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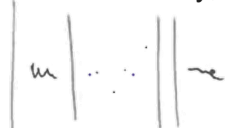
Dear Mr Yanchev,

In reply to your letter dated 14 April 2025 addressed to the Director-General of UNESCO regarding the relocation of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee from Sofia (Bulgaria) to UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, I would like to inform you that on 27 February 2025, an official communication was received from the Republic of Bulgaria, informing UNESCO that due to prevailing circumstances, the Government was no longer in the position to host the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 6 to 16 July 2025.

Subsequently, in conformity with Rule 4.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee, the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee convened a meeting of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee, which took place on 5 March 2025, at UNESCO Headquarters, regarding the venue of the 47th session.

On this occasion, the Bureau, constituted, by the Chairperson, the Rapporteur, of five Vice-Chairpersons: Belgium, Mexico, Qatar, Republic of Korea and Zambia, decided that the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee will take place at UNESCO Headquarters, in Paris, from 6 to 16 July 2025. The decisions adopted by the Bureau were circulated to the representatives of all 196 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, and were uploaded with public access on the UNESCO World Heritage Centre's website at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/47COM>. A public web news, available at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2751/>, was also published on that day.

Yours sincerely,



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