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**Subject: Retrospective Inventory Project, Clarification of boundaries of  
World Heritage properties in Finland**

Sir,

I would like to inform you that the World Heritage Committee, at its 31st session (Christchurch, New Zealand, 23 June to 2 July 2007), examined the clarifications on boundaries of fifteen World Heritage properties located within the Europe Region.

Such information has been submitted in response to the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory Project, launched in 2004 (Decision 7 EXT.COM 7.1) in order to clarify the delimitation of the European properties inscribed on the World Heritage List between 1978 and 1998. To this end, a letter to Finnish authorities was already sent in January 2005. Please find attached in Annex I the Decision 31 COM 11A.2 adopted by the Committee.

Please note that the World Heritage Committee:

"3. Requests the States Parties in the Europe Region who have not yet answered the questions raised in 2005 in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all requested clarifications and documentation as soon as possible and by 1 December 2007 at the latest".

I would appreciate if you could ensure the timely submission of the information requested to the World Heritage Centre. In order to facilitate this task, please find enclosed a report presenting the information requested for Finnish World Heritage properties. All satisfactory boundary clarifications received by 1 December 2007 will be presented to the Committee for consideration at its 32nd session in 2008.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please address any technical questions you may have to Ms Alessandra Borchi at [a.borchi@unesco.org](mailto:a.borchi@unesco.org).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation and for your support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*.

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**Extract of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007)**

**Decision: 31 COM 11A.2**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-07/31.COM/11A.2,
2. Takes note of the clarification of property limits provided by the following States Parties in the European region in response to the Retrospective Inventory:
  - Belgium: La Grand-Place, Brussels;
  - Bulgaria: Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo; Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari;
  - Italy: Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci; Historic Centre of Florence; I Sassi di Matera; Historic Centre of Urbino;
  - Portugal: Historic Centre of Évora;
  - Slovenia: Škocjan Caves;
  - Spain: Altamira Cave; Mudéjar Architecture of Aragon; Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias in Seville; La Lonja de la Seda de Valencia; San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries; University and Historic Precinct of Alcalá de Henares.
3. Requests the States Parties in the Europe Region who have not yet answered the questions raised in 2005 in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all requested clarifications and documentation as soon as possible and by **1 December 2007** at the latest;
4. Acknowledges that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies will not be able to examine proposals for boundary modifications for properties located in the Europe Region whenever current boundaries are unclear. The same principle applies to sites located within other Regions;
5. Thanks the States Parties concerned for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List.