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**To:**

- **Members of the World Heritage Committee**
- **Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention**
- **Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Convention**

**Subject:** **Date and place of the 27th Session of the World Heritage Committee**

Madam/Sir,

Following consultation with the members of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, I am writing to inform you of a change in the venue of the forthcoming 27th session of the World Heritage Committee. As you are all aware the Committee had decided at its last ordinary session (Decision **26 COM 27**), that its 27th session would take place in Suzhou, China from 29 June to 5 July 2003. However, due to exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, the venue for the session has now been changed to UNESCO Headquarters.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Chinese authorities for having agreed to this arrangement and to inform you that the Chinese authorities have expressed their willingness to host the session of the Committee in 2004.

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I am consulting with the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee to propose a change also to the date of the session to 30 June - 5 July 2003. This shall be confirmed in the invitation letters as soon as possible.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fejérdy Tamás', with a horizontal line extending to the left.

Dr. Tamás Fejérdy