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World Heritage Youth at the 32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee

Ottawa, July 24, 2008. The Canadian Commission for UNESCO was proud to work with Parks Canada and other partners in organizing the highly successful World Heritage Youth Forum as a component of the 32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee. The World Heritage Committee held its annual meeting in Québec City from July 2 – 10, 2008, coinciding with the city's 400th anniversary celebration.

The World Heritage Youth Forum brought together 30 young people between the ages of 18 to 25--15 Canadians and 15 others invited by Canada from countries representing the five geographical regions of UNESCO--who spent more than two weeks learning about world heritage and the Convention, undertaking educational visits to Canadian World Heritage sites and attending sessions of the World Heritage Committee.

The complete report of the World Heritage Youth Forum will be available shortly on the Canadian Commission's web site.

The video produced by the youth and presented at the opening ceremony of the 32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee is now available online at <http://citizen.nfb.ca/youth-and-world-heritage>

Further information about the work of the 32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee can be found at <https://www.canada2008.ca/en>

For information about World Heritage sites in Canada, go the Parks Canada web site at <http://www.parkscanada.ca>

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