PART II

Decisions adopted by the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee during its meeting at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris (24-26 October 2016)
7. STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

**Decision: 40 COM 7**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/7, WHC/16/40.COM/7A, WHC/16/40.COM/7A.Add, WHC/16/40.COM/7A.Add.2, WHC/16/40.COM/7B, WHC/16/40.COM/7B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/7B.Add.2,

2. Recalling Decision 39 COM 7, adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),

**Emergency situation resulting from conflicts**

3. Deplores the conflict situation prevailing in several countries, the loss of human life as well as the degradation of humanitarian conditions and expresses its utmost concern at the damage sustained and the threats facing cultural and natural heritage in general;

4. Urges the States Parties to ratify international instruments such as the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and implores States Parties associated with conflicts to refrain from any action that would cause further damage to cultural and natural heritage and to fulfil their obligations under international law by taking all possible measures to protect such heritage, in particular the safeguarding of World Heritage properties and the sites included in the Tentative List;

5. Also urges the States Parties to adopt measures that oppose World Heritage properties being used for military purposes;

6. Takes note of the progress made by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to launch a reflection on a post-conflict recovery strategy, and of the support extended so far through technical assistance, capacity-building, and exchange of best practices in this regard, and recommends that further support for threatened or damaged World Heritage properties be pursued;

7. Notes with concern that the conflict situation in several countries in the world has increased considerably the work load of the World Heritage Centre staff, and that an adequate implementation of the Action Plans for the Emergency Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Mali, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen requires additional financial and human resources at the World Heritage Centre and in the UNESCO field offices; also notes the increased demands on the resources of the Advisory Bodies;

8. Calls on the international community to provide financial support for the implementation of the UNESCO Action Plans for the Emergency Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen, including for additional human resources at the World Heritage Centre and in the UNESCO field offices;

9. Also expresses its utmost concern about the impacts of conflicts causing an escalation of the already severe poaching crisis, as armed groups are financing their activities through illegal wildlife trade, which is having a severe impact on African wildlife, threatening the very survival of species and the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of World Heritage properties;
10. Launches an appeal to all Member States of UNESCO to cooperate in the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural heritage objects and illegal wildlife trade, including through the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the ratification of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property and to pursue the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2199 of February 2015 regarding Syria and Iraq;

Other conservation issues

Reconstruction

11. Noting that the recent and wide-ranging deliberate destruction of World Heritage properties as a result of armed conflict in Syria, Yemen, Libya, Iraq, Mali and Nigeria, and the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, have brought sharply into focus the issue of reconstruction in World Heritage properties; that several international meetings have taken place or are being planned on reconstruction; and that guidance within the Operational Guidelines is currently inadequate,

12. Recommends that more in depth reflection is needed on reconstruction within World Heritage properties as a complex multi-disciplinary process, and that consideration should be given to developing new guidance to reflect the multi-faceted challenges that reconstruction brings, its social and economic context, the short- and long-term needs of properties, and the idea of reconstruction as a process that should be undertaken within the framework of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the properties;

13. Welcomes the offer of the Government of Poland to host an international conference on Reconstruction to provide guidelines to the World Heritage Committee;

Climate Change

14. Taking note of the agreement reached during the 21st conference (COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in 2015, requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to assist States Parties to implement appropriate management responses to the adverse effects of Climate Change;

15. Recommends that the World Heritage Centre strengthen its relations with other organizations working on Climate Change, particularly with the UNFCCC and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) secretariats, and specifically with regard to the effect of Climate Change on World Heritage properties, and also requests the States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to work with IPCC with the objective of including a specific chapter on natural and cultural World Heritage in future IPCC assessment reports;

16. Further requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to periodically review and update the “Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties”, so as to make available the most current knowledge and technology on the subject to guide the decisions and actions of the World Heritage community;

Dams

17. Notes with significant concern that an increasing number of properties are facing potential threats from major dam projects, considers that the construction of dams with large reservoirs within the boundaries of World Heritage properties is incompatible with their World Heritage status, and urges States Parties to ensure that the impacts from dams that could affect properties located upstream or downstream within the same river
basin are rigorously assessed in order to avoid impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV);

Extractive industries

18. Noting with significant concern that World Heritage properties are increasingly threatened by extractive industries, as confirmed by the 2014 IUCN World Heritage Outlook report, by the World Heritage Centre’s analysis of issues reported in state of conservation reports also revealing the potential threat from extractive activities to cultural properties, and by the 2016 report by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), welcomes the “No-go” commitments to World Heritage properties made by Tullow Oil plc and CEMEX in November 2015 and April 2016 respectively, and reiterates its call on other extractive industry companies and investment banks to follow these examples to further extend the “No-go” commitment;

19. Recalling Decision 37 COM 7, once again urges all States Parties to the Convention and leading industry stakeholders to respect the “No-go” commitment by not permitting extractive activities within World Heritage properties, and by making every effort to ensure that extractives companies located in their territory cause no damage to World Heritage properties, in line with Article 6 of the Convention;

Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) / Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs)

20. Notes with concern that a majority of properties potentially affected by proposed development projects, proposed legal instruments, and proposed management systems have not benefited from an assessment of impacts on their Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) in line with IUCN’s World Heritage Advice Note on Environmental Assessment and ICOMOS’ Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties, and requests all States Parties to the Convention to ensure that potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the OUV, including from projects located outside the boundaries of natural and/or cultural World Heritage properties, are specifically assessed within the framework of the EIA and HIA required by the applicable laws and regulations, and that reports of such assessments are submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines;

21. Recalls Article 6 of the Convention according to which “Each State Party to this Convention undertakes not to take any deliberate measures which might damage directly or indirectly the cultural and natural heritage […] situated on the territory of other States Parties to this Convention”, and also requests all States Parties to the Convention to ensure that EIAs and HIAs include an assessment of impacts on the OUV of World Heritage properties situated on the territory of other States Parties, as appropriate;

22. Further requests the Advisory Bodies, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, to consider opportunities to streamline their guidance on impact assessment in order to develop one single guidance document for the assessment of impacts on both natural and cultural properties;

Integrated management, Decision making, Governance

23. Noting with concern that the lack of an integrated management approach is reported to cause challenges to the coordination of management and decision making processes of properties where different authorities are involved, in particular in the cases of mixed, serial, and transboundary properties, urges States Parties to establish appropriate mechanisms in order to facilitate a coordinated approach to the management of all properties, in line with the requirements of the Operational Guidelines as laid out in Paragraphs 112, 114, and 135, and encourages States Parties with contiguous natural
properties on either side of their international borders, which are not listed as transboundary properties, to establish appropriate mechanisms for cooperation between their respective management authorities and ministries;

24. **Also encourages** States Parties to promote recognition and awareness across all relevant national and regional agencies of the World Heritage status of the properties on their territory, and to develop mechanisms to ensure consideration of impacts on Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) in the decision making processes of relevant ministries, before permits are issued for developments that could negatively impact the OUV;

**Ground transport infrastructures**

25. **Notes with concern** that the number of cases of ground transport infrastructure having potential impact on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of World Heritage properties is continuing to grow, and **calls upon** States Parties to carry out Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) early in the process of transportation planning to allow for potential impacts of the OUV, including those resulting from foreseeable associated future developments, to be identified prior to the development of specific projects;

26. **Encourages** States Parties to carry out Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) on ground transport projects, once they are designed, with multiple options to ensure that transportation needs can be met with minimal impacts on the OUV of World Heritage properties;

**List of World Heritage in Danger**

27. **Takes note** of its discussions under agenda items 7A and 7B, and **requests** the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies and States Parties, to promote better understanding of the implications and benefits of properties being inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and to develop appropriate information material in this regard with a view to overcome the negative perceptions of the List of World Heritage in Danger. The information material should highlight the importance of the protection of the OUV;

**Reactive Monitoring**

28. **Requests** the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies to evaluate the effectiveness of the Reactive Monitoring including procedures and case studies and to present a preliminary report for the consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 42nd session in 2018, if funds are available.
7A. STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER CULTURAL PROPERTIES

CULTURAL PROPERTIES

ARAB STATES

13. Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (site proposed by Jordan) (C 148 rev)

Decision: 40 COM 7A.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-16/40.COM/7A.Add2,


3. Reaffirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the authenticity, integrity and cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem on both sides of its Walls, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,

4. Deeply concerned by the Israeli illegal archeological excavations and works conducted by the Israeli occupation authorities and settler groups in the Old City of Jerusalem and on both sides of its Walls and the failure of Israel to cease such harmful interventions, requests Israel to timely stop all such activities, in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of related UNESCO Conventions and recommendations;

5. Regrets the damage caused by the Israeli security forces on 30th October 2014 to the historic Gates and windows of the Qibli Mosque inside Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, which is a Muslim holy site of worship and an integral part of a World Heritage Site;

6. Calls on Israel to stop the closure of Al-Rahmah Gate building, one of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif gates, and to allow all necessary renovation works thereof, in order to fix damage caused by the weather conditions;

7. Also calls on Israel to facilitate the immediate execution of all 19 Hashemite restoration projects in and around Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al Haram Al-Sharif;
8. Deplores the damaging effect of the Jerusalem Light rail (tram line) at few meters from the Walls of the Old City of Jerusalem which severely affect the visual integrity and the authentic character of the site and requests Israel to restore the original character of the site in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of related UNESCO Conventions and recommendations;

9. Also deplores the Israeli plan to build a two-line cable car system in East Jerusalem, the construction of the so called “Liba House” project in the Old City of Jerusalem, the demolition and new construction of the so-called Strauss Building, and the project of the Western Wall elevator, the digging of a Mamluk structure beneath the Western Wall, the excavations and construction of new levels underneath the Western Wall, and urges Israel to renounce to the above mentioned projects in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of related UNESCO Conventions and recommendations as well as UNESCO Decisions particularly the World Heritage Committee decision 37 COM 7A.26, 38 COM 7A.4 and 39 COM 7A.27 and to provide the World Heritage Centre with all related documentation in particular the documentation concerning the historic remains found at the above mentioned projects;

10. Expresses its deep concern regarding the initially approved plan for the so called “Kedem Center” a visitors centre near the southern wall of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, which severally affects the visual integrity and the authentic character of the site and requests Israel to return the remains and to provide the relevant documentation thereof as well as to restore the original character of the site;

11. Requests the Israeli authorities to allow unrestricted access of the competent national authorities including the Jordanian Waqf experts to safeguard the Old City of Jerusalem and both sides of its Walls;

12. Welcomes the relative improvement of Muslim worshippers’ access into Al-Aqsa Mosque/ Al-Haram Al-Sharif over the past seven months, and encourages Israel to continue to implement and further expand measures to prevent provocative incidents, such as Israeli extremist groups’ storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al Haram Al Sharif, that violate the sanctity and integrity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque/ Al-Haram Al-Sharif that may inflame tension on the ground;

13. Further regrets the damage by Israel, of the historic ceramics atop of the main gates of the Dome of the Rock and the damage of the historic gates and windows of the Qibli Mosque inside Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif as well as the damage of Umayyad, Ottoman and Mamluk remains of the site of Mughrabi Gate Pathway and reaffirms, in this regard, the necessity to respect and safeguard the integrity, authenticity and cultural heritage of Al-Aqsa Mosque /Al-Haram Al-Sharif, as reflected in the Status Quo, as a Muslim Holy Site of worship and as an integral part of a World Cultural Heritage site;

14. Requests the World Heritage Centre to continue applying the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism to the Old City of Jerusalem on both sides of its Walls, and also requests it to report every four months on this matter;

15. Also thanks the Director-General of UNESCO and the World Heritage Centre for their efforts aimed at the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem on both sides of its walls and invites them to report on this matter at the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2017;

16. Recalling 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting Decision, and all UNESCO Executive Board Decisions relating to the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem,
17. Taking note of the Reinforced Monitoring Reports and their addenda prepared by the World Heritage Centre as well as the State of Conservation reports submitted to the World Heritage Centre by Jordan and Palestine and by Israel, the de facto administrating authority,

18. Expresses its growing concern regarding the continuous, intrusive archeological demolitions and excavations in and around the Mughrabi Gate Ascent, and the latest excavation works conducted at the beginning of May 2015 at the Western Wall of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, and calls on Israel to stop such intrusive archeological demolitions and excavations, respect the Status Quo, and enable the Jordanian Waqf experts as a part of the competent authorities to maintain and safeguard the site in accordance with the relevant provisions of the UNESCO Conventions and Recommendations;

19. Acknowledges receipt of the Jordanian design for the restoration and preservation of the Mughrabi Ascent, submitted to the World Heritage Centre on 27 May 2011, and thanks Jordan for its cooperation in accordance with the provisions of the relevant UNESCO Conventions for the Protection of Cultural Heritage;

20. Urges Israel, in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of the UNESCO related Conventions, to cooperate with Jordanian Waqf Department and experts to facilitate the restoration of the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate;

21. Thanks the Director-General for her attention to the sensitive situation of the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate as an integral part of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif and calls upon her to consult with all concerned parties in order to enable the restoration works of the Ascent to the Mughrabi Gate;

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22. Recalls the Executive Board decisions concerning the Reactive Monitoring mission to the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls particularly decision 196EX/Decision26.4 as well as the World Heritage Committee decisions particularly Decision 34 COM 7A.20;

23. Stress the need of the urgent implementation of the above mentioned UNESCO Mission;

24. Urges Israel, to accept and facilitate the implementation of that technical expert Mission;

25. Thanks the Director-General for her continuous efforts to implement the above-mentioned UNESCO mission and all related UNESCO decisions and resolutions, and invites her to report on this matter at the next 41st World Heritage Committee session;

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26. Decides to retain the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls on the List of World Heritage in Danger.
8A. TENTATIVE LISTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES AS OF 15 APRIL 2016, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Decision: 40 COM 8A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/8A,

2. Stressing the importance of the process of revision and updating of Tentative Lists, as a tool for regional harmonisation of the World Heritage List and of long-term planning of its development;

3. Encourages States Parties to seek as early as possible upstream advice from the Advisory Bodies during the development or revision of their Tentative Lists as appropriate;

4. Takes note of the Tentative Lists presented in Annexes 2 and 3 of this document.

8B. NOMINATIONS TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

II. EXAMINATION OF NOMINATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

A. NATURAL SITES

Decision: 40 COM 8B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B2.Add,

2. Recalling Decision 39 COM 8B.5 adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),

3. Takes note of the progress made by the State Party in conducting consultations with concerned stakeholders in order to achieve the widest possible support for the nomination of the property;

4. Refers the nomination of the Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex, Thailand, back to the State Party, taking note of the strong potential for this property to meet criterion (x), in order to allow it to more fully address the concerns that have been raised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning Karen communities within the Kaeng Krachan National Park, including the implementation of a participatory process to resolve rights and livelihood concerns and to achieve a consensus of support for the nomination of the property that is fully consistent with the principle of free, prior and informed consent;

5. Encourages the State Party to consider nominating the property also under criterion (ix);
6. **Also encourages** the State Party to continue the commendable initiatives on future biological connectivity opportunities, including those between the nominated property and Thungyai-Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuaries in Thailand and, working in partnership with the State Party of Myanmar, between the nominated property and neighbouring transnational protected areas within the Taninthaya Forest Corridor in Myanmar;

7. **Recommends** that the State Party continue dialogue with the State Party of Myanmar to address concerns regarding the settlement of demarcation of the proposed nominated area;

8. **Commends** the State Party and partner NGOs for their increased efforts to address improved conservation management within the nominated property, including improved anti-poaching patrol systems, community engagement in Kui Buri National Park dealing with human/elephant conflict, and enhanced ecological research and monitoring, and **further encourages** the State Party to continue with these efforts.

### III. EXAMINATION OF MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES ALREADY INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

#### A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

**Decision:** 40 COM 8B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B2.Add,

2. **Recalling** Decision 38 COM 7B.80 adopted at its 38th session (Doha, 2014),

3. **Approves** the proposed minor boundary modification of **Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast, United Kingdom**.

#### B. MIXED PROPERTIES

**Decision:** 40 COM 8B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add, WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B2.Add,

2. **Recalling** Decision 38 COM 8B.14 adopted at its 38th session (Doha, 2014),

3. **Approves** the proposed minor boundary modification of **Trang An Landscape Complex, Vietnam**;

4. **Requests** the State Party to ensure that any developments in the property, its buffer zone, or in any adjacent areas that might threaten the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, are subject to early notice to the World Heritage Centre, as per the requirements of the **Operational Guidelines**, and in line with the newly adopted Policy Document for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the World Heritage Convention;

5. ** Recommends** that the State Party finalise the Management Plan and strengthen the management system;
6. **Notes with appreciation** the progress in enhancing the management of the property, including the further work to complete the management plan, and **encourages** the State Party and its property managers to continue this work, in close partnership with the local communities.

C. **CULTURAL PROPERTIES**

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.37**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. **Noting** that the submission of the proposed minor boundary modification was received after the established deadline, **accepts** on an exceptional basis to examine it;
3. **Refers** the proposed buffer zone for the **Site of Palmyra, Syrian Arab Republic**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to:
   a) provide greater clarity on the line of the proposed boundaries,
   b) provide greater clarity on the protection offered by the various protective zones,
   c) ensure that protection offered by the buffer zone in relation to the property encompasses not only visual parameters but recognises attributes that are related to Outstanding Universal Value such as palm-groves, Wâhat, underground water channels, Qanât-s, quarries, remains of caravan routes and archaeological sites,
   d) provide more details as to how the limits of urban development will be defined.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.38**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. **Approves** the proposed modification of the buffer zones of six component parts of the **Grand Canal, China**;
3. **Recommends** that the State Party give consideration to the following:
   a) considering whether or not the other component parts forming the Grand Canal serial property necessitate buffer zone adjustments,
   b) continuing environmental and landscape conservancy efforts, for example by defining prioritised vision cones for the properties and protecting them from the impact of new buildings.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.39**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. **Approves** the proposed minor modification to the boundary of **Humayun’s Tomb, Delhi, India**;
3. **Also approves** the proposed buffer zone for **Humayun’s Tomb, Delhi, India**.
**Decision: 40 COM 8B.40**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed minor modification of the boundaries of the **Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range, Japan**;
3. Recommends that the State Party clarify whether other modifications of a similar nature are being considered.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.41**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed minor modification to the boundary of **Historic Centre of Bukhara, Uzbekistan**;
3. Also approves the proposed buffer zone for **Historic Centre of Bukhara, Uzbekistan**;
4. Recommends that the State Party gives consideration to the following:
   a) establishing urban planning regulations for the World Heritage property and its buffer zone,
   b) integrating the boundaries of the World Heritage property and buffer zone into the state system of land and town-planning cadastre, in the Master Plan for Bukhara city,
   c) submitting to the World Heritage Centre for consideration by ICOMOS the management plan when it has been finalized.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.42**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Refers the proposed buffer zone for **Itchan Kala, Uzbekistan**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to:
   a) clarify the management arrangements and measures in place within the buffer zone, particularly if these are different from those that apply to the World Heritage property;
   b) consider establishing specific management and protection policies and mechanisms that ensure that the Outstanding Universal Value of this property is given primary importance in urban development approvals within the buffer zone.
**Decision: 40 COM 8B.43**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed buffer zone for **Place Stanislas, Place de la Carrière and Place d'Alliance in Nancy, France**.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.44**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed buffer zones for the component parts Santa Maria de Calatayud and La Seo de Zaragoza, **Mudéjar Architecture of Aragón, Spain**;
3. Refers the proposed buffer zone for the component part San Pablo de Zaragoza, **Mudéjar Architecture of Aragón, Spain**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to reconsider the inclusion of all areas in the current buffer zone to be incorporated into the new buffer zone, or to provide a clear rationale for the exclusion of some areas to the far east and west of the current buffer zone in terms of their relevance for supporting the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of this component part.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.45**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed buffer zone for the **Old Town of Cáceres, Spain**;
3. Recommends that the State Party submit to the World Heritage Centre the management plan and the Special Revitalisation and Protection Plan of the Architectural Heritage of the City of Cáceres for consideration by ICOMOS when they have been finalized.

**Decision: 40 COM 8B.46**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Does not approve the proposed minor boundary modification to the **Monuments of Oviedo and the Kingdom of Asturias, Spain**.
Decision: 40 COM 8B.47

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed minor boundary modification of the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, United States of America.

Decision: 40 COM 8B.48

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add,
2. Approves the proposed minor boundary modification of La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico, United States of America.

IV. STATEMENTS OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE OF 7 PROPERTIES INSCRIBED AT THE 38th (DOHA, 2014) AND 39th (BONN, 2015) SESSIONS AND NOT ADOPTED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision: 40 COM 8B.50

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add,
2. Adopts the following Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for the following World Heritage properties inscribed at the 38th (Doha, 2014) and the 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions:
   • France, Climats, terroirs of Burgundy;
   • Jordan, Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” (Al-Maghtas);
   • Mongolia, Great Burkhan Khaldun Mountain and its surrounding sacred landscape;
   • Saudi Arabia, Rock Art in the Hail Region of Saudi Arabia;
   • Turkey, Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape;
   • Turkey, Ephesus;
   • Viet Nam, Trang An Landscape Complex.

8C. UPDATE OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

Decision: 40 COM 8C.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (WHC/16/40.COM/7B, WHC/16/40.COM/7B.Add and
WHC/16/40.COM/7B.Add.2) and the proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (WHC/16/40.COM/8B and WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add),

2. **Decides** to inscribe the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   - Libya, Archaeological Site of Cyrene (Decisions 40 COM 7B.24 and 40 COM 7B.106)
   - Libya, Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna (Decision 40 COM 7B.106)
   - Libya, Archaeological Site of Sabratha (Decision 40 COM 7B.106)
   - Libya, Archaeological Site of the Old Town of Ghadamès (Decision 40 COM 7B.106)
   - Libya, Archaeological Site of the Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus (Decisions 40 COM 7B.25 and 40 COM 7B.106)
   - Mali, Old Towns of Djenné (Decision 40 COM 7B.13)
   - Micronesia (Federated States of), Nan Madol: Ceremonial Centre of Eastern Micronesia (Decision 40 COM 8B.22)
   - Uzbekistan, Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (Decision 40 COM 7B.48).

**Decision: 40 COM 8C.2**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/16/40.COM/7A, WHC/16/40.COM/7A.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/7A.Add.2),

2. **Decides** to retain the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   - Afghanistan, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Decision 40 COM 7A.26)
   - Afghanistan, Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Decision 40 COM 7A.27)
   - Belize, Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (Decision 40 COM 7A.32)
   - Bolivia (Plurinational State of), City of Potosí (Decision 40 COM 7A.1)
   - Central African Republic, Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.34)
   - Chile, Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Decision 40 COM 7A.2)
   - Côte d’Ivoire, Comoé National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.35)
   - Côte d’Ivoire / Guinea, Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Decision 40 COM 7A.36)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Garamba National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.37)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.38)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Decision 40 COM 7A.39)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Salonga National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.40)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Virunga National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.41)
   - Egypt, Abu Mena (Decision 40 COM 7A.9)
- Ethiopia, Simien National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.43)
- Georgia, Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery (Decision 40 COM 7A.28)
- Honduras, Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Decision 40 COM 7A.33)
- Indonesia, Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (Decision 40 COM 7A.48)
- Iraq, Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Decision 40 COM 7A.10)
- Iraq, Hatra (Decision 40 COM 7A.11)
- Iraq, Samarra Archaeological City (Decision 40 COM 7A.12)
- Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (site proposed by Jordan) (Decision 40 COM 7A.13)
- Madagascar, Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Decision 40 COM 7A.44)
- Mali, Timbuktu (Decision 40 COM 7A.6)
- Mali, Tomb of Askia (Decision 40 COM 7A.7)
- Niger, Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Decision 40 COM 7A.45)
- Palestine, Birthplace of Jesus: Church of the Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route, Bethlehem (Decision 40 COM 7A.14)
- Palestine, Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (Decision 40 COM 7A.15)
- Panama, Fortifications on the Caribbean Side of Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo (Decision 40 COM 7A.3)
- Peru, Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Decision 40 COM 7A.4)
- Senegal, Niokolo-Koba National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.46)
- Serbia, Medieval Monuments in Kosovo (Decision 40 COM 7A.30)
- Solomon Islands, East Rennell (Decision 38 COM 7B.49)
- Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Aleppo (Decision 40 COM 7A.16)
- Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Bosra (Decision 40 COM 7A.17)
- Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Damascus (Decision 40 COM 7A.18)
- Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient Villages of Northern Syria (Decision 40 COM 7A.19)
- Syrian Arab Republic, Crac des Chevaliers and Qal‘at Salah El-Din (Decision 40 COM 7A.20)
- Syrian Arab Republic, Site of Palmyra (Decision 40 COM 7A.21)
- Uganda, Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Decision 40 COM 7A.8)
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City (Decision 40 COM 7A.31)
- United Republic of Tanzania, Selous Game Reserve (Decision 40 COM 7A.47)
- United States of America, Everglades National Park (Decision 40 COM 7A.50)
- Venezuela, Coro and its Port (Decision 40 COM 7A.5)
- Yemen, Historic Town of Zabid (Decision 40 COM 7A.23)
- Yemen, Old City of Sana’a (Decision 40 COM 7A.24)
• Yemen, Old Walled City of Shibam (Decision 40 COM 7B.25).

Decision: 40 COM 8C.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/16/40.COM/7A, WHC/16/40.COM/7A.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/7A.Add.2),

2. Decides to remove the following property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   • Georgia, Historical Monuments of Mtskheta (Decision 40 COM 7A.29).

8D. CLARIFICATIONS OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AND AREAS BY STATES PARTIES

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;

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- Belize: Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System;
- Cuba: Old Havana and its Fortification System;
- Mexico: Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan;
- Peru: Huascaran 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 41st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2017.

8E. ADOPTION OF RETROSPECTIVE STATEMENTS OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

Decision: 40 COM 8E

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/8E.Rev,

2. Congratulates the States Parties for the excellent work accomplished in the elaboration of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for World Heritage properties located within their territories;

3. Adopts the retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value, as presented in the Annex of Document WHC/16/40.COM/8E.Rev, for the following World Heritage properties:

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA
- Austria: Historic Centre of Vienna;
- Canada - United States of America: Kluane / Wrangell-St Elias / Glacier Bay / Tatshenshini-Alsek;
• Czech Republic: Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž; Historic Centre of Český Krumlov; Historic Centre of Prague; Historic Centre of Telč; Holašovice Historic Village; Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc; Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč; Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec; Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape; Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora; Tugendhat Villa in Brno;

• Germany-United Kingdom: Frontiers of the Roman Empire;

• Greece: Archaeological Site of Aigai (modern name Vergina); Archaeological Site of Delphi; Archaeological Site of Mystras; Medieval City of Rhodes; Monasteries of Daphni, Hosios Loukas and Nea Moni of Chios; Paleo-Christian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessalonika; Pythagoreion and Heraion of Samos; Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae; The Historic Centre (Chorá) with the Monastery of Saint-John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse on the Island of Pátmos;

• Italy: Archaeological Area and the Patriarchal Basilica of Aquileia; Cathedral, Torre Civica and Piazza Grande, Modena; Su Nuraxi di Barumini; The Trulli of Alberobello;

• Netherlands: Defence Line of Amsterdam; Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout;

• Poland:
  Auschwitz Birkenau
  German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945);
  Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork; Churches of Peace in Jawor and Świdnica; Historic Centre of Kraków; Kalwaria Zebrzydowska: the Mannerist Architectural and Park Landscape Complex and Pilgrimage Park; Medieval Town of Toruń; Old City of Zamość; Wooden Churches of Southern Malopolska;

• Portugal: Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores; Convent of Christ in Tomar; Historic Centre of Guimarães; Historic Centre of Oporto; Monastery of Batalha;

• Spain: Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada; Catalan Romanesque Churches of the Vall de Boi; Renaissance Monumental Ensembles of Úbeda and Baeza; Roman walls of Lugo; University and Historic Precinct of Alcalá de Henares;

• Sweden: Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland; Birka and Hovgården; Church Town of Gammelstad, Luleå; Grimeton Radio Station, Varberg; Laponian Area; Mining Area of the Great Copper Mountain in Falun; Naval Port of Karlskrona; Royal Domain of Drottningholm; Skogskyrkogården;

• United States of America: La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico;

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• Argentina / Brazil: Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis: San Ignacio Mini, Santa Ana, Nuestra Señora de Loreto and Santa Maria Mayor, Ruins of Sao Miguel das Missões;

• Brazil: Iguaçu National Park;

• Costa Rica: Cocos Island National Park;

• Ecuador: Sangay National Park;

• Saint Lucia: Pitons Management Area;
4. Decides that retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger will be reviewed in priority by the Advisory Bodies;

5. Requests the States Parties to provide support to the World Heritage Centre for translation of the adopted Statements of Outstanding Universal Value into English or French respectively, and further requests the World Heritage Centre to upload the two language versions on its web site.
9A. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REFLECTION CONCERNING THE UPSTREAM PROCESSES

Decision: 40 COM 9A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/9A,

2. Recalling Decisions 34 COM 13.III, 35 COM 12C, 36 COM 12C, 37 COM 9 and 39 COM 11, adopted at its 34th (Brasilia, 2010), 35th (UNESCO, 2011), 36th (Saint-Petersburg, 2012), 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. Also recalling the integration of the Upstream Processes in Paragraphs 71 and 122 of the Operational Guidelines,

4. Welcomes all the actions undertaken to improve the processes and practices prior to the consideration of nominations by the World Heritage Committee, including the creation of a special unit at ICOMOS; commends the States Parties of Saudi Arabia and Uruguay for the successful termination of the pilot projects in 2015 and the inscription on the World Heritage List of the Rock Art in the Hail region and the Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape respectively; and also commends the States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies for the pilot projects that registered progress;

5. Recognizes the efforts undertaken by the States Parties involved, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre and decides to phase out the pilot project of Gadara (Modern Um Qeis or Qays), Jordan;

6. Recalls that, in order to be effective, the upstream support should ideally take place at an early stage, preferably at the moment of the preparation or revision of the States Parties’ Tentative Lists;

7. Notes the growing number of States Parties that request upstream advice and the lack of budgetary provisions for the appropriate implementation of the Upstream Processes, and also notes that due to the lack of such provision there is a risk of providing greater support only to those States Parties with the means to fund such advice, thus jeopardizing the universal application of the Convention;

8. Recognizes therefore that adequate and equitable financing of the Upstream Processes is needed to provide technical and financial support to States Parties which are not able to identify and secure the resources necessary to request upstream support, and that such financing is needed prior to agreeing further steps to implement any policy on upstream advice, in order to avoid generating further imbalances in the List;

9. Also recalls that upstream support can be requested by eligible States Parties under the preparatory assistance, in the framework of the International Assistance mechanism and under the new budget line approved for Advisory Missions under the World Heritage Fund, within the limits of available resources;

10. In view of ensuring proper follow-up, greater efficiency, transparency and accountability as well as streamlining and improved coordination of the required actions following requests for upstream advice, takes note of the draft Upstream Process request format...
contained in Annex I to Document WHC/16/40.COM/9A and invites comments from the States Parties on this format and on the wider issues with the implementation of the Upstream Processes;

11. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties, to further review the lessons learned in the implementation of the Upstream Processes, and to present harmonized proposals, including those addressing the needs of the African region, least developed countries and Small Island Developing States, to ensure the effective and equitable implementation of the Upstream Processes for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 41st session in 2017, together with a report on the upstream activities currently being implemented by the Advisory Bodies and UNESCO.


Decision: 40 COM 10A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/10A,

2. Recalling Decision 39 COM 10B.5, adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),

3. Also recalling that the third cycle of Periodic Reporting was suspended at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015) with the launch of a two-year Periodic Reporting Reflection Period, 2015-2017;

4. Commends the World Heritage Centre for the work undertaken, in particular with regards to the organization of the Global Periodic Reporting Reflection Survey;

5. Notes with appreciation the participation of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention in the Global Periodic Reporting Survey and takes note of the Survey’s results;

6. Takes note of the Terms of Reference of the Periodic Reporting Experts Group;

7. Also takes note that no extrabudgetary resources have been provided for hosting Periodic Reporting reflection meetings and therefore calls upon States Parties to volunteer to participate in a consultative testing phase of the revised questionnaire, to be carried out online in the first quarter of 2017;

8. Also reiterates its request to the World Heritage Centre to present for examination by the World Heritage Committee an updated format of the questionnaire and proposals for improving the process, relevance, analysis and use of data, as well as a proposal of a revised version of Chapter V of the Operational Guidelines (Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention) and Annex 7 (Format for the Periodic Reporting of the application of the World Heritage Convention), at its 41st session in 2017.
10B. FOLLOW-UP TO THE SECOND CYCLE OF THE PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE FOR ALL REGIONS

Decision: 40 COM 10B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/10B,

2. Recalling Decisions 37 COM 10C.1, 38 COM 10B.1 and 39 COM 10B.1 adopted at its 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013), 38th (Doha, 2014) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. Welcomes the progress made in the follow-up of the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Asia and the Pacific region;

4. Thanks the governments of Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and the Netherlands for their contributions towards supporting follow-up activities to the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the region of Asia and the Pacific;

5. Also thanks the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP) and the Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training (WNHM) for the Asia and the Pacific region for their contributions to the implementation of activities outlined in the Capacity Building Strategy and Associated Programmes for Asia and the Pacific (CBSAP-AP), as part of the follow-up to the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting; further thanks the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST, China) for its initiative in promoting regional cooperation on World Heritage in Asia and the Pacific;

6. Takes note of the finalization of the updated Pacific World Heritage Action Plan (2016-2020) with the aim of increasing awareness at community, national, regional and global levels of the heritage of the Pacific Island nations and their contribution to sustainable development, and enhancing the Pacific nations’ capacity to prepare sound nominations and effectively manage World Heritage sites;

7. Also takes note of the progress made on the Silk Roads nomination process, initiated by the Asian States Parties in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, and commends the fruitful international cooperation between the national institutions of various States Parties in the region, which makes this project a good practice example for other serial transnational nominations;

8. Reiterates its invitation to States Parties in Asia and the Pacific to actively implement the relevant sub-regional Action Plans, and also encourages them to intensify their contributions towards the implementation of follow-up activities, to be devised in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;

9. Reminds States Parties which have not already done so to submit their Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value by 1 February 2017 at the latest, as well as clarifications of boundaries by 1 December 2016 at the latest;

10. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plans for Asia and the Pacific at its 41st session in 2017.
**Decision: 40 COM 10B.2**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Document WHC/16/40.COM/10B,

2. **Recalling Decisions 36 COM 10A, 37 COM 10C.2, 38 COM 10B.2 and 39 COM 10B.2** adopted at its 36th (Saint Petersburg, 2012), 37th (Phnom-Penh, 2013), 38th (Doha, 2014) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. **Welcomes** the progress made in the follow-up of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region, while **expressing its concerns** regarding the relatively weak implementation rate of the Regional Action Plan by African States Parties;

4. **Notes with appreciation** the financial contribution of the Governments of Norway, Flanders (Belgium), Spain, South Africa, the Netherlands, the People’s Republic of China, Burkina Faso, the European Union, as well as IUCN, the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, the African World Heritage Fund and the host countries of all capacity-building workshops towards activities carried out in the framework of the implementation of the Action Plan for the Africa region and its regional capacity-building programme;

5. **Calls upon** States Parties to financially and technically support the implementation of the Action Plan for the Africa region through follow-up activities with the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and the African World Heritage Fund; and to take advantage of the annual mobilization of the African World Heritage Day on 5 May in fostering support for the Action Plan for the Africa region;

6. **Commends** the States Parties of the Africa Region who have been actively implementing the Action Plan; and **requests** States Parties, who have not already done so, to establish their National World Heritage Committees and to develop their National Action Plans and Budgets, as well as to inform the World Heritage Centre when they are operational;

7. **Further reminds** States Parties which have not already done so to submit their Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value by 1 February 2017 at the latest, as well as clarifications of boundaries by 1 December 2016 at the latest;

8. **Notes with appreciation** the Ngorongoro Declaration, and also **commends** the World Heritage Centre and the African World Heritage Fund for organizing the travelling exhibitions “African World Heritage: a pathway for development” and “African Heritage under Threat” to enhance awareness raising;

9. **Takes note** of the capacity building activities implemented in April-May 2016 in the framework of the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the African World Heritage Fund including the Youth Forum on “Youth and World Heritage in Africa” implemented in partnership with the World Heritage Centre and the Robben Island World Heritage property in South Africa;

10. **Requests** the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, the African World Heritage Fund and the regional capacity building organizations and with the support of States Parties, to continue its efforts to coordinate and implement the Regional Capacity-Building Programme according to the Action Plan 2012-2017;
11. Also requests the States Parties, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to pay special attention to the management of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger;

12. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Africa Region at its 41st session in 2017.

**Decision: 40 COM 10B.3**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/10B,

2. Recalling Decisions 35 COM 10C.3, 37 COM 10C.3, 38 COM 10B.3 and 39 COM 10B.3 adopted at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013), 38th (Doha, 2014) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. Acknowledges the progress accomplished in the follow-up of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Arab States and encourages them to continue their efforts in the implementation of recommendations;

4. Notes with concern that the safeguarding of cultural heritage in countries of the region which are affected by conflicts has become one of the priorities of the Regional Programme;

5. Reminds the States Parties about the importance of the Bonn Declaration adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015);

6. Recalls the recommendation of the Chairperson of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (UNESCO, 2011), contained in her letter addressed to all the Arab countries, on the establishment of national entities for World Heritage;

7. Encourages States Parties to continue the implementation of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in order to enhance the conservation of urban heritage sites inscribed on the World Heritage List;

8. Thanks the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH), based in Bahrain, for its support to the implementation of the Regional Programme and invites Arab States to strengthen their cooperation with the ARC-WH;

9. Reminds States Parties which have not already done so to submit their Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value by 1 February 2017 at the latest, as well as clarifications of boundaries by 1 December 2016 at the latest;

10. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan for Arab States that allows a comparison of implementation status with the approved Action Plan at its 41st session in 2017.
Decision: 40 COM 10B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/10B,

2. Recalling Decisions 37 COM 10A, 38 COM 10B.4 as well as 39 COM 10B.4, adopted at its 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013), 38th (Doha, 2014) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. Takes note of the progress accomplished in the follow-up activities of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting for Latin America and the Caribbean regarding the Retrospective Inventory process and encourages the States Parties of the region to continue their efforts in the implementation of its recommendations;

4. Reminds States Parties which have not already done so to submit their Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value by 1 February 2017 at the latest, as well as clarifications of boundaries by 1 December 2016 at the latest;

5. Notes with appreciation the contribution of the Centre Lucio Costa for Capacity-Building on Heritage Management (C2C-LCC), category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO, to the development and implementation of a Capacity-Building Strategy as a follow-up to the Action Plan for World Heritage in South America 2015-2020 (PAAS 2015-2020) and encourages the Centre to continue its cooperation with the World Heritage Centre on the implementation of the Capacity Building Programme and activities related to World Heritage;

6. Reiterates its request to Central American States Parties to work in close coordination with the World Heritage Centre to organize a meeting for the establishment of a sub-regional Action Plan with the participation of all stakeholders;

7. Takes note of the progress made with a view to consolidate the establishment of the UNESCO category 2 centres for World Heritage in Zacatecas (Mexico) and in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and encourages Mexico and Brazil to continue their efforts in this regard;

8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean that allows a comparison of implementation status with the approved Action Plan at its 41st session in 2017.

Decision: 40 COM 10B.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/10B,

2. Recalling Decisions 36 COM 10B, 37 COM 10B, 38 COM 10A.2, 39 COM 10A.1 and 39 COM 10B.5 adopted at its 36th (Saint Petersburg, 2012), 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013), 38th (Doha, 2014) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. Welcomes progress made by the World Heritage Centre and the States Parties in the follow-up of the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Europe and North America, and notes with satisfaction the activities and initiatives that have been undertaken by States Parties in the implementation of the Action Plans for Europe and for North America;

5. Commends the World Heritage Centre for progress made on the Helsinki Action Plan Monitoring Survey, whose innovative format will allow for data collection in a simple and cost-effective way, and encourages States Parties of the Europe region to respond to the survey launched in October 2016;

6. Reiterates its invitation to the States Parties of the Europe region to actively implement the Helsinki Action Plan and also encourages them to continue the activities towards the implementation of the Action Plan in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;

7. Further encourages the States Parties of Canada and the United States of America to continue their cooperation in the implementation of the five-year Action Plan for North America, and recalls that a number of proposed actions require the further strengthening of cooperation with the State Party of Mexico, taking into consideration the shared natural and cultural heritage of the three States Parties;

8. Also commends the States Parties for their efforts in continuing the work undertaken in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory and preparing retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value, and encourages furthermore the States Parties to finalize this important work in the best of time;

9. Also reiterates that the follow-up of the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting has considerable resource and work load implications, and encourages furthermore States Parties to financially support the implementation of the regional Action Plans through support to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;

10. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report, based on the results of the Helsinki Action Plan Monitoring Survey, on the follow-up activities of the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting carried out by the States Parties in the Europe region, to the World Heritage Committee at its 41st session in 2017;

11. Also requests the States Parties of Canada and United States of America to submit a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan to the World Heritage Centre, for presentation to the World Heritage Committee at its 42nd session in 2018.

11. **REVISION OF THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

**Decision: 40 COM 11**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/11 and WHC/16/40.COM/13A,

2. Recalling Decision 39 COM 11, adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),
3. Taking into account the recommendation of the ad-hoc Working Group regarding Paragraph 61 as presented in the Document WHC/16/40.COM/13A,

4. Also taking into account the deliberations of the Consultative Body established at the beginning of the session under Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure,

5. Acknowledges the heavy budget constraints of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, the need for an effective management of the increasing size of the World Heritage List and the call for a more balanced World Heritage List;

6. Decides that the impact of the proposed amendments will be evaluated at the 46th session of the Committee in 2022;

7. Further decides to include in the draft Agenda of the 44th session of the Committee in 2020 an item in view to prepare the criteria to be used to assess the impact of this decision;

8. Adopts the proposed revision of Paragraph 61 of the Operational Guidelines, as presented in Annex of the Document WHC/16/40.COM/13A and as amended by the Consultative Body mentioned in Paragraph 4 above:

Paragraph 61 of the Operational Guidelines

61. The Committee has decided to apply the following mechanism:

a) examine up to two one complete nominations per State Party, provided that at least one of such nominations concerns a natural property or a cultural landscape and,

b) set at 45 35 the annual limit on the number of nominations it will review, inclusive of nominations deferred and referred by previous sessions of the Committee, extensions (except minor modifications of limits of the property), transboundary and serial nominations,

c) the following order of priorities will be applied in case the overall annual limit of 45 35 nominations is exceeded:

i) nominations of properties submitted by States Parties with no properties inscribed on the List;

ii) nominations of properties submitted by States Parties having up to 3 properties inscribed on the List,

iii) resubmitted referred nominations that were not transmitted to the relevant Advisory Bodies for evaluation further to the application of paragraph 61.b)¹,

iv) nominations of properties that have been previously excluded due to the annual limit of 45 35 nominations and the application of these priorities,

v) nominations of properties for natural heritage,

vi) nominations of properties for mixed heritage,

¹ This provision also applies in case the resubmitted referred nomination is received in the third year following the referral decision.
vii) nominations of transboundary/transnational properties,
viii) nominations from States Parties in Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean,
ix) nominations of properties submitted by States Parties having ratified the *World Heritage Convention* during the last ten twenty years,
x) nominations of properties submitted by States Parties that have not submitted nominations for ten five years or more,
xi) nominations of States Parties, former Members of the Committee, who accepted on a voluntary basis not to have a nomination reviewed by the Committee during their mandate. This priority will be applied for 4 years after the end of their mandate on the Committee,

xii) when applying this priority system, date of receipt of full and complete nominations by the World Heritage Centre shall be used as a secondary factor to determine the priority between those nominations that would not be designated by the previous points.

d) the States Parties co-authors of a transboundary or transnational serial nomination can choose, amongst themselves and with a common understanding, the State Party which will be bearing this nomination; and this nomination can be registered exclusively within the ceiling of the bearing State Party.

This decision will be implemented on a trial basis for 4 years and takes effect on 2 February 2012 2018, in order to ensure a smooth transition period for all States Parties. The impact of this decision will be evaluated at the Committee’s 39th 46th session (2015 2022).”

9. Decides to include Paragraph 68 of the *Operational Guidelines* and its Annexes to the mandate of the ad-hoc Working Group and to include this item in the Agenda of the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2017.

12. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE POLICY GUIDELINES DOCUMENT

**Decision: 40 COM 12**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/12,

2. Recalling Decisions 35 COM 12B, 37 COM 13 and 39 COM 12 adopted at its 35th (UNESCO, 2011), 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively,

3. Reiterates its gratitude to the Government of Australia for their commitment and financial contribution in view of the development of a Policy document for a better implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*;

4. Commends ICCROM for the preparation of the scoping study, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN;
5. **Decides** to apply the two-phased approach for the preparation of a Policy Compendium as described in document WHC/16/40.COM/12;

6. **Requests** the World Heritage Centre to assemble existing policies and to convene a geographically balanced working group of natural and cultural heritage experts and to inclusively involve other stakeholders such as ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM, Category 2 Centres and UNESCO Chairs, to review the collection of policies taking into account the views of Committee members through an appropriate consultation procedure;

7. **Also requests** the World Heritage Centre to submit the first draft Policy Compendium, reviewed by the working group, as well as to report on the progress of work for examination to the World Heritage Committee at its 42nd session in 2018.

**13A. FOLLOW-UP TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF EVALUATIONS AND AUDITS ON WORKING METHODS: OUTCOMES OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP**

**Decision: 40 COM 13A**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/13A,

2. Recalling Decision **38 COM 13** which established an ad-hoc Working Group that would meet inter-sessionally to examine the issues related to working methods of the evaluation and decision-making process of nomination and to formulate its recommendations thereon,

3. Recalling Decision **39 COM 13A**, which extended the mandate of the ad-hoc Working Group composed of two members from each regional group and one extra regional group representative who is not a member of the World Heritage Committee to further discuss and make recommendations on Paragraph 61 as well as on the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund,

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Turkish leadership and the delegates of Croatia, Finland, Jamaica, Lebanon, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia, Zimbabwe and the non-Committee members of the ad-hoc working group: China, Colombia, Netherlands, Palestine, Senegal and Serbia as well as the representatives of the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre for their work;

5. Acknowledging the consensus reached after in-depth discussions in the ad-hoc Working Group and after hearing the views during the open-ended meeting, **welcomes** the recommendations made;

6. **Refers** to the Item 11, "Revision of the Operational Guidelines" of the Agenda of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee regarding the recommendations on Paragraph 61, and to the Item 15, "Presentation of the final accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2014-2015 and implementation of the World Heritage Fund under the biennium 2016-2017" regarding the recommendations on the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund;

7. **Decides** to extend the mandate of the ad-hoc Working Group composed of the members of the Committee to further discuss Paragraph 68 of the Operational Guidelines and its
annexes, as well as, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, other UNESCO competent services, and the Advisory Bodies, the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund, and to report to the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee including recommendations on the following issues, inter alia:

- Feasibility of an additional(optional) Protocol,
- Improved resource mobilisation, including a proposal for a “Forum of Donors” and revision of the Partnership Strategy,
- Optimisation of the use of the resources of the Fund, recalling its previous decisions that conservation should be prioritised;

8. **Further decides** that at least two open-ended sessions of the extended ad-hoc Working Group will be held to enhance broad consensus;

9. **Decides** to include on the draft agenda of the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2017 an item on the revision of the outcomes of the extended ad-hoc Working Group.


**Decision: 40 COM 13B**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/13B and recalling Resolution 38C/101 of the General Conference,

2. Also recalling the work undertaken with a view to assess and improve the working methods of the Governing Bodies of the World Heritage Convention, and notably the related Resolutions of the General Assembly 18 GA 8 and 19 GA 9 as well as Decisions 36 COM 9A, 37 COM 11 and 38 COM 9C on this matter,

3. Further recalling the Audit of the Working Methods of Cultural Conventions and the Evaluation of UNESCO’s Standard-Setting work of the Culture Sector undertaken by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and its corresponding Decisions 38 COM 5F.1 and 38 COM 5F.2 on these matters,

4. Recalling furthermore that the reflection on issues related to working methods by the ad-hoc Working Group established at its 38th session (Doha, 2014) is still ongoing,

5. Takes note of the efforts and steps already undertaken, especially through its ad-hoc Working Group which it considers as a good practice that enhances strategic decision-making and participation of States Parties, with a view to improve and streamline the working methods of the Governing Bodies of the 1972 Convention in line with General Conference Resolution 38 C/101;

6. Recommends the General Assembly to inscribe a new Agenda item discussing matters on Governance at its next session;
7. **Decides** to transmit, as requested, Document WHC/16/40.COM/13B as well as relevant outcomes of its ad-hoc Working Group and this decision to the Chairperson of the open-ended Working Group on the Governance Procedures and Working Methods of the Governing Bodies;

8. **Further requests** that a progress report on this matter be presented at its 41st session in 2017.

14. **INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

**Decision: 40 COM 14**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined** Document WHC/16/40.COM/14,

2. **Takes note** of the status of implementation of the International Assistance request for Atsinanana Forests (Madagascar) approved in 2010 by the Committee and requests the Secretariat to include any relevant information concerning the implementation of this request in the state of conservation reports for this property, to be examined by subsequent sessions of the Committee;

3. **Also takes note** of the report on the implementation of revised timeline for examination of International Assistance requests and **decides** not to propose any changes in this regard;

4. **Notes with great concern** the low level of the International Assistance budget;

5. **Warmly thanks** the States Parties of Italy, India, the Republic of Korea, Finland, the Philippines and Turkey for their contributions which made possible the funding of several International Assistance requests since 2010;

6. **Recalling Decision 39 COM 14**, paragraph 4, **strongly appeals** to all States Parties to contribute to the sub-account of the World Heritage Fund for International Assistance by choosing among the options described in Resolution 19 GA 8;

7. **Commends** the World Heritage Centre for its initiative to propose International Assistance requests which have been recommended for approval but not funded due to lack of funding, to potential donors, through a dedicated web-page.
Decision: 40 COM 15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/15 and Document WHC/16/40.COM/13A,


3. Notes with appreciation the supplementary costs covered by the Turkish authorities as host of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee in addition to those listed in the Statement of Requirements;

4. Recalls that the payment of compulsory and assessed voluntary contributions is, as per Article 16 of the World Heritage Convention, an obligation incumbent on all States Parties which have ratified the Convention;

5. Thanks States Parties which have already made their contributions for 2016 and calls upon all other States Parties, which have not yet paid the totality of their assessed contributions for 2016, including voluntary contributions in accordance with Article 16.2 of the Convention, to ensure that their contributions are paid as soon as possible;

6. Encourages States Parties with arrears to expedite payments of their dues and where a State Party is unable to make a one off settlement, the Secretariat is to, as a matter of priority and urgency, finalize a payment schedule to settle outstanding arrears and further implores States Parties to pay their contributions by 31st January to facilitate the timely implementation of activities financed by the World Heritage Fund;

7. Approves that the operating reserve of the World Heritage Fund cover the request from ICOMOS for additional funding in the amount of US$ 100,839 for 2016, as well as the request of ICOMOS for additional funding in the amount of US$ 158,169 for 2017;

8. Takes note of the cost estimates of nominations to be examined in 2017, which are listed in Annex V of the present document, according to the Document WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B3;

9. Invites the Secretariat to enhance its efforts to provide a clear holistic overview of the global budget framework of the Convention, including the World Heritage Fund, regular budget and extrabudgetary allotments, in the light of the ongoing process towards UNESCO’s integrated budget framework and structured financing dialogue;

10. Further invites the World Heritage Centre in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies to hold a budget briefing for States Parties during each General Assembly as well as during the information session prior to each session of the Committee;

11. Further requests the World Heritage Centre in consultation with the Advisory Bodies to formulate a proposal for the 2018-2019 budget of the World Heritage Fund, which is sufficient to meet the statutory requirements as much as possible within the existing budget framework;
12. **Taking note** of the priority placed by the World Heritage Committee on conservation and management through Decision 39 COM 15, **recommends** that the World Heritage Centre, in the budget for the next biennium (2018-2019) give priority to conservation and monitoring activities, and therefore **calls** for increasing the proportion of the World Heritage Fund dedicated to conservation;

13. **Notes** that without supplementary voluntary contributions being made to the World Heritage Fund, the financial resources will be grossly insufficient to provide for the statutory processes as well as International Assistance and Conservation, thereby threatening the credibility of the *Convention* and the fulfilment of its objectives, as well as the viability of the World Heritage Centre to undertake its operational and administrative functions;

14. **Recognizing** the urgent need to ensure the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund and having considered the options for voluntary contributions to this end, **calls upon** all States Parties to commit to consider allocating supplementary voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund;

15. **Recalling** proposals by the Secretariat at the 19th and the 20th General Assembly on voluntary contributions, **endorses** options 1, 4 and 5 of Resolution 19 GA 8, as they were found applicable alternatives presented to the 19th General Assembly, and also the proposal in the document WHC-15/20.GA/8 presented to the 20th General Assembly;

16. **Decides** to initiate a consultation process on annual fee for World Heritage listed properties on a voluntary basis and **requests** the Secretariat to send out a survey to States Parties, in order to verify the possibility of their local administrations in charge of management of inscribed sites, to pay an annual fee to the Fund, depending on their financial autonomy and capacity to pay and report back to the Committee;

17. **Expresses its concern** that the Cultural and Natural Heritage have come under unprecedented threat and with deep concern for the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund, **calls upon** the Executive Board and the General Conference in the light of the ongoing preparations of the document C/5 to allocate more resources from the regular budget to meet statutory requirements for more effective implementation of the 1972 *Convention*;

18. **Encourages** that as a part of its extrabudgetary funding the Secretariat further bolsters its campaign to attract increased and sustained partnerships with the private sector and individual donors, while mindful that funding should not be sought from entities whose activities are incompatible with the aims and principles of UNESCO;

19. **Expresses its concern** that the resources of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not sufficient to implement the statutory activities required by the *Convention* and **decides** to continue to explore appropriate ways to ensure the sustainability of the Fund, including through extrabudgetary resource mobilization opportunities and additional fund raising possibilities, in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, other UNESCO competent services, category 2 centres, the Advisory Bodies, States Parties and other organizations, and to develop recommendations in this regard;

20. **Recalls** its recommendation to reduce and prioritize the work requested from the Secretariat in view of financial and human resource constraints, and **invites** the extended ad hoc working group to consider this matter, in accordance with its mandate;

21. In view of optimisation of the use of the resources of the Fund, **emphasizes** the importance of securing value for money in the commissioning of advisory services and
requests the Secretariat to prepare, if funding available, a comparative mapping of forms and models for use of advisory services (such as evaluation, technical services, etc.) by other international instruments and programmes as a means of benchmarking the price of services, including but not limited to UNESCO site-based conventions and programmes, for consideration by the ad-hoc Working Group at the earliest opportunity and examination by the Committee at its 41st session;

22. **Recalls** Decision 35 COM 12B, that default to a minimum two-year cycle for the examination of State of Conservation reports for individual properties on the World Heritage List, and for the discussion of those inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger, is appropriate, except for cases of utmost urgency, as well as Decisions 38 COM 5F.1 and 39 COM 13B, by which the World Heritage Committee “considered that the annual frequency of sessions of the Committee is appropriate” and decides that the option of transferring to a 2-year cycle will not contribute to the credibility and enhancing the impact of the *Convention*, in addition to not generating any meaningful economy in the World Heritage Fund, and also decides that the annual frequency of sessions of the World Heritage Committee is appropriate;

23. **Requests** the World Heritage Centre to report on the implementation of this decision at its 41st session in 2017.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

No decision.


**Decision: 40 COM 17.2**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Recalling** its Decision 39 COM 15, adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015), which elected its Bureau whose mandate will be until the end of its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016),

2. **Also recalling** its Decision 40 COM 17 according to which its 41st session will take place in Krakow (Poland), in July 2017,

3. **Decides** to elect, in accordance with Rule 13.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, its Bureau with the following composition:
   a) Republic of Korea,
      Portugal,
      Peru,
      Kuwait and
Angola as Vice-Chairpersons of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandates will begin at the end of the 40th session of the Committee (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) until the end of the 41st session of the Committee (2017),

b) Mr Juma Muhammad (United Republic of Tanzania) as the Rapporteur of the World Heritage Committee whose mandate will begin at the end of the 40th session of the Committee (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) until the end of the 41st session of the Committee (2017);


Decision: 40 COM 18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/18,

2. Requests the World Heritage Centre to consult with the Chairperson regarding the Provisional Agenda and a detailed timetable;

3. Adopts the following Provisional Agenda for its 41st session in 2017:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 41st SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (Krakow, 2017)

OPENING SESSION

1. Opening session

2. Admission of Observers

3. Adoption of the Agenda and the Timetable

   3A. Adoption of the Agenda

   3B. Adoption of the Timetable

REPORTS


5. Reports of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies
5A. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee’s decisions

5B. Reports of the Advisory Bodies

5C. *World Heritage Convention* and sustainable development

6. Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related category 2 centres

**EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION**

7. State of conservation of World Heritage properties

7A. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger

7B. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER**

8. Establishment of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in Danger

8A. Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 15 April 2017

8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List

8C. Update of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger

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

8E. Review and approval of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value

**GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR A REPRESENTATIVE, BALANCED AND CREDIBLE WORLD HERITAGE LIST**

9. Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List

9A. Progress report on the reflection concerning the Upstream Processes

9B. Progress report on the reflection on processes for mixed nominations

**PERIODIC REPORTS**

10. Periodic Reports

10A. Report on the Periodic Reporting Reflection (2015-2017) and launch of the third cycle

10B. Follow-up to the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise for all regions
WORKING METHODS AND TOOLS

11. Revision of the *Operational Guidelines*

12. Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods and outcomes of the ad-hoc working group

12A. Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods: outcomes of the ad-hoc working group

12B. Progress report on the follow-up to the Recommendations of the External Auditor’s “Report on the governance of UNESCO and dependant funds, programmes and entities” (Document 38C/23)

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

13. International Assistance


15. Other business

CLOSING SESSION

16. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (2018)

17. Provisional Agenda of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (2018)

18. Adoption of Decisions

19. Closing session