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Subject: **Nomination of Papahānaumokuākea: Marine National Monument, Hawaii (United States of America) for inscription on the World Heritage List (C/N 1326)**

Sir,

I herewith wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 January 2009 by which you transmitted the nomination of **Papahānaumokuākea: Marine National Monument, Hawaii** for inscription on the World Heritage List.

As you know, according to paragraph 140 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the Secretariat is asked to check the completeness of the nominations received and forward to the relevant Advisory Bodies only those nominations that were complete at the deadline of 1 February. The nomination of **Papahānaumokuākea: Marine National Monument, Hawaii** met all of the technical requirements outlined in the *Operational Guidelines* concerning completeness check of nominations to the World Heritage List.

Since the proposed site is a mixed property and presented as cultural landscape as well, copies of the nomination have been passed to ICOMOS and IUCN for evaluation. The two Advisory Bodies will be contacting you separately to arrange for an evaluation of the site.

In the meantime, if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Francesco Bandarin  
Director  
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Cc: US Commission for UNESCO  
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