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Subject
**Proposed amendments to the ICOMOS Statutes
and Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly**

Dear Colleagues,

This is to inform you how the amendments proposed were developed.

The last General Assembly in Madrid appointed a Standing Committee on Statutes which I have the honour to chair. Members of this Standing Committee are besides myself Sheridan Burke, Andrew Hall, Saleh Lamei, Alberto Martorell, James Reap, Suzanna Sampaio and Maria Rosa Suarez-Inclan Ducassi.

Resolution B 10 of the last General Assembly asked the Standing Committee to "review and update" the Statutes. The Standing Committee took on this task and presented and discussed its deliberations with the Executive Committee in March 2003. The Executive Committee thought that the following main issues should be covered when changing the Statutes:

- introduction of a mixed system of postal and personal voting with only one round of voting,
- strengthening the role of the International Scientific Committees,
- recognition, and consequently the possibility of its withdrawal, of new National Committees by the Executive Committee.

The Standing Committee worked out the necessary amendments for these major points and a few minor changes and clarifications thought necessary. As the electoral system should be changed adjustments of the "Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly" are also necessary which the Standing Committee worked out as well.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution B 12 the Standing Committee formulated a candidates' code of conduct to be added to the Ethical Commitment Statement. This basic guideline reads as follows: Electoral campaigning may be done within ICOMOS via the means accessible to all members. Candidates should restrain from mobilising government public or private organisations from campaigning on their behalf. Any questions re. interpretation of this guideline to be referred to the Candidatures Committee and for elections other than those at the General Assembly to the Executive Committee."

The proposals were presented to the President at the beginning of June 2003 and thus put to his discretion to decide how to proceed.

As the texts are presented to all of you now I hope that they will be broadly discussed. Every ICOMOS member has the right to propose amendments to the amendments. Please give your comments early if possible until the end of August so that the Standing Committee has time to examine them thoroughly before the General Assembly in October 2003.

Yours sincerely,

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Committee on Statutes

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