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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 the election of members to the World Heritage Committee, to be held during the 14th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (Paris, 14-15 October 2003)

Madam/Sir,

In preparation for the election of the World Heritage Committee, to be held during the 14th General Assembly, I have the honour of informing you that eight seats of the World Heritage Committee are to be filled during this session.

In addition to the seven States Parties whose mandate expires at the end of the 32nd General Conference, Belgium (whose mandate was to expire at the end of the 33rd session of the General Conference, 2005) has announced its intention to voluntarily give up its seat on the Committee during the 32nd session of the General Conference.

The seats of the following eight States Parties will be filled by the newly-elected members of the Committee:

Belgium	Mexico
Finland	Republic of Korea
Greece	Thailand
Hungary	Zimbabwe

One of these seats will be allocated, based on the decision taken by the 27th session of the World Heritage Committee, to a State Party who does not have any properties on the World Heritage List¹. The list of States Parties with no properties on the World Heritage List is attached.

It should be noted that for a State Party to be eligible to become member of the World Heritage Committee the conditions set by Article 16, paragraph 5 of the World Heritage Convention have to be met. This Article states that,

Any State Party to the Convention which is in arrears with the payment of its compulsory or voluntary contribution for the current year and the calendar year

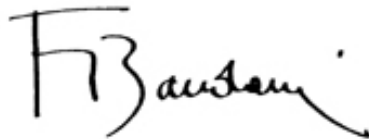
¹ See decision **27 COM 18A.3**

immediately preceding it shall not be eligible as a Member of the World Heritage Committee [...].

To facilitate the election process and ensure greater transparency, I would be grateful if you could inform me, if possible **by 12 September 2003**, whether your country intends to stand as a candidate for the World Heritage Committee. A provisional list of candidates as well as updated information on the status of all compulsory and voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund will be provided four weeks before the 14th General Assembly to all States Parties.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Bandarin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'F' and 'B' at the beginning.

Francesco Bandarin
Director
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List of 48 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention with no properties on the World Heritage List*

STATES PARTIES

Andorra	Liberia
Angola	Maldives
Antigua and Barbuda	Marshall Islands
Bahrain	Mauritius
Barbados	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Bhutan	Monaco
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mongolia
Burkina Faso	Myanmar
Burundi	Namibia
Cape Verde	Niue
Chad	Palau
Comoros	Papua New Guinea
Congo	Qatar
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Republic of Moldova
Eritrea	Rwanda
Fiji	Saint Lucia
Gabon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Grenada	Samoa
Guyana	San Marino
Iceland	Saudi Arabia
Jamaica	Tajikistan
Kiribati	Togo
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Kyrgyzstan	Vanuatu

*As of 7 July 2003