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- To:**
- **National Commissions for UNESCO of all States Parties to the Convention**
 - **Permanent Delegations and Observer Missions of all States Parties to the Convention**

Madam/Sir,

At the recommendation of the Consultative Body of the World Heritage Committee established at its twenty-first session in Naples, Italy, December 1997, we are soliciting your assistance in verifying the accuracy of the following information:

- 1. Brief Descriptions of each World Heritage property in your country (English and French)**
- 2. State Party Information Sheets**
- 3. Contact address for local institutions, museums and management authorities for each site**

Both the Brief Descriptions and State Party Information Sheets are being, or will be, made available to the public via the Internet and in print form on demand. Changes in the Brief Descriptions, once approved by the appropriate advisory body and translated, will be incorporated into the next revised edition of the booklet to be published in the year 2000.

We would also like to improve the distribution of the *World Heritage Newsletter* and other publications available from the World Heritage Centre. In addition, we are frequently called upon to supply local addresses for site management authorities and other local institutions with specific information about the World Heritage properties.

Please review the attachments listed above for the accuracy of the information and return the sheets to us with your comments by **1 October 1999** (by fax +33[0] 1 45 68 55 70 or by E-mail: p.stott@unesco.org).

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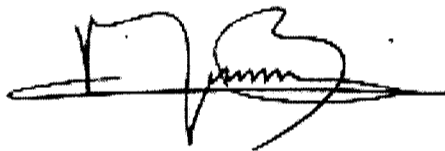
In addition to the printed *Newsletter*, the Centre also maintains an electronic e-mail newsletter, distributed 2-3 times per month. If you have e-mail capacity, you may subscribe to the newsletter by sending the single phrase "subscribe whnews" to **majordomo@world.std.com**. For more information, you can also write to the Newsletter Editor at the address above, or at **wheditor@unesco.org**.

As you may know, the World Heritage Centre operates **World Wide Web** pages at **http://www.unesco.org/whc/**. In addition to the basic texts and application forms relevant to the World Heritage Convention, the web site also contains a descriptive page on each inscribed site. The page contains the location, statement of significance of the site as determined by the World Heritage Committee, a brief description, and Internet links to other web sites that describe the World Heritage site. We can only provide a limited amount of information about each site; it has long been our belief that the site management authorities themselves are the ultimate source of the most reliable and up-to-date information about each site. As a result, we would very much like to know of your own activities on the web. If you have a web site, please send us the web address and the name and e-mail address of the person who maintains the information therein.

We thank you in advance for your kind co-operation and collaboration in this important exercise and are grateful for your support of the World Heritage Convention in your country.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Mounir Bouchenaki
Director
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Attachments.

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Explanatory Notes to the State Party Web Page

The full Internet address of this page will be: www.unesco.org/whc/sp/xxx.htm where xxx is replaced by the three-letter country code in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Membership of World Heritage Committee

This entry lists the years in which the State Party was on the World Heritage Committee or Bureau of the World Heritage Committee.

National Agencies with Responsibility for World Heritage Activities

If separate agencies are responsible for cultural and natural heritage, both should be listed. Telephone and Fax numbers should be given, and E-mail and World Wide web addresses, if available.

UNESCO National Commission.

This line is a "hot link" on the web page to a list of all UNESCO national Commission. (No change is necessary to this entry.)

Most Recent Tentative List:

This entry gives the date of the most recent Tentative List submission. "None" indicates that the State Party has not yet submitted a Tentative List of properties it intends to nominate to the World Heritage List.