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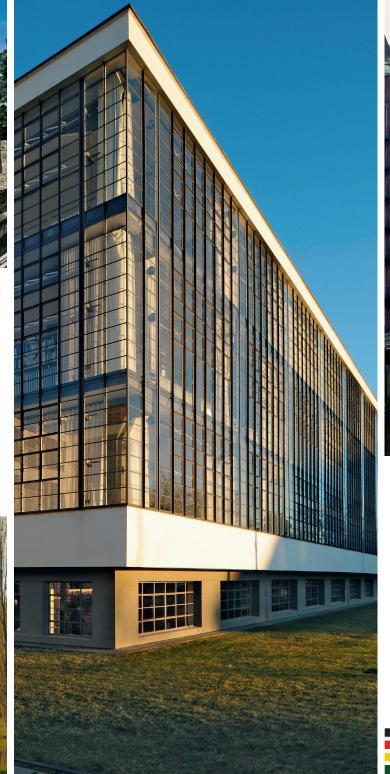




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- » advises ICOMOS International in World Heritage matters and assumes responsibility for the preventive monitoring of World Heritage sites in Germany;



- » in its advisory capacity it gives advice to and provides a network for authorities, institutions, and conservation partners;
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