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To: - Members of the World Heritage Committee
- Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN)
- States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*

Subject: **Special Expert Meeting of the *World Heritage Convention: The Concept of Outstanding Universal Value, Kazan (Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation), 6-10 April 2005***

Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, after careful analysis of the 190 candidatures of high-level cultural and natural heritage experts submitted by 73 States Parties, 33 experts have been invited to participate in the Special Expert Meeting of the *World Heritage Convention: « The Concept of Outstanding Universal Value »*, which will be held in Kazan (Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation), 6-10 April 2005.

I am pleased to send you herewith the List of Participants, as well as the Provisional Agenda of the Special Expert Meeting elaborated in consultation with the Advisory Bodies. As requested by the World Heritage Committee, the Agenda and the background paper have been prepared by the World Heritage Centre on the basis of the decisions **28 COM 13.1** (Suzhou-Cairns Decision) and **7 EXT.COM 4B.2**.

You can find all the background and information documents at the following Web address <http://whc.unesco.org/temp/POL/>:

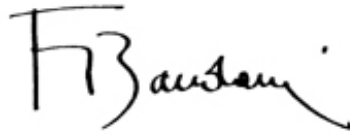
1. The Revised *Operational Guidelines* – February 2005 (E/F);
2. *Documents concerning the Global Strategy* for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List (1994 - 2004) (E/F);

3. **Document WHC-04/28.COM/13:** Evaluation of the Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List (1994 - 2004);
4. **Document WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13A:** ICOMOS Analysis of the World Heritage List and Tentative Lists and follow-up action plan;
5. **Document WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13B:** IUCN Analysis of the World Heritage List and Tentative Lists and follow-up action plan;
6. **Document WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13C:** Background information concerning the Cairns Decision;
7. Text of the *World Heritage Convention – 1972 (E/F)*.

Conclusions and recommendations of this meeting will be submitted to the 29th session of the Committee, Durban, South Africa, 10-17 July 2005.

For more information on this meeting, please contact Ms Mechtild Rossler (m.rossler@unesco.org), Ms Anne Lemaistre (tel. 01 45 68 15 14; a.lemaistre@unesco.org); or Ms Fumiko Ohinata (tel. 01 45 68 18 92; f.ohinata@unesco.org).

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 a long, sweeping tail.

Francesco Bandarin
Director
World Heritage Centre



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday 6 April	
6 : 45	Arrival of the participants in Kazan Transfer by shuttle to the hotel « Safar » 420066, Kazan, rue Odnostoronnaya Grifka, 1 Tel: 007 8432 439743; Fax: 439843; e-mail: hotel@safar-hotel.ru
8 : 00 – 9 : 00	<i>Breakfast at the hotel</i>
10 : 00 – 12 : 00	Guided tour of the « <i>Historic Centre of Kazan City</i> » (ancient Tatar suburb, Mardjani Mosque, Tukaya place, Baumann street, St-Pierre and S-Paul Cathedral, architectural and historic complex of the Kazan Kremlin)
12 : 00 – 13 : 30	<i>Lunch at the hotel</i>
14 : 00 – 14 : 30	“Pyramid” Convention Center : Inscription of participants and badge distribution
14 : 30 – 16 : 00	Opening ceremony: <i>Moderator</i> : Mr Kamil ISKHAKOV, Mayor of Kazan, Vice-president of the Organization World Heritage Cities (OWHC) Mr Mintimer SHAIMIEV, President of the Republic of Tatarstan Mr Michael OMOLEWA, President of UNESCO General Conference Mr Themba WAKASHE, Chairperson of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee Mr Yuri FEDOTOV, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation Mr Kishore RAO, Deputy Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre Mr Igor MAKOVETSKY, President, ICOMOS-Russian Federation Ms Liubava Moreva, UNESCO Moscow Office
16 : 00 – 17 : 00	Case Study on <i>Safeguarding the Historic and Architectural Complex of the Kazan Kremlin</i> by Mr Ildus TARKHANOV, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan

17 : 00 – 18 : 30	Cultural Programme : <i>visit of the Kazan University whose 200th Anniversary is mentioned in the list of anniversaries to which UNESCO is associated in 2004-2005</i>
19 : 00 – 22 : 00	Reception organized by Mr. Kamil ISKHAKOV, Mayor of Kazan, at the “Pyramid” Convention Center
Thursday 7 April	
8 : 00 – 9 : 00	<i>Breakfast at the hotel</i>
<p>The working sessions will take place in the “Centre national et culturel Kazan”, 420060, Kazan, rue Pouchkin, 86 (tel: 007 8432 383361; fax: 365563; e-mail: nkckazan@bancorp.ru)</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr Kishore RAO (Deputy Director, World Heritage Centre)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Young (United Kingdom)</p>	
9 : 30 – 13 : 00	<p><u>First session : Understanding of the concept of outstanding universal value under the World Heritage Convention</u></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Abdelaziz TOURI (Morocco)</i></p> <p><i><u>Keynote speech by Mr Francesco Francioni (20 minutes)</u></i> The origin and the development of the concept of “Outstanding Universal Value” within the World Heritage Convention</p> <p><i><u>Keynote speech by Mrs Christina Cameron (20 minutes)</u></i> Evolution of the application of “Outstanding Universal Value” for cultural and natural heritage</p> <p><i><u>Report by the World Heritage Centre (15 minutes)</u></i> Background to the Special Expert Meeting of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i></p> <p><i><u>Position Statements and presentation of the Analyses of the World Heritage List and Tentative Lists by the Advisory Bodies:</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ICOMOS by Mr Michael PETZET (25 minutes) ● IUCN by Mr Harald PLACHTER & Pedro ROSABAL (25 minutes) ● ICCROM by Mr Joseph KING (15 minutes) <p><i><u>Discussion and Recommendations</u></i></p>
13 : 00 – 14 : 30	<i>Lunch</i>

14 : 30 – 18 : 00	<p><u>Second session: Understanding of the concept of Outstanding Universal Value under the World Heritage Convention</u></p> <p>Creation of three working groups: Working Group 1 : Moderator: Mrs Christina CAMERON (Canada) Working Group 2 : Moderator: Mr Francesco FRANCONI (Italy) Working Group 3: Moderator: Mr Tamás FEJÉRDY (Hungary)</p> <p><u>Expected result:</u> Better understanding of the concept of Outstanding Universal Value and its application in the context of the <i>Convention</i></p>
18 : 30 – 20 : 00	Visit and show at the Great Concert Room of the Republic of Tatarstan
20 : 30	<i>Dinner at the hotel</i>
Friday 8 April	
8 : 00 – 9 : 00	<i>Breakfast at the hotel</i>
9 : 30 – 11 : 30	<p><u>Third session (Plenary): Presentation of conclusions and proposals by the working groups</u></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Dag MYKLEBUST (Norway)</i></p> <p>Working Group 1 (15 minutes) Working Group 2 (15 minutes) Working Group 3 (15 minutes)</p> <p><u>Expected result:</u> A common understanding on the Outstanding Universal Value concept and recommendations of key proposals on how to enhance its application when nominating properties</p>
11: 30 – 13:00	<p><u>Third session (Working groups): Application of the concept of outstanding universal value</u></p> <p>Working group 1: <i>Towards better identification of properties of potential outstanding universal value and preparation of Tentative Lists</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Michael TURNER (Israel)</i></p> <p><u>Expected result:</u> Identification of best practices in the preparation of Tentative Lists and recommendations of key proposals on how to enhance the capacity of State Parties in preparing/reviewing Tentative Lists</p> <p>Working group 2: <i>Improving nominations of properties of potential outstanding universal value</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms Martine TAHOUX TOUAO KAH (Côte d'Ivoire)</i></p> <p><u>Expected result:</u> Best practices in the preparation of nominations and recommendations of key proposals on how to enhance the capacity of State Parties in preparing high quality nominations</p>

Working group 3: Towards sustainable conservation of World Heritage properties

Moderator: Mr Eric EDROMA (Uganda)

Expected result: Best practices for sustainable conservation and recommendations of key proposals on how to enhance the capacity of State Parties in achieving sustainable financing for the management of World Heritage properties

13 : 00 – 14 : 30

Lunch

14 : 30 – 18 : 00

Fourth session (Working groups): continuation

Working group 1

Working group 2

Working group 3

19 : 00 – 21 : 30

Tatar dinner and cultural programme at the House of Tatar Cooking Art

Saturday 9 April

Breakfast at the hotel for participants leaving for professional reasons

Transfer by shuttle to the airport

7 : 15

Departure of the flight Kazan-Frankfurt

8 : 00 – 9 : 00

Breakfast at the hotel

9 : 30 – 13 : 00

Fifth session (Plenary): Presentation of conclusions and proposals by the working groups

Moderator: Ms Alissandra CUMMINS (Barbados)

Working Group 1 (15 minutes)

Working Group 2 (15 minutes)

Working Group 3 (15 minutes)

Expected result: Adoption of conclusions and proposals

13 : 00 – 14 : 30

Lunch

14 : 30 – 16 : 00

Work of the Drafting Group

(Chairperson, Rapporteur, Moderators, Advisory Bodies and the Secretariat of World Heritage Centre)

16 : 00 – 18 : 00

Final session (Plenary): Adoption of final recommendations and proposals

Moderator: Ms Nobuko INABA (Japan)

18 : 00 – 18 : 30	Award ceremony for those who contributed towards heritage management and conservation in Tatarstan Closing session of the Special Expert Meeting of the World Heritage Convention
19 : 00 – 21 : 30	<i>Dinner at the hotel</i>
22 h 00	<i>“Night floodlights of Kazan”</i> : Walk in the City
Sunday 10 April	
7 : 00 – 8 : 00	<i>Breakfast at the hotel</i>
9 : 00 – 18 : 00	Cultural Programme and visit: <i>Ancient Boulga</i>
19 : 00 – 22 : 00	<i>Dinner at the hotel</i>
Monday 11 April	
6 : 00 – 6 : 30	<i>Breakfast at the hotel</i>
6 : 30	<i>Transfer by shuttle to the airport</i>
7: 15	<i>Departure of the flight Kazan-Frankfurt</i>

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SPECIAL GUEST

Mr Themba WAKASHE, Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee

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South Africa Mr Vusithemba NDIMA
Uganda Mr Eric EDROMA

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Lebanon Mr Jade TABET
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**Syrian
Arab Rep.** Mr Aladine LOLAH
Tunisie Mme Marie-José ELLOUMI

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Fiji Ms Sereima Ramue SAVU
India Mr Shri R.B. LAL
Japan Ms Nobuko INABA
New Zealand Mr Paul GREEN
Philippines Ms Carmen D. PADILLA

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Israel Mr Michael TURNER
Netherlands Mr Peter NIJHOFF
Norway Mr Dag MYKLEBUST
**Russian
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