

Box 1: The Berlin Appeal**Berlin Appeal*****“World Heritage Periodic Reporting in Europe: Towards an Action Plan”***

The 61 delegates representing 38 European countries, meeting in Berlin, Germany from 8 to 9 November 2005 with international experts, the Advisory Bodies to the *World Heritage Convention* (the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation on and Restoration of Cultural Property - ICCROM, the World Conservation Union - IUCN, the International Council on Monuments and Sites - ICOMOS) and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, to review the progress of Periodic Reporting on the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* in Europe since the meeting held jointly with the Council of Europe in Nicosia, Cyprus, in May 2003:

1. Thanking with appreciation the German national authorities for hosting the meeting and the National Commissions of Austria, Germany, Luxembourg and Switzerland for their cooperation,
2. Recall the Decisions by the World Heritage Committee on European Periodic Reporting since 2001;
3. Recognize the success of the implementation of the World Heritage in encouraging international cooperation among European States Parties in the Periodic Reporting process as well as its role in supporting sustainable use of our heritage for social and economic benefits of local and national communities;
4. Welcome the positive results of the cooperation among European States Parties in the implementation of the Periodic Reporting process and the overall active participation in the process by all 48 States Parties;
5. Urge all stakeholders to develop preventive and proactive approaches to conservation;
6. Note that UNESCO, the World Heritage Committee, the Council of Europe and the European Union all have roles in conservation and sustainable use of our common heritage;
7. Call on UNESCO, the World Heritage Committee, the Council of Europe and the European Union to examine ways to focus their efforts and to increase cooperation in the support of World Heritage and using it as an exemplar for management and sustainable use of European heritage;
8. Invite States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, organs of the European Union (Council of Ministers, European Parliament, and the European Commission) and the Council of Europe to develop consistent mechanisms and initiate the necessary measures to achieve these objectives;
9. Call on the Council of Ministers and the European Commission to implement the *European Parliament Resolution on the application of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and National Heritage in the Member States of the European Union (2000/2036 (INI))*, in particular with regard to giving priority funding to World Heritage in any future programmes.