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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 Committee (ICCROM,

ICOMOS and IUCN)

cc: - ADG/CLT; ADG/SC; ADG/ODG; ADG/ED; DIR/BPI; DIR/LA

Subject: World Heritage Information Meetings, Thursday, 11 March 2004, Room XI

- 1. Information Meeting for all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (10h00 13h00)
- 2. Europe and North America Periodic Reporting (14h30 16h00)
- 3. International event on the safeguarding and promoting the heritage of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (16h30 18h00)

Madam/Sir,

It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend the Information Meeting for all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, 11 March 2004, Room XI, 10h00 - 13h00. The main items on the Agenda of the Information Meeting will be the results of the 14th General Assembly of States Parties (October 2003); the overall preparations for the forthcoming 28th session of the World Heritage Committee (Suzhou, China, 28 June - 7 July 2004), including the presentations by Mr ZHANG, Xinsheng and the Suzhou authorities; reports on the ICOMOS General Assembly (Zimbabwe, 27-31 October 2003) and the Vth World Parks Congress (Durban, South Africa, 8-17 September 2003). There will be simultaneous interpretation in English and French, with passive Chinese interpretation. For more information on this meeting, please contact Ms Nina Dhumal (01 45 68 13 15 or by e-mail: n.dhumal@unesco.org).

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The World Heritage Centre is taking this opportunity to organise on the same day, presentations on the Europe and North America Periodic Reporting, (14h30 - 16h00) (contact: Ms Christine Delsol, 01 45 68 14 40, or c.delsol@unesco.org), and an information meeting on the International event on the safeguarding and promoting the heritage of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (16h30 - 18h00). For further information on the latter, please send an e-mail to DRCongo@unesco.org or call Mme Yvette Kaboza on 01 45 68 14 93. There will be simultaneous interpretation in English and French for these two meetings.

There will be tea/coffee available from 09h30 - 10h00 and 16h00 - 16h30 outside the meeting room.

I would be pleased for your Delegation or organisation to attend these meetings and look forward to seeing you on this occasion.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Francesco Bandarin Director UNESCO World Heritage Centre