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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)

Subject: 22nd session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention and presentation of candidatures for the election of members to the World Heritage Committee (UNESCO Headquarters, 27-28 November 2019)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the 22nd session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention that will be held from 27 to 28 November 2019, at UNESCO Headquarters.

As you know, the General Assembly will be called upon notably to replace the 9 outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee: Angola, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Indonesia, Kuwait, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

I would like to invite all States Parties considering possible candidatures to take into account modalities of eligibility of members of the World Heritage Committee that are outlined in my letter of 23 July last (attached) and to address their candidatures to the World Heritage Centre.

Allow me in this regard to recall that the General Assembly reiterated by Resolution 1 EXT GA 3 (paragraph 5) *"its strong request to States Parties and electoral groups to provide a sufficient number of candidates for each seat and each election to ensure a genuine choice at each election"*


Please note that for full transparency, the 8 candidatures received to date have been uploaded on the website of the World Heritage Centre. Information related to the number of seats to be filled during the 22nd session of the General Assembly is also available at the same address:

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/22ga/>

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Please note also that, according to Article 13.4 of the Rules of Procedure, this list of candidatures shall be finalised 48 hours before the opening of the General Assembly.

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



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