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AMENDMENT

Item of the Agenda	42 COM 8B.7
Amended Draft Decision	42 COM
Amendment submitted by the Delegation of....	Zimbabwe, Guatemala, Azerbaijan, China, Uganda
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TEXT

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/18/42.COM/8B and WHC/18/42.COM/INF.8B2,

2. Decides to refer the nomination of ~~not to inscribe~~ Arasbaran Protected Area, Islamic Republic of Iran, considering its potential to meet criterion (x), in order to allow the State Party to:)-on the World Heritage List under natural criteria (ix) and (x).

a) Provide sufficient information concerning the process of relocation of farmlands within the boundaries of the nominated property,

b) Provide information with regards to the occurrence of the Persian leopard population and other threatened plant and animal species,

c) Develop and adopt a Management Plan which integrates conservation and sustainable development objectives, with the participation of all stakeholders and in consultation with Advisory Bodies;

3. Urges the State Party to monitor the transformation of the abandoned and reallocated farmlands back into naturally functioning ecosystems and the foreseen positive impacts on the area's biodiversity.

4. Commends the State Party for the efforts made to protect and enhance the natural values of Arasbaran Protected Area.

~~3. Thanks the State Party for the efforts made to protect and enhance the natural values of Arasbaran Biosphere Reserve, and encourages it to:~~

~~a) Further enhance the effective management of the biosphere reserve to integrate conservation and sustainable development objectives taking advantage of the global network of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and international best practice;~~

~~b) Develop and adopt an integrated management plan with clear targets and indicators on protection and sustainable utilization, as well as effective governance mechanisms for the biosphere reserve involving key stakeholders and interest groups;~~

~~c) Continue monitoring the transformation of the abandoned and reallocated farmlands back into naturally functioning ecosystems and the foreseen positive impacts on the area's biodiversity.~~