

Québec City Declaration

Adopted July 4, 1991 the end of the International Symposium of the World Heritage Cities

WHEREAS World Heritage towns, by reason of their inclusion on the [World Heritage List](#), are required to ensure exemplary management and conservation;

WHEREAS for many of them, a considerable gap remains between ideals and means available;

WHEREAS many of them are isolated;

WHEREAS the creation of a permanent mechanism for communication between World Heritage towns will promote relations between "sister cities", favour solidarity and mutual support, and enables World Heritage towns to face more efficiently the challenges with which they are confronted.

The [World Heritage towns](#), through their elected representatives meeting in [Québec City](#), Canada, agree TO ESTABLISH, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, A NETWORK OF WORLD HERITAGE TOWNS. The primary objective of this Network will be to favour the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and to promote co-operation and the exchange of information among members as well as with all other historic cities round the world. Supported by a permanent secretariat that will be called upon to work in concert with [UNESCO](#) and [ICOMOS](#), the Network will be specifically responsible for:

- gathering, compiling, and updating management information concerning all the towns in the Network;
- making available and disseminating on a regular basis a summary of this information through a bulletin intended solely for the towns in the Network;
- updating and re-issuing on a regular basis the management guide presented at this symposium;
- facilitating and promoting the activity of researchers specialized in the problems of historical urban milieux;
- providing technical support for any member town in the Network responsible for organizing events comparable to this symposium;
- furnishing any supporting information that is deemed useful to any town wishing to be considered by the World Heritage Committee for inclusion on the World Heritage List.