AMENDMENT

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Amendment submitted by the Delegation of... | Australia
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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. Regretting that the State Party did not follow the suggestions made in the Interim report,

3. Defers [Inscribes] the examination of the nomination of the Sassanid Archaeological Landscape of Fars Region, Islamic Republic of Iran, to the World Heritage List in order to allow the State Party, with the advice of ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, if requested, to on the basis of criteria (ii) and (iii);

4. Adopts the following provisional Statement of Outstanding Universal Value <insert text>

5. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:

   a) Refocus the justification-Statement of Outstanding Universal Value to reflect the criteria for which the property has been inscribed on the World Heritage List; on the exceptional testimony the proposed property provides in relation to the commencement and early expansion of the Sassanid empire under Ardashir I and Shapur I (224–273 AD),

   b) Remove the serial site component of Sarvestan Monument from the serial nomination,

   c) Adjust the boundaries of the remaining components, aimed at combining the five serial components of Firuzabad and the two serial components of Bishapur into one site component boundary for each, encompassing the previously separated archaeological features and the topographic landscape features between them, which constitute essential attributes of the potential Outstanding Universal Value,
bd) Finalize an integrated conservation and management plan for the proposed property, including strategies on risk preparedness and disaster response,

c) As part of the overall conservation and management plan, prioritize immediate conservation activities at all serial components which are at risk of collapse or in a condition of serious deterioration;

4. Considers that any revised nomination would need to be considered by an expert mission to the site;

5. Further recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:

   a) Prioritizing the geophysical surveys envisaged for the site component of Ardashir Khurreh to restrict the permissibility of agricultural practices to areas which are ascertained to be free of archaeological remains,

   b) Establishing a monitoring system based on assigned responsibilities and defined means of assessment and verification.

7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 December 2018 a report on the above-mentioned recommendations for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 43rd session in 2019.