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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)
- National Commissions of States Parties
- Observers to the World Heritage Committee

Subject: 1. **Updated list of candidatures for election to the World Heritage Committee to be held during the 15th General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* (UNESCO HQs, Room IV, 10-11 October 2005)**
2. **Provisional list of candidates for the Bureau of the 15th General Assembly of States Parties (Chairperson, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur)**

Madam/Sir,

Further to our circular letters ref. CL/WHC-05/04 dated 23 August 2005, and CL/WHC-05/07 dated 12 September 2005, respectively, I have the pleasure to inform you on the current status of the candidatures for election to the World Heritage Committee, as well as the candidatures received for election to the Bureau of the 15th General Assembly (Chairperson, Vice-Chairs, Rapporteur).

1. **Updated list of State Party candidates for election to the World Heritage Committee, and the procedure for elections (Annex I)**

With the circular letter CL/WHC-05/07 dated 12 September 2005, I circulated a provisional list of State Party candidatures for election to the World Heritage Committee, including the status of their contributions to the World Heritage Fund (Rule 13.2 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*).

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Please find attached herewith an **updated list of the States Party candidates** to the World Heritage Committee as at **4 October 2005** (**Annex I** attached).

IMPORTANT

If your country's name is not included in the attached list or if your country has decided to withdraw its candidacy, I would be grateful if you could inform me of this, in writing, as soon as possible. This will enable us to prepare an accurate final list of candidates for the election of members to the World Heritage Committee. **In conformity with Rule 13.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the deadline for submission of candidatures and contributions is 48 hours before the opening of the General Assembly.** Therefore, the **deadline** to receive the State Party candidatures and contributions is **18h00** (Paris time) **on Friday, 7 October 2005**, after which the list will be finalised and presented to the General Assembly at the opening on Monday, 10 October 2005.

To facilitate transmission of your candidature in a timely manner, please note correspondence may be addressed to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre by normal mail; by fax to +33 (0) 1 45 68 55 70; or by e-mail to : f.bandarin@unesco.org (cc: n.dhumal@unesco.org).

I would also recall that if you have submitted a candidature without making a declaration for the term of office as Committee member, if elected, it shall be assumed that your country will stand for full six years.

Candidates are reminded 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 immediately preceding it shall not be eligible as a Member of the World Heritage Committee [...]" (Article 16.5 of the *World Heritage Convention*). For all questions concerning the status or payment of your contributions, please do not hesitate to contact our Administrator, Mr Carlos Romero (tel: +33 (0) 1 45 68 11 37) or Ms Nathalie Valanchon (tel: +33 (0) 1 45 68 12 76, n.valanchon@unesco.org).

The procedure for elections to Committee (Annex II)

Further to the decision of the Committee, **7 EXT.COM 15.4** (see below)¹, the elections for the Committee will take place in **Room VIII** on 10 and 11 October 2005. Please find attached the provisional time-table of elections which has already been circulated by e-mail under document *WHC-05/15.GA/2B*. (**Annex II** attached)

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I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the elections of the Committee (**Room VIII**) will run parallel to the plenary of the General Assembly (**Room IV**) and that the results of each round will be announced during the plenary session.

¹ **7 EXT.COM.15.4** : *Further requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to organize the elections of the members of the Committee in a separate room from the main meeting room, equipped with voting facilities, and with ballots conducted on a pre-scheduled basis agreed by the General Assembly*).

To better understand the voting procedure, I would like to refer you to Rule 14 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the States Parties to the General Assembly.

2. Provisional list of candidates for the Bureau of the 15th General Assembly (Chairperson, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur)

In the circular letter CL/WHC-05/04 dated 23 August 2005, I invited the States Parties to submit candidatures for the Bureau of the 15th General Assembly (Chairperson, vice-Chairs, and Rapporteur). As at **30 September 2005**, we have received three candidatures (**Annex III** attached). In order to grant further transparency and regional representativity to the procedure of electing the officers of the 15th General Assembly, I would be grateful if you could transmit to me, as soon as possible, any candidates your country intends to present to this election. A revised list of candidates for Officers of the 15th General Assembly will be provided at the opening of the 15th General Assembly.

If you have not already done so, I should be grateful if you would kindly transmit to me the name of the person or persons designated to represent your Government at the 15th General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*.

All related working documents on the forthcoming session and other information the General Assembly (*Rules of Procedures*; Summary Records of previous sessions, etc.) may be consulted on the following website

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/ga>

Looking forward to seeing you on the occasion of the General Assembly, and with many thanks in advance for your kind cooperation on the points mentioned herein, please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Francesco Bandarin
Director
UNESCO World Heritage Centre

Encls. as stated

Annex I

Provisional list of candidates for election to the World Heritage Committee, to be held during the 15th General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV (Paris, 10-11 October 2005)

Update at 4 October 2005

AFRICA	ARAB STATES	ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
Gabon *(4 yrs.)	Bahrain (6 yrs)	Afghanistan	Bulgaria	Barbados * (4 yrs.)
Kenya (4 yrs.)	Egypt (current Committee member)	Korea, Republic of (4 yrs.)	Canada (4 yrs.)	Cuba (4 yrs.)
Madagascar (4 yrs.)	Jordan (4 yrs.)	Thailand (4 yrs.)	Croatia (4 yrs.)	Peru (4 yrs.)
Mauritius * (4 yrs.)	Iraq	Viet Nam (4 yrs.)	Cyprus (4 yrs.)	
Tanzania, United Republic of (4 yrs.)	Mauritania		Israel	
	Morocco (4 yrs.)		Macedonia (the Former Yugoslav Republic of)	
	Sudan (6 yrs.)		Spain (4 yrs.)	
	Syrian Arab Republic (4 yrs.)		Ukraine (4 yrs.)	
	Tunisia (4 yrs.)		United States of America (4 yrs.)	
	Yemen			

NB : Numbers in (x) indicates the period of mandate for which the State Party presents its candidature, if elected.

* State Parties with no property on the World Heritage List

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**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV
10-11 October 2005**

**Item 2B of the Provisional Agenda: Adoption of the Timetable for the elections of the
World Heritage Committee**

Provisional Timetable for the elections of the World Heritage Committee

I. Provisional Timetable for the elections of the World Heritage Committee

	Opening of the polling station (Room VIII)	Closure of the polling station (Room VIII)	Announcement of results during the Plenary (Room IV)
<u>Round for the reserved seat</u> (for a State Party with no property on the World Heritage List) (Room VIII)	Monday 10 October 10h30	Monday 10 October 12h00	Monday 10 October 12h30
<u>1st round</u> (Room VIII)	Monday 10 October 13h00	Monday 10 October 15h30	Monday 10 October 16h30
<u>2nd round</u> (Room VIII)	Monday 10 October 18h00	Monday 10 October 20h30	Tuesday 11 October 10h00
<u>3rd round</u> (Room VIII)	Tuesday 11 October 10h30	Tuesday 11 October 12h00	Tuesday 11 October 13h00
<u>Next rounds</u> (if necessary) (Room VIII)	Announced during the Plenary and posted in Room IV	Announced during the Plenary and posted in Room IV	Announced during the Plenary and posted in Room IV

II. Draft Resolution 15 GA 2B

The General Assembly,

1. *Having examined Document WHC-05/15.GA/2B,*
2. *Adopts the timetable for the elections of the World Heritage Committee as presented in the above-mentioned Document.*

Provisional List of Candidatures received. / Liste provisoire des candidatures reçues.

30 September /septembre 2005

POSITION / FONCTION	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE, STATE PARTY	NOM DU REPRESENTANT, ETAT PARTIE
Chairperson / <i>Président</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr Ahmad Jalali, Ambassador /Permanent Delegate of Iran 2. H.E. Madam Samira Hanna-el-Daher, Ambassador /Permanent Delegate of Lebanon 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>S. Exc. M. Ahmad Jalali Ambassadeur/Délégué permanent d'Iran</i> 2. <i>S.E. Madame Samira Hanna-el- Daher, Ambassadeur/Délégué permanent du Liban</i>
Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président	Professor Igor I. Makovetski Head of the Russian World Heritage Committee	<i>Professeur Igor I. Makovetski Chef du Comité du patrimoine mondial de la Russie</i>
Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président		
Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président		
Rapporteur		