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The Assistant Director-General for Culture

To:

Participants of the Expert Meeting
on the Feasibility of an International
Landscape Convention
(UNESCO HQ, 25-26 October 2010)

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Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed the draft report of the *Expert Meeting on the proposal for an International Landscape Convention*, which was held at UNESCO Headquarters 25-26 October 2010. As agreed at the meeting, the small drafting group made a major effort to include all your considerations and contributions and produced a concise document.

Please send your comments, and in case of any suggestions and additions, concise draft text to Ms Ressler (m.ressler@unesco.org) with a copy to Ms Moore (kathryn@harborne.u-net.com) by **30 November 2010** at the latest.

I am also asking those who were invited but could not come to the meeting to provide us with feedback and reflections. I am especially asking ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN and IFLA, as well as all other bodies which participated to provide one comment or contribution by organization, if possible, to avoid any overlap and contradicting wording.

I would also like to draw your attention to the ICOMOS Resolution adopted by the ICOMOS Executive Committee held in Dublin, Ireland (31 October 2010), please find a copy enclosed.

On behalf of my colleagues I would like to thank you very much for your active participation and support in this process. As explained, on the basis of this report a document will be prepared for UNESCO's Executive Board in April 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Francesco Bandarin

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ICOMOS Executive Committee meeting Dublin, Ireland, 31 October 2010 Extract from the resolutions

Global Landscape Convention

Upon a proposal by the ICOMOS Scientific Council, endorsed by the ICOMOS Advisory Committee, the ICOMOS Executive Committee adopted the following resolution at its meeting on 31 October 2010 in Dublin (Ireland):

- 1 Whereas ICOMOS considers that landscape is an essential component in people's lives and is at the core of cultural identity, and that landscape is the result of the interaction of culture and nature;
- 2 And since diverse and numerous factors now threaten landscapes throughout the world, creating disastrous environments affecting not only the ecological balance but also the diversity of cultures;
- 3 ICOMOS regards the safeguarding and communication of the full range of heritage values of cultural landscapes to be key elements for a sustainable development based on traditional techniques and knowledge.
- 4 Since ICOMOS is involved in the conservation, preservation and management of cultural landscapes through several of its International Scientific Committees, dedicated to both its tangible and intangible values;
- 5 And since ICOMOS has acknowledged the significance of landscape and its values in several of its doctrinal documents such as the Xi'an Declaration on the Conservation of the Setting of Heritage Structures, Sites and Areas (2005) and the Quebec Declaration on the Preservation of the Spirit of the Place (2008);
- 6 ICOMOS therefore encourages UNESCO to study and advance the work toward a Global Landscape Convention that may be a comprehensive, universal tool for the protection and conservation of landscapes, respecting regional and cultural uniqueness, while promoting effective and sensitive regional, national and local policies and legislation.