The World Heritage Committee,

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

2. Recalling the reservations it has expressed concerning the inscription of sites related to negative memories,

3. Recognizes that the evaluation undertaken by ICOMOS may be considered effective until its 45th session in 2021;

4. Decides to adjourn consideration of the nomination of the Funerary and Memorial sites of the First World War (Western Front), Belgium and France, until a comprehensive reflection has taken place and the Committee at its 44th session has discussed and decided whether and how sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories might relate to the purpose and scope of the World Heritage Convention and its Operational Guidelines is provided;

5. Encourages States Parties to provide support to the undertaking of the comprehensive reflection, including through contributions or hosting an expert meeting.

6. Notes that the nomination of the Funerary and Memorial sites of the First World War (Western Front), Belgium and France, could only be considered by the Committee upon further review by the Advisory Bodies in light of the Committee decision referred to above and upon receipt of additional information to be provided by the States Party concerned.