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To: All States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

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

Subject: Presentation of candidatures for Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 14th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (Paris, 14-15 October 2003)

Madam/Sir,

The 13th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (Paris, October 2001) adopted a Resolution on the implementation of the election procedures of the officers of the General Assembly¹. This Resolution established a procedure for the presentation of candidatures for Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the General Assembly.

In accordance with this Resolution, I have the honour of informing you that the following officers are to be elected during the 14th General Assembly (Paris, 14-15 October 2003): Chairperson of the 14th General Assembly, Rapporteur of the 14th General Assembly and three Vice-Chairpersons² of the 14th General Assembly. The provisions on the election of the officers of the General Assembly as well as their duties can be found in Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

Therefore, and in order to prepare the provisional list of candidatures, I would be grateful if you could inform me, if possible **by 12 September 2003**, whether your country intends to present any candidatures for the positions of Chairperson, Rapporteur or Vice-Chairperson of the 14th General Assembly. If your country wishes to nominate one of its representatives for the position of Chairperson or Rapporteur of the 14th General Assembly, please also specify the name and title of the proposed candidate(s).

I look forward to seeing you on the occasion of the General Assembly and thank you for your collaboration in this matter. Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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¹ See paragraph 102, Report of the 13th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (Paris, October 2001), document WHC-03/14.GA/INF.1

² As shown in document WHC-03/14.GA/INF.2, the General Assembly has, in most of its past sessions, elected three Vice-Chairpersons.