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and of the List of World Heritage in Danger**

8D: Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

SUMMARY

This document presents a Draft Decision concerning the adoption of 25 “boundary clarifications”, i.e. clarifications of the delimitations of properties at the time of their inscription on the World Heritage List, received from 17 States Parties.

The boundary clarifications have been prepared in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory of nomination files of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978 – 1998, as well as for properties inscribed after 1998 in the framework of the Periodic Reporting.

Draft Decision: 40 COM 8D, see Point IV.

I. RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

1. The Retrospective Inventory, an in-depth examination of the nomination dossiers available at the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN, was initiated in 2004 and endorsed by the World Heritage Committee at its 7th Extraordinary Session (UNESCO, 2004; Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.1**).
2. The objective of the Retrospective Inventory is the identification and collection of data such as information on boundaries, serial components and area of properties for early inscribed World Heritage properties where the available information is missing or not adequate. This data plays a key role in different statutory processes, such as reactive monitoring, modification of boundaries and Periodic Reporting of World Heritage properties.
3. Thus, the Retrospective Inventory gathered important data on the early inscribed properties from 1978 until 1998. All documentation available in the archives of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN was analysed and inventoried. Clarifications resulting from the Periodic Reporting exercise after 1998 were also included in the review process (see paragraphs 6 and 7 below).

II. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY AND PERIODIC REPORTING

4. In the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, all maps provided in the nomination files and in the evaluations of the Advisory Bodies were examined to check whether they included the delimitations of the World Heritage property as inscribed. Problematic cases were subsequently communicated to the States Parties concerned in order for them to provide the missing information on the delimitation of the properties at the time of inscription.
5. Since 2004, the Retrospective Inventory process has dealt with more than four hundred properties inscribed on the World Heritage List during the period 1978-1998.
6. In parallel, in the course of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting and in reply to Question 1.4 (Maps) of the questionnaire, some States Parties have also provided technically improved maps of inscribed properties. These maps were submitted by States Parties in cases where the cartographic information provided in the nomination dossier at the time of their inscription did not fulfil the current technical requirements as established in paragraph 132 and Section 1.e of Annex 5 of the *Operational Guidelines*.
7. Consequently, the present document presents information related to maps of properties inscribed before 1998, and which fall within the Retrospective Inventory process, as well as properties inscribed after 1998, as a result of the Periodic Reporting exercise.

III. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN 2015

8. Boundary clarifications are considered satisfactory only if: a) they are consistent with the information provided in the nomination dossier, with the evaluation of the concerned Advisory Body(ies) and with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription; b) they meet the current technical requirements, i.e.:
 - are provided on topographic or cadastral maps at the largest available scale (the choice between a topographic or cadastral map depends on the size as well as the category of the property);
 - are provided on maps that:
 - a) show a clearly labelled coordinate grid (or coordinate references for at least four points on the map);

- b) include a bar scale;
 - c) display a legend in English or French clearly referring to the “boundaries of the World Heritage property” and/or to the “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”, if applicable.
9. At its 39th session (Bonn, 2015), the World Heritage Committee requested States Parties concerned to submit all requested boundary clarifications **by 1 December 2015** (Decision **39 COM 8D**). Following this decision, letters were addressed to the States Parties concerned, asking for the missing information. Out of the received boundaries clarifications, 25 were considered satisfactory. They are therefore presented to the World Heritage Committee at its 40th session.
10. Clarifications are presented by region in alphabetical order (Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean) and by State Party also in alphabetical order.
11. Paragraph 12 presents the list of properties concerned. Annex I presents the detailed information of boundaries clarifications. For each World Heritage property, the following elements are provided:
- a table indicating the name of the property, its date of inscription, its identification number and its area in hectares as well as the area in hectares of its buffer zone, whenever applicable;
 - a technical summary providing further details and explanations;
 - if the property is serial, a table listing the serial components and their area in hectares as well as the area in hectares of their buffer zones, whenever applicable;
 - the respective maps are available at the following website <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/40COM/documents/>
12. Boundary clarifications for the following properties are presented:
- ARAB STATES:
- Syrian Arab Republic: Site of Palmyra;
- EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA:
- Canada: Dinosaur Provincial Park;
 - Croatia: Plitvice Lakes National Park;
 - Czech Republic: Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc; Litomyšl Castle;
 - France: Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France; Place Stanislas, Place de la Carrière and Place d'Alliance in Nancy;
 - Germany: Bauhaus and its Sites in Weimar and Dessau; Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg;
 - Holy See: Vatican City;
 - Italy: City of Verona;
 - Russian Federation: Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow;
 - Spain: Cave of Altamira and Paleolithic Cave Art of Northern Spain; Las Médulas; La Lonja de la Seda de Valencia; San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries;
 - Sweden: Skogskyrkogården;
 - United States of America: La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico; Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site; Chaco Culture;

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:

- Belize: Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System;
- Cuba: Old Havana and its Fortifications;
- Mexico: Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan;
- Peru: Huascarán National Park;
- Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): Coro and its Port.

IV. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 40 COM 8D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/8D,*
2. *Recalling Decision **39 COM 8D**, adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),*
3. *Acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by States Parties in the clarification of the boundaries of their World Heritage properties and commends them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;*
4. *Recalls that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitations of such properties as inscribed remain unclear;*
5. *Takes note of the clarifications of property boundaries and areas provided by the States Parties as presented in the Annex of Document WHC/16/40.COM/8D:*

ARAB STATES:

- Syrian Arab Republic: Site of Palmyra;*

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA:

- Canada: Dinosaur Provincial Park;*
- Croatia: Plitvice Lakes National Park;*
- Czech Republic: Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc; Litomyšl Castle;*
- France: Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France; Place Stanislas, Place de la Carrière and Place d'Alliance in Nancy;*
- Germany: Bauhaus and its Sites in Weimar and Dessau; Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg;*
- Holy See: Vatican City;*
- Italy: City of Verona;*
- Russian Federation: Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow;*
- Spain: Cave of Altamira and Paleolithic Cave Art of Northern Spain; Las Médulas; La Lonja de la Seda de Valencia; San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries;*
- Sweden: Skogskyrkogården;*

– *United States of America: La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico; Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site; Chaco Culture;*

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:

- *Belize: Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System;*
- *Cuba: Old Havana and its Fortification System;*
- *Mexico: Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan;*
- *Peru: Huascarán National Park;*
- *Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): Coro and its Port.*

6. *Requests the States Parties which have not yet answered the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all clarifications and documentation as soon as possible, and by **1 December 2016** at the latest, for their subsequent examination, if the technical requirements are met, by the 41th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2017.*

All maps for the clarification of boundaries can be found at the following link <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/40COM/documents/> and are consistent with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription, and/or the evaluation of the relevant Advisory Body and/or the Nomination.

ARAB STATES

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Property	Site of Palmyra
Identification	23
Date of inscription	1980
Area of the inscribed property	117.68 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Property	Dinosaur Provincial Park
Identification	71
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	7825 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

CROATIA

Property	Plitvice Lakes National Park
Identification	98bis
Date of inscription	1979, 2000
Area of the inscribed property	29630.77 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clarification on the surface of the property.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Property	Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc
Identification	859rev
Date of inscription	2000
Area of the inscribed property	0.05 ha
Area of the buffer zone	85.20 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

Property	Litomyšl Castle
Identification	901
Date of inscription	1999
Area of the inscribed property	4.25 ha
Area of the buffer zone	118.13 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

FRANCE

Property	Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France
Identification	868
Date of inscription	1998
Area of the inscribed property	97.21 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided maps of the 78 components of the property, displaying the localisation and the boundaries of each component.

Property	Place Stanislas, Place de la Carrière and Place d'Alliance in Nancy
Identification	229
Date of inscription	1983
Area of the inscribed property	7 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

GERMANY

Property	Bauhaus and its Sites in Weimar and Dessau
Identification	729
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	3.75 ha
Area of the buffer zone	19.39 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
729-001	Main building of the Weimar Academy for Architecture and Building Arts	0.24	2.40
729-002	The Van-de-Velde building of the Academy for Architecture and Building Arts	0.27	
729-003	The "Haus am Horn"	0.25	9.50

729-004	The Bauhaus	1.73	4.05
729-005	The Masters' Houses	1.26	3.44
TOTAL		3.75	19.39

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the five components of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

Property	Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg
Identification	783
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	0.83
Area of the buffer zone	18.59 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
783-001	Luther's birthplace Eisleben	0.08	0.56
783-002	The house in which Luther died	0.12	1.37
783-003	Luther Hall	0.16	5.57
783-004	Melanchthon's house	0.12	5.57
783-005	The Town Church	0.19	0.94
783-006	The Castle Church	0.16	4.58
TOTAL		0.83	18.59

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the six components of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The State Party also provided a serial nomination table.

HOLY SEE

Property	Vatican City
Identification	286
Date of inscription	1984
Area of the inscribed property	44 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

ITALY

Property	City of Verona
Identification	797rev
Date of inscription	2000
Area of the inscribed property	444.40 ha
Area of the buffer zone	303.98 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Property	Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow
Identification	545
Date of inscription	1990
Area of the inscribed property	42.1 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1121.3 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

SPAIN

Property	Cave of Altamira and Paleolithic Cave Art of Northern Spain
Identification	310bis
Date of inscription	1985, 2008
Area of the inscribed property	0.32 ha
Area of the buffer zone at the time of inscription (before extension)	16 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone at the time of inscription.

Property	Las Médulas
Identification	803
Date of inscription	1997
Area of the inscribed property	2208.2 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)
803-001	Zone principal de la mina de oro de Las Médulas	1879.2
803-002	Estéiles de la Balouta	203.6
803-003	Estéiles de Valdebría	48.3
803-004	Estéiles de Yeres	77.1
TOTAL		2208.2

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the components of the inscribed property.

Property	La Lonja de la Seda de Valencia
Identification	782
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	0.20 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

Property	San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries
Identification	805
Date of inscription	1997
Area of the inscribed property	19
Area of the buffer zone	266 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

SWEDEN

Property	Skogskyrkogården
Identification	558rev
Date of inscription	1994
Area of the inscribed property	108.8 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Property	Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
Identification	198
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	541

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

Property	Chaco Culture
Identification	353rev
Date of inscription	1987
Area of the inscribed property	14261 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)
353-001	Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico, USA – Contiguous unit	13,011 ha
353-002	Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico, USA – Kin Bineola Unit	554
353-003	Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico, USA – Kin Ya'a Unit	105
353-004	Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico, USA – Pueblo Pintado Unit	65
353-005	Aztec Ruins National Monument, New Mexico, USA	11
353-006	Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico, USA – Casamero Unit	65
353-007	Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico, USA – Kin Nizhoni Unit	248

353-008	Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico, USA – Pierre's Site Unit	170
353-009	Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico, USA – Twin Angels Unit	16
353-010	Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico, USA – Halfway House Unit	16
TOTAL		14261

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and the serial nomination table.

Property	La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico
Identification	266
Date of inscription	1983
Area of the inscribed property	33.39 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)
266-001	La Fortaleza and San Juan NHS	31.17
266-002	Fort San Juan de la Cruz	2.07
266-003	Bastion de las Palmas	0.15
TOTAL		33.39

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

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BELIZE

Property	Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System
Identification	764
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	96300 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)
764-001	Bacalar Chico National Park and Marine Reserve	10700
764-002	Blue Hole Natural Monument	4100
764-003	Half Moon Caye Natural Monument	3900
764-004	South Water Caye Marine Reserve	29800
764-005	Glovers Reef Marine Reserve	30800
764-006	Laughing Bird Caye National Park	4300
764-007	Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve	12700
Total		96300

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

CUBA

Property	Old Havana and its Fortification System
Identification	204
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	238.7 ha
Area of the buffer zone	412.4 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)	Bufers (ha)
204-001	Old Havana	214	--
204-002	Castillo de Los Tres Reyes del Morro	1.4	302
204-003	Fortaleza San Carlos de La Cabaña	9.2	
204-004	Hornabeque de San Diego. Fuerte N° 4	1.1	
204-005	Fuerte N° 1	0.35	
204-006	Torreón de San Lázaro	0.001	--
204-007	Santa Dorotea de Luna de La Chorrera	0.5	--
204-008	Castillo de Cojímar	1.5	--
204-009	Polvorín de San Antonio	5.2	--
204-010	Castillo de Atarés	0.5	99.2
204-011	Castillo del Príncipe	5.0	11.2
Total		238.7	412.4

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided maps of the components of the property as well as an overall map, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and the buffer zone. It furthermore provided a serial nomination table.

MEXICO

Property	Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan
Identification	414
Date of inscription	1987
Area of the inscribed property	250 ha
Area of the buffer zone	3118.15 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

PERU

Property	Huascarán National Park
Identification	333
Date of inscription	1985
Area of the inscribed property	340000 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)

Property	Coro and its Port
Identification	658
Date of inscription	1993
Area of the inscribed property	18.40 ha
Area of the buffer zone	186.30 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area property(ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
658-001	Coro	7.85	66.80
658-002	La Vela	10.55	119.50
Total		18.40	186.30

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.