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Circular letter to all NGOs and IGOs

Subject : Change of venue for the 27th session of the World Heritage Committee, UNESCO Headquarters, from 30 June - 5 July 2003.

Madam/Sir,

I refer to the invitation letter you received from Mr A. Sayyad, Assistant Director-General for External Affairs and Cooperation, dated 21 February 2003, inviting a representative of your organisation to participate in the **27th session of the World Heritage Committee**. This session had been scheduled to take place in Suzhou, China.

Due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances, the venue has now been changed and the meeting will take place in **UNESCO Headquarters, Room XII, from 30 June to 5 July 2003**.

The working languages of the Committee are English and French and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in those two languages.

We are encouraging participants to pre-register electronically if they plan to attend the meeting on **wh-register@unesco.org** or by fax, (+33 (0)1 4568 5570).

My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming your representative at the 27th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Bandarin'.

Francesco Bandarin
Director, UNESCO World Heritage Centre