

**ELECTIONS TO THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE  
24th SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2023**

**(9 seats to be filled)**

At the forthcoming 24th session of the General Assembly in 2023, the following number of seats will be **allocated** for each of the electoral groups:

- Group I : 0 seat, the minimum number of seats (2) having already been reached
- Group II : 1 seat
- Group III : 0 seat, the minimum number of seats (2) having already been reached
- Group IV : 2 seats
- Group Va : 2 seats
- Group Vb : 1 seat

In addition to those 6 allocated seats, **3 open seats** will also be filled through a ballot open to any candidate of any electoral group. Unsuccessful candidates in the ballots for the allocated seats shall also be eligible to stand for election in this ballot for the 3 open seats.

As mentioned in Rule 14.1d), at each election, due consideration shall be given to the election of at least one State Party, which has never served as a Member of the World Heritage Committee.

**Table 1: Number of seats filled until 2023 (9)**

(Note: these 9 seats will be open for election at the 24th session of the General Assembly in 2023)

Groups	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
States Parties whose mandate will terminate in 2023		Russian Federation		Thailand	Ethiopia Mali Nigeria South Africa	Egypt Oman Saudi Arabia
<b>Number</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table 2: Number of seats filled until 2025 (12)**

Groups	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb
States Parties whose mandate will terminate in 2025	Belgium Greece Italy	Bulgaria	Argentina Mexico Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	India Japan	Rwanda Zambia	Qatar
<b>Number</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 3: Minimum number of seats to be filled for each Electoral Groups in 2023 to fulfill the minimum allocation defined by Rule 14.1**

**Note:** Rule 14.1.c) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly allocates a minimum number of seats to each Electoral Group (see row a) in the table below). The number of seats to be allocated for each Electoral Group at each election is calculated on the basis of Rule 14.1 c), taking into account the number of Committee members already in place within each Electoral Group (see row b) in the table below):

<b>Electoral Groups</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>Va</b>	<b>Vb</b>
a) Minimum number of seats allocated as per Rule 14.1	2	2	2*	3+1* = 4	4	2
b) Number of seats already filled until 2025 (Table2)	3	1	3	2	2	1
c) Number of seats to be allocated to Electoral Groups in 2023	0 seat	1 seat	0 seat	2 seats	2 seats	1 seat
d) Number of remaining seats to be filled in 2023	<b>3 seats</b>					

\* Rule 14.1 c) also foresees that an additional seat shall be allocated for Group III and Group IV on a rotational basis. At its 20th session, the General Assembly decided that the floating seat would be allocated to Group III at its 21st session in 2017, with a rotation between Groups III and IV at each subsequent session (Resolution [20 GA 6](#) para.3). As a consequence, the floating seat for the 24th session in 2023 is allocated to Group IV.