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Circular letter to all States Parties to the Convention and Advisory Bodies

Subject: CD Rom on the occasion of the International Year on Mountains

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of a CD-Rom produced on the occasion of the International Year of Mountains (2002) as a joint effort of the World Heritage Centre (WHC), the Division of the Ecological Sciences with its Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, the Division of Water Sciences with its International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and the Division of the Earth Sciences with its International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP).

This CD-Rom displays World Heritage sites and Biosphere Reserves in Mountain areas of the world and was produced in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC (World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge (United Kingdom)).

I would appreciate it if you could transmit this CD-ROM to your national agency responsible for World Heritage. Please note that the information is also available on the following web-page <http://valhalla.unep-wcmc.org/unesco/index.htm>. You may wish to share this information with all relevant agencies and site managers, in particular those planning events on the International Year on Mountains and especially if those are linked to the International Year on Cultural Heritage and the International Year on Ecotourism.

I would like to thank you very much for your cooperation in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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