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The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/18/42.COM/8B and WHC/18/42.COM/INF.8B1,

2. Decides not to inscribe the Historic Monuments and Sites of Ancient Quanzhou (Zayton), China, on the World Heritage List.

2. Refers the nomination of the Historic Monuments and Sites of Ancient Quanzhou (Zayton), China, back to the State Party, taking note of the high potential to meet criteria (ii)(iii)(vi), in order to:
   a) Further refine and focus the justification for criteria (ii)(iii)(vi),
   b) Better define the boundaries and buffer zones of each of the nominated property components in relation to their ability to enclose and protect the serial property,
   c) Strengthen the coordination of management between the components of the serial property,
d) Consider a stronger engagement of maritime and port organizations within the management system.

3. **Recommends** that the State Party consider further integrating the significance of the Min-nan Culture, of which Quanzhou is considered to be its birthplace and centre, in the attributes that convey the values of the property,

4. **Further recommends** that the State Party continue its important support and contribution to the Thematic Study on Maritime Silk Routes, and **also recommends** that the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, give special attention towards the preparation of a comprehensive Thematic Study on the Maritime Silk Routes, and **encourages** the development of a transnational dialogue on this theme.