Licda. Olima Arce de Qui*  
MINISTRA DE CULTURA Y DEPORTES



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Guatemala, 22 September 2001

Subject: Propositions for an additional contribution from the States Parties to the World Heritage Fund.

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter which informs us that the annual contribution which is to be provided by the Ministry of Culture and Sport, as part of state party associate, has been increased from US\$ 980 to US\$ 1960.

I would like to inform you that the Ministry of Culture and Sport accepts this new fee which will be effective from the year 2002.

For an appropriate control of the Ministry's files, I would be grateful if you could send by fax an updated statement of accounts.

In thanking for your kind attention to this request, please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Minister of Culture and Sport



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Jerusalem, August 30, 2001  
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**By Fax: 00612 922 14 951**

Dear Peter,

**Re: Proposal for a new additional voluntary contribution by States Parties to the World Heritage Fund**

Further to your letter of the 2 July 2001, I herewith attach the Israel Heritage committee comments to the text of the Draft Resolution.

We have two suggestions:

1. That preference should be given to voluntary contributions that are earmarked for specific projects. This should bring about a greater sense of involvement in the activities of the WHC and give that extra budget so needed for the Fund.
2. That the voluntary contribution should relate to the number of sites inscribed on the World Heritage List but also as a factor of the economic status of the State Party. The mean number of sites for all the countries will represent the value of the compulsory contribution. Thus if the mean value is 10 – a possible formula would be as follows:
  - a State Party with **up to 5 sites** will pay no voluntary contribution.
  - a State Party with 5-10 **sites** will pay a voluntary contribution equal to 50% of compulsory contribution





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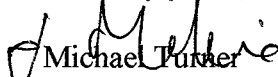
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- a State Party with **11-15 sites** will pay a voluntary contribution equal to 100% of the compulsory contribution
- a State Party with **16-20 sites** will pay a voluntary contribution equal to 150% compulsory contribution
- a State Party with over **20 sites** will pay a voluntary contribution equal to 200% of the compulsory contribution

We hope that these changes will benefit the World Heritage Fund and create equitable involvement.

Sincerely yours,

  
Michael Turner  
Chairman WHC

cc: H.E Yitzhak Eldan, Israel Ambassador for Unesco, Paris  
Mr. Francesco Bandarin, Director WHC  
Mr. Daniel Bar-Elli, Secretary General for Unesco, Israel



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## PROPOSAL FOR A NEW ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION BY STATES PARTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE FUND

**Comments of the State of Israel to the text of the Draft Resolution indicated in *italic* script**

Encourages all States Parties to make additional voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund *including active and financial participation in the projects and programmes of the World Heritage Centre.*

Invites all States Parties to make additional voluntary contributions *of a progressive amount to be based on the number of sites inscribed on the World Heritage List. This contribution will be determined by the mean number of sites for all States Parties to be equal to their compulsory contribution* or of a sufficient amount to bring their total contribution up to \$300, whichever is the greater.

Requests that the Director-General includes the relevant amount in the annual assessment letters.



RAPPRESENTANZA  
PERMANENTE D'ITALIA  
PRESSO L'U.N.E.S.C.O.

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Paris, June 21st, 2001

Dear Mister Chairman,

thank you very much for your letter dated June 18th, which I read with renewed hope.

Ever since our meeting several months ago I believe I made clear to you how committed my country is in trying to relaunch the Paris Convention on a voluntary basis. Not only do I agree with your suggestion to convince Governments to double up their current contribution to the Fund. I am also in favour of inviting a number of major contributors with special interest in heritage to take additional steps beyond that.

As to your draft resolution I may draw your attention to the fact that Italy is not listed among the countries that provided voluntary contributions in 2001 (para 3 and footnote). About US\$ 750.000 have just been pledged in the current year to provide assistance to developing countries. In 1999 US\$ 500.000 have been donated for similar purposes. So we are already well beyond the new ceiling that you are proposing for every Member State in view of the next General Assembly's approval.

Increasing the Fund is indeed at the moment priority n. 1. In our view, however, it is also the necessary political background against which some Member States, who may wish to take up special responsibility, should be invited to pledge further resources beyond the 2% ceiling you are proposing. Such contributions should go into supporting/complementing general activities by the Center (i.e. emergency assistance, capacity building for under-represented countries and civilisations, etc.) within a framework of criteria agreed upon by the W.H.C.. We feel that the upcoming 30th anniversary of the Convention next year will be an ideal opportunity, upon the basis of the resolution you are proposing, to reach this second goal, too.

Looking forward to seeing you soon I remain

yours sincerely

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20 June 2001

Sir,

Reference is made to your letter WHC/33/5.ST.nd dated 18 June 2001 regarding a Draft Resolution to the Thirteenth General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention for a doubling of the contribution of States Parties by a voluntary additional contribution to the World Heritage Fund. My Delegation would support this initiative considering the benefits to be accrued by States Parties.

In addition to the proposed Draft Resolution, my Delegation would recommend that certain measures should be taken to recover the US\$2 million outstanding debts from States Parties in order to bolster the cash reserves of the World Heritage Fund.

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

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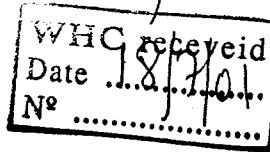
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12 July 2001

Dear Dr Bandarin,

Thank you for your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2001, enclosing the draft resolution to the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention. IUCN recognises the increasing pressures on the Centre in relation to the available budget. Accordingly, IUCN fully supports the proposed resolution and would be happy to speak in support, if required.

David Sheppard, Head of the IUCN Programme on Protected Areas, has reported to me on the recent very successful Bureau meeting. As always, IUCN is delighted to work closely with the World Heritage Centre towards the more effective identification and management of World Heritage sites. Mr Sheppard has mentioned your willingness to travel to IUCN Headquarter for a meeting with my senior staff and I. I would be delighted to meet with you to discuss matters of mutual interest and I will ask Mr Sheppard's office to facilitate such a meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Achim Steiner*  
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Director General

CC: David Sheppard  
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