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The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Wooden Churches of Southern Little Poland, Poland**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (iii): The wooden churches of Little Poland bear important testimony to medieval church building traditions, as these related to the liturgical and cult functions of the Roman Catholic Church in a relatively closed region in central Europe.

Criterion (iv): The churches are the most representative examples of surviving Gothic churches built in horizontal log technique, particularly impressive in their artistic and technical execution, and sponsored by noble families and rulers as symbols of social and political prestige.

The property consists of six separate churches:

Church	Town	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
Church of the Archangel Michael	Binarowa	1.80	40.4
Church of All Saints	Blizne	2.20	46.7
Church of the Archangel Michael	Debno	0.14	64.0
Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Archangel Michael	Haczów	1.30	38.2
Church of St Leonard	Lipnica Murowana	1.10	16.5
Church of St Philip and St James the Apostles	Sekowa	1.72	36.4
TOTAL		8.26	242.2

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With regard to the *Sacri Monti of Piedmont and Lombardy, Italy* and the **Wooden Churches of Southern Little Poland, Poland**, the World Heritage Committee,

1. Congratulates the States Parties of Italy and Poland on the successful establishment of planning mechanisms for the two serial nominations;
2. Encourages the States Parties to work with the World Heritage Centre in assisting other States Parties to develop planning mechanisms for similar serial properties;
3. Requests that the two States Parties report back to the Committee at its 28th session in 2004 on the implementation of the management mechanisms and any potential extensions