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To: - Members of the World Heritage Committee
- Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCRUM, ICOMOS and IUCN)
- DDG; ADG/ED; ADG/SC; ADG/SHS, ADG/CLT; ADG/AFR

cc: - Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*

Subject: World Heritage Information Meeting, Thursday, 3 June 2004, Room XIII, UNESCO – 1, rue Miollis (10h00 - 13h00).

Madam/Sir,

It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend the Information Meeting for the **States Members of the World Heritage Committee, Thursday, 3 June 2004, Room XIII, 10h00 - 13h00.**

The main aim of the meeting is to present to the States Parties a number of special initiatives the World Heritage Centre is currently carrying on. While these initiatives will also be reported to the World Heritage Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, China, 28 June – 7 July 2004), the Centre would like to use this opportunity to inform the World Heritage Committee Member States in a more detailed way.

During the meeting the following items will be presented and discussed:

- a) The Conference and Exhibition of the safeguard of the World Heritage sites of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to be organized in September 2004 at UNESCO Headquarters;
- b) The project proposal on “Astronomy and World Heritage” elaborated on the basis of the results of the international experts meeting held in Venice in March 2004;

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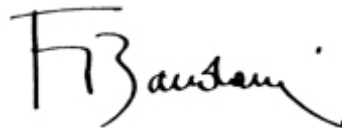
- c) The advancement of the project for the nomination of the “Camino Principal Andino” (Main Andean Route), following the meeting held in Peru (October 2003) and Bolivia (April 2004);
- d) New communication and partnership initiatives.

This Information Meeting for the Member States of the World Heritage Committee is also open to the Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention.

There will be simultaneous interpretation in English and French. For more information on this meeting, please contact Mrs Anna Sidorenko (tel. 01 45 68 20 96, e-mail: a.sidorenko@unesco.org) or Mr Christoforos Mallouris (tel.01 45 68 18 39, e-mail: c.mallouris@unesco.org).

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

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



AGENDA

**Information Meeting for the Members of
the World Heritage Committee
and
Permanent Delegations of States Parties to
the *World Heritage Convention*.**

3 June 2004

Venue: UNESCO Headquarters, Room XIII, 10h00 – 13h00

Interpretation: English-French

- 10:00** Welcome on behalf of the Director-General of UNESCO
Marcio Barbosa, Deputy Director General
- 10:15** Overview of special initiatives the World Heritage Centre is
currently carrying on.
Francesco Bandarin, Director, World Heritage Centre
- 10:30** The Conference and Exhibition of the safeguard of the World
Heritage sites of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to be
organized in September 2004 at UNESCO Headquarters
- 10:45** The Project “Astronomy and World Heritage” elaborated on the
basis of the results of the international experts meeting held in
Venice in March 2004
- 11:00** Questions and comments
- 11:30** COFFEE BREAK
- 12:00** The advancement of the project for the nomination of the
“Camino Principal Andino” (Main Andean Route), following the
meeting held in Peru (October 2003) and Bolivia (April 2004)
- 12:15** The Projects “Desert Roads” and “The Great Salt Route” with a
view to the serial nomination of the Cultural Itineraries in Sahara
on the World Heritage List. Meeting of experts concerning these
activities will be held on September 2004 in Niamey, Niger
- 12:30** The initiative on building a shared World Heritage Marine
Programme through the establishment of a World Heritage
Marine Site Manager’s Network and Partnerships
- 12:45** Questions and comments
- 13:00** Close