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Dear Director General,

As Ambassadors to UNESCO, we share collective concerns over the process taken to develop recommendations to be discussed at UNESCO's 44th World Heritage Meeting. We acknowledge the limited ability for UNESCO and its Advisory Bodies to evaluate and analyse reports, as well as to visit World Heritage properties, particularly during the COVID crisis. However, we underscore the need for intergovernmental and international institutions to continue to apply due process in interactions with their States Parties.

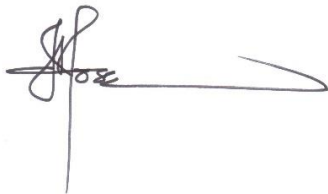
To that end, any recommendation from the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies should be based on transparent, extensive and close consultation processes with the States Parties concerned, including on properties where the World Heritage Committee is being asked to consider significant decisions, such as immediate in-danger listing of properties and nomination dossiers

We will continue to work collaboratively with all States Parties and the World Heritage Centre in good faith to ensure that natural and cultural heritage is preserved for future generations and look forward to a productive meeting at WHC44.



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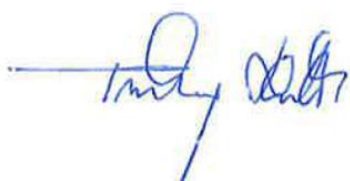
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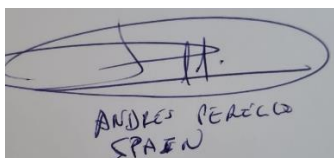
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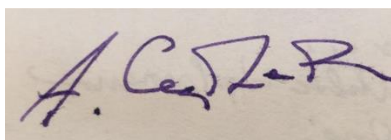


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