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1. OPENING SESSION

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/INF.1

The 28th session of the World Heritage Committee was opened by Mr Zhang Xinsheng (China) Chairperson, on 28 June 2004 in Suzhou, China. (Chairperson's opening address is attached as an Annex to the Summary Record of this session, document reference: *WHC-04/28.COM/INF.26*). The Chairperson welcomed H.E. Mme Chen Zhili, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr Liang Baohua, Governor of Jiangsu Province, Mr Michael Abiola Omolewa, President of the UNESCO General Conference, Mr Hans-Heinrich Wrede, President of the Executive Board, Mr Yang Weize, Mayor of Suzhou, Committee Members, States Parties and all observers. The 21 members of the Committee: Argentina, Benin, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, India, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland participated in the session.

72 States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* who are not members of the Committee were represented as observers: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Barbados, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela, Vietnam and Yemen.

The Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to UNESCO also attended this session as an observer.

Representatives of the Advisory Bodies to the Committee, namely the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) also attended the session.

The List of Participants is attached to this document as Annex I.

2. INTRODUCTION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO

The address of the Director-General of UNESCO is attached as an Annex to the Summary Record of this session, document reference : *WHC-04/28.COM/INF.26*.

3. WELCOME BY THE HOST COUNTRY

The addresses made by the representatives of the Host Country are attached as

Annexes to the Summary Record of this session, document reference: *WHC-04/28.COM/INF.26*.

4. REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Documents : *WHC-04/28.COM/4*
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.4

28 COM 4 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking into consideration Rule 8 (Observers) of the *Rules of Procedure* of the Committee,
2. Authorises the participation in the 28th session as observers of those representatives of the international governmental organizations (IGOs), international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the *World Heritage Convention*, who have requested observer participation at the session and as listed under Section I of document *WHC-04/28.COM/4*;
3. Confirms the participation in the 28th session as observers of all those invited by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the *Rules of Procedure* and as listed in Section II of the document *WHC-04/28.COM/4*;

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documents : *WHC-04/28.COM/5 Prov.1*
WHC-04/28.COM/5 Prov.2
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.5 Rev

28 COM 5 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to discuss item 14 prior to item 13 as recommended by the Bureau;
2. Adopts the agenda contained in *Document WHC-04/28.COM/5Prov.2* as amended.

6. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE 27TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (PARIS, 30 JUNE - 5 JULY 2003)

Documents : *WHC-04/28.COM/6*

28 COM 6 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Rapporteur of the 27th session of the World Heritage Committee held at UNESCO Headquarters, (Paris, June-July 2003).

7. REPORT OF THE RAPPOREUR OF THE 14TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES (PARIS, 14 - 15 OCTOBER 2003)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/7

28 COM 7 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes with appreciation the Report of the Rapporteur of the 14th General Assembly of States Parties held at UNESCO Headquarters, (Paris, October 2003).

8. PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2004-2005 (32C/5) APPROVED BY THE 32ND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/8

28 COM 8 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of document WHC-04/28COM/8.

9. REPORT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/9Rev

28 COM 9 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the Report of the World Heritage Centre presented in Part I of the document WHC-04/28.COM/9 Rev,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 4** and **27 COM 5.1** and the need for the Committee to be kept informed on the implementation of its Decisions,
3. Takes note with appreciation of the special activity in support of World Heritage in the Democratic Republic of Congo;

4. Expresses its strong concern at the critical shortages of permanent staff in the World Heritage Centre – in particular in the Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and North America and Policy and Statutory Implementation units, which seriously impinge upon the responsibilities of the World Heritage Centre as Secretariat for the *World Heritage Convention*, and considers that such shortages need to be urgently addressed – at the latest, starting from the Programme and Budget of UNESCO for the biennium 2006-2007;
5. Takes note of the proposal for an on-line database for the implementation of the decisions of the Committee presented in Part II of document *WHC-04/28.COM/9 Rev*;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre to submit, for its consideration at its 29th session (2005), the thematic initiatives of the World Heritage Centre on “Astronomy and World Heritage” and “Marine Conservation”;
7. Decides that the World Heritage Centre shall finalize and submit for the approval of the Chairperson of its 27th session (2003) the revised *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, as adopted at its 6th extraordinary session (2003). The revised *Operational Guidelines* shall be applied, if finalized, from 1 November 2004, with appropriate transitional arrangements where necessary. In particular, nominations submitted for consideration by the Committee at its 30th session in July 2006 will be considered and evaluated in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines* of 2002. Furthermore, the Chairperson of the 27th session of the Committee is authorized to include observations made by the Committee during its 28th session ;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the on-line database at its 29th session (2005), on the understanding that such database will become operational from 1 April 2005, and that it will include information on the implementation of the decisions adopted at all its sessions, both ordinary and extraordinary, since its 26th session (2002);
9. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to develop a similar database for the decisions adopted by the General Assembly of the States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*, and to report on such development at its 29th session (2005).

10. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

10A INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Documents : *WHC-04/28.COM/10A Rev2*
WHC-04/28.BUR/04Rev1

28 COM 10A.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that no funds are available in 2004 for consideration of technical co-operation requests for cultural properties,
2. Also noting that the Bureau did not approve technical co-operation requests in advance on the 2005 budget (Decision **28 BUR 8.3**),
3. Agreeing with the Bureau's recommendation not to approve requests in advance on the 2005 budget as it did at its last session in 2003 with regard to the use of the 2004 budget,
4. Decides that the following request:

Bangladesh : Study of the problems and monitoring of the internal moisture conditions of the monuments of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur,

be submitted again in 2005 for decision by the Committee, in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines* in force at that time, provided that the State Party concerned has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2004.

28 COM 10A.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the Bureau's recommendations **28 BUR 8.4** and **28 BUR 8.5**,
2. Does not approve the request presented by Ghana: "Workshop on History, Slavery, Religion, and Culture in Ghana, linked with conservation and protection of the World Heritage";
3. Approves the request presented by Sudan: "Conservation of the mural painting of Gebel Barkal and the properties of the Napatan Region" for an amount of US\$ 38,900;
4. Approves also the request presented by Botswana: "International Training Workshop for decision-makers on the World Heritage from Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands", for an amount of US\$ 48,645, of which US\$ 15,329 from the cultural heritage and US\$ 33,316 from the natural heritage budget for training assistance;
5. Recommends to the State Party of Botswana, in the implementation of the above activity and in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the concerned Advisory Bodies, to give adequate consideration to natural heritage values and to adopt a methodology, which takes into consideration the concepts emerging from the current revision of the *Operational Guidelines* and the approaches to sustaining Outstanding Universal Value on World Heritage properties, which could lead to a much wider relevance and application.

28 COM 10A.3 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Authorizes the World Heritage Centre to transfer from the budgets relative to Promotional and Educational International Assistance and World Heritage Education the amounts of US\$10,000 and US\$15,000, respectively, to the pertaining budget item to enable the funding of the request presented by Argentina: "Ninth International Seminar of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage: 'Heritage and Management Centre and Periphery'".

10B PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE FUND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

(Decision **26 COM 25.3**)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/10B

28 COM 10B The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the excellent Progress Report on the Evaluation of Emergency Assistance;
2. Requests the World Heritage Centre to:
 - a) ensure that, exceptionally, if resources from the World Heritage Fund for emergency assistance are insufficient, properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List receive such assistance on a priority basis,
 - b) give priority to properties that are on the List of World Heritage in Danger,
 - c) verify that Emergency Assistance will be used only to address emergency situations strictly relating to the conservation of the World Heritage Site,
 - d) ensure that decisions on Emergency Assistance are taken in a timely way and that funds are transferred promptly. In the case of funds transferred to a Regional Office, ensure that the office disburses funds in accordance with the Emergency Assistance plan,
 - e) prepare further concrete proposals on the basis of the recommendations made in the evaluation report, notably in regard to the Emergency Assistance application process, selection process, implementation of assistance, monitoring and reporting requirements to be presented to the Committee at its 29th session in 2005,
 - f) develop in the coming year an evaluation of the other components of the International Assistance to be presented to the Committee at its 29th session in 2005,
 - g) prepare on the basis of the evaluation of Emergency Assistance and the evaluation mentioned in paragraph e) a set of proposals in order to provide a comprehensive framework for optimisation of International

Assistance with special attention to definition of the role and responsibilities of the World Heritage Committee, Advisory Bodies, World Heritage Centre, Regional Offices, and States Parties so as to ensure adequate transparency, monitoring, and accountability. This would be presented for further discussion to the Committee at its 30th session in 2006 ;

3. Invites the World Heritage Centre, in co-operation with the States Parties, Advisory Bodies, and other international agencies and non-governmental organisations concerned by emergency interventions, to prepare a risk-preparedness strategy to be presented to the Committee at its 30th session in 2006 ;
4. Recommends that States Parties include risk preparedness as an element in their World Heritage Site Management plans and training strategies.

11. EXECUTION OF THE BUDGET

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/11

28 COM 11 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the statement of accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2002-2003 and the present situation of the reserves;
2. Also takes note of the state of implementation of the Budget for 2004-2005 and of contributions to the World Heritage Fund as at 30 April 2004;
3. Urges the States Parties to pay their compulsory and voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund in a timely and regular manner and to settle their arrears without delay;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present, at its 29th session, the entire budget of the Centre with the provisional budget statement for 2004-2005, as reproduced in Annex III of document *WHC-04/28.COM/11*, featuring:
 - a) arrears of States Parties - including those which have opted for voluntary contributions,
 - b) execution rates,
 - c) all extra budgetary funds, including extra budgetary funds for World Heritage managed by other sectors of UNESCO,
 - d) Funds-in-Trust Overhead Costs Account (FITOCA) resources,
 - e) human resources;
5. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to present in an information document at every ordinary session a complete list of projects financed through resources other than those of the World Heritage Fund, so that the Committee

may prioritize the allocation of resources from the Fund to countries not benefiting from extra budgetary funds;

6. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to submit a proposal for the Budget for 2006-2007, at its 29th session in 2005, in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 15 of document *WHC-04/28.COM/11*, that is to say, taking into account total income received as shown in the accounts certified by the Comptroller for the previous biennium;
7. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to present a report at its 29th session on the status of the follow-up to the recommendations on administrative and financial matters resulting from the 1997 external audit of the World Heritage Centre (*WHC-98/CONF.201/INF.5*) and to review, together with the External Auditor, any outstanding recommendations and to implement those which are still relevant.

12. PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2006 - 2007 (DRAFT 33C/5)

Document : *WHC-04/28.COM/12*

28 COM 12 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Considering that the 1972 *Convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage* has proved to be one of the most successful and visible programmes of UNESCO and is reflected in its designation as a UNESCO flagship programme in UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy (2002-2007),
2. Noting that the resources available to the World Heritage Centre from the Regular Budget have increased in the 32 C/5, complemented further by a one-time additional US\$1,000,000 allocation from the contribution of the United States of America, while the resources provided by the World Heritage Fund have decreased by US\$3,169,268 resulting in an overall reduction of programme resources available to the World Heritage Centre;
3. Recalling that at its 26th session (Budapest 2002), the World Heritage Committee requested the Director-General of UNESCO consult it on the preparation of the World Heritage content of future biennial Programme and Budget (document C/5) and Medium-Term Strategies (document C/4),
4. Further recalling the debates at the 14th General Assembly of States Parties to the 1972 *World Heritage Convention*, in particular Resolution **14 GA 5**, and at the 169th session of the Executive Board, in particular 169EX/Decision 3.7.3,
5. Noting with concern that there are critical gaps in the capacity of the World Heritage Centre to carry out its core tasks in relation to the States Parties, in particular in the Latin America and Caribbean, Europe and North America and Policy and Statutory Implementation units, as well as permanent staff

exclusively dedicated to natural heritage,

6. Further noting that the resources currently allocated through the Regular Budget are inadequate to meet satisfactorily the priorities of the World Heritage Committee, notably the 4 strategic objectives (Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building and Communication) including the need to communicate about World Heritage in order fully to unlock the potential of the *World Heritage Convention*,
7. Acknowledging the complementary support provided through bi-lateral agreements with States Parties and partners, encourages the World Heritage Centre to continue in its efforts to develop new partnerships in support of the programmatic priorities identified by the World Heritage Committee,
8. Invites the Director-General to take account in his preliminary proposals for the 33 C/5:
 - a) the request for strengthening the World Heritage Centre as expressed in 169EX/Decision 3.7.3, in particular its human resources, and to make appropriate provision in the elaboration of the 33 C/5 following the 171st session of the Executive Board;
 - b) the appropriate steps to consolidate the role of the World Heritage Centre as the Secretariat to the Committee and as co-ordinator for all UNESCO activities and communications on World Heritage;
 - c) the following priority areas for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*:
 - (i) the 4 Strategic Objectives of the Committee as set out in the 2002 Budapest Declaration on World Heritage,
 - (ii) the implementation of the Suzhou/Cairns decision to address issues of capacity building and a credible and more representative World Heritage List,
 - (iii) the implementation of the Regional programmes developed on the basis of the results of the Periodic Reporting exercise,
 - (iv) the further development of the PACT Initiative (World Heritage Partnerships for Conservation) in order to mobilize additional resources and technical skills to assist in the implementation of these strategic objectives,
 - (v) the development of a risk preparedness strategy for World Heritage in collaboration with other relevant UNESCO sectors and regional offices, UN wide agencies and other organizations active in this area,
9. Considers that the 33C/5 should also envisage greater coordination and co-

operation between the World Heritage Centre and other sectors of UNESCO, as well as coordination between the 1972 *World Heritage Convention* and other UNESCO Conventions and Recommendations relevant to cultural heritage, notably the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, and protected area programmes and Conventions adopted within and outside the framework of UNESCO, and requests the World Heritage Centre to present a document regarding this matter as a basis for discussion at its 7th Extraordinary session,

10. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a document to the 29th session of the Committee in 2005 as the basis for a discussion about the evaluation of the achievements made in pursuit of the Committee's strategic objectives, to be presented to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007, and the future strategic framework of World Heritage in the context of the preparation of the future UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy for 2007-2012.

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

Documents : WHC-04/28.COM/13
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13A
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13B
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13C
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.13D

28 COM 13.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling the conclusions on the "Evaluation of the Cairns Decision" by the 27th session (Decision **27 COM 14**), the Decision adopted on the Representivity of the World Heritage List at its 24th session ("Cairns Decision", 2000), subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly of State Parties at its 13th session (2001); and the Resolution on ways and means to ensure a representative World Heritage List adopted by the General Assembly at its 12th session (1999),
2. Further recalling that the *World Heritage Convention* establishes a system of international co-operation and assistance for the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,
3. Recognising the need to increase the technical and administrative capacity of the World Heritage systems, to encourage growth of under-represented categories and geographical coverage, and acknowledge the work constraints of the Committee, the Advisory Bodies, World Heritage Centre and States Parties to achieve this objective,
4. Noting with interest the results of the ICOMOS and IUCN analyses, as well as additional analyses undertaken by the World Heritage Centre as presented in document WHC-04/28.COM/13,

5. Concerned in particular with the conclusion that constraints and gaps in the World Heritage List primarily relate to lack of technical capacity to prepare adequate assessments and inventories of heritage properties, to promote and prepare nominations and relate to the lack of an appropriate legal and management framework;
6. Emphasizing that Tentative Lists are an effective and indispensable tool in the identification of potential World Heritage properties at national and (sub)regional level, and thereby contributing to the representativity of the World Heritage List,
7. Considering that these concerns are already essential elements of the "Cairns Decision" that have, however, not been fully implemented,
8. Further emphasizing that all issues addressed by the "Cairns Decision" need full and adequate implementation and that the World Heritage Centre and States Parties in the coming years should focus on those elements that have not been sufficiently addressed such as the development of balanced Tentative Lists and capacity building,
9. Recalls that the Committee had previously decided:
 - a) to make available to all stakeholders all appropriate statutory World Heritage documentation, including documentation on the pre-, during and post-inscription process of World Heritage properties,
 - b) to encourage the increased participation of local authorities, civil society organizations and populations in the identification of the cultural and natural heritage of States Parties,
 - c) to implement regional, and, as appropriate, sub-regional programmes based on results of Periodic Reporting to increase the State Parties' capacity for the identification, nomination, and conservation of World Heritage properties,
 - d) to encourage States Parties to initiate and complete national inventories for cultural and natural heritage,
 - e) to review the effectiveness and appropriateness of national legal and institutional frameworks and policies and to provide advice to States Parties, upon their request, on reform of national, legal and institutional frameworks and policies,
 - f) to identify national, regional and international existing institutions, facilities and networks that offer training in heritage conservation and management and that can participate in the implementation of capacity building strategies and programmes;
10. Considers that capacity-building should be strategic, comprehensive, sustainable

and institutionalised, and that it should focus, in particular on the identification of potential properties, preparation of representative Tentative Lists, preparation of nominations, conservation action and management of properties;

11. Calls upon

- a) States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and other partners to significantly increase their support to States Parties, in particular those less represented in the List, in the identification of cultural, natural and mixed properties of potential outstanding universal value, as well as in the preparation of nomination dossiers ;
- b) the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN) to increase their support to States Parties, in particular those less represented in the List, in the identification of cultural, natural and mixed properties of potential outstanding universal value;

12. Requests IUCN and ICOMOS to complete their analyses of the Tentative Lists, work on the gaps in the World Heritage List with due consideration to all States Parties and regions of the world and continue their thematic studies;

13. Further requests the World Heritage Centre, in co-operation with States Parties, ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM, appropriate scientific institutions, selected governmental and non-governmental experts, appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant partners, to convene, as soon as possible and not later than March 2005, a special meeting of experts of all regions with the following aims:

- a) make specific proposals to enable States Parties to better identify natural, cultural and mixed properties of potential outstanding universal value. Such proposals should include a reflection on the concept of Outstanding Universal Value as defined by the *World Heritage Convention* and in the context of regions, including cultural and biogeographical regions – and, as appropriate, sub regions -, with a view to compiling representative Tentative Lists, as well as the elaboration of a comparative analysis and evaluation of the Tentative Lists, and a compilation of best practices in the preparation of such lists. At a minimum, the proposals should generate the conditions to ensure that by 2007 all States Parties have submitted Tentative Lists, which are substantially in accordance with Article 11 of the *World Heritage Convention* and its *Operational Guidelines*,
- b) in the framework of Article 7 of the *World Heritage Convention*, make specific proposals to enable less-represented and non-represented States Parties to improve the quality of nominations and, consequently, the success rate of inscriptions on the World Heritage List of properties from such States Parties. At a minimum, by 2007 the proposals should lead to a decrease of at least 30% in the number of such less-represented and non-represented States Parties,

- c) in the framework of Article 7 of the *World Heritage Convention*, make specific proposals to enable States Parties - in particular those less-represented and non-represented - to identify sufficient funding sources for the sustainable conservation of the properties thus inscribed. Such proposals could include the creation of inter-institutional and inter-sectoral site commissions and the networking of properties in order to ensure their adequate monitoring, management, including traditional management mechanisms, involvement of local populations and sustainable conservation. At a minimum, by 2007 the proposals should lead to the removal from the World Heritage List in Danger of at least 20% of the properties inscribed on that List,
 - d) on the basis of the refinement of the analysis referred to in paragraph 4 make specific proposals for the follow-up of such analysis. At a minimum, by 2007 such proposals should lead to the elaboration of regional – and, as appropriate, sub regional- programs, as well as to the adoption and harmonization of regional – and, as appropriate, sub regional- action plans fully consistent with the pertinent periodic reports;
14. Takes note of the offer by the Russian Federation to host the special meeting of experts of all regions referred to in paragraph 13 above;
 15. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the proposals and conclusions of the special meeting of experts of all regions referred to in paragraph 13, for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session (2005);
 16. Decides to apply at its 29th session (2005) the mechanism set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 of Decision **27 COM 14**, and requests the World Heritage Centre to distribute as soon as possible the full list of nominations admissible for examination by such session;
 17. Also decides, on an experimental and transitory basis, to apply the following mechanism at its 30th session (2006):
 - a) examine up to two complete nominations per State Party, provided that at least one of such nominations concerns a natural property; and,
 - b) set at 45 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 nominations, serial nominations and nominations submitted on an emergency basis,
 - c) the order of priorities for the examination of new nominations shall remain as decided by the Committee at its 24th session (2000):
 - (i) nominations of properties submitted by States Parties with no properties inscribed on the List,
 - (ii) nominations of properties from any State Party that illustrate un-represented or less represented categories of natural and cultural

- categories,
- (iii) other nominations,
 - (iv) when applying this priority system, date of receipt of full and complete nominations by the World Heritage Centre shall be used as secondary determining factor within the category where the number of nomination fixed by the Committee has been reached;
18. Further decides to examine the transitory mechanism set out in paragraph 17 at its 31st session (2007), on the basis of:
- a) the results of the process set out in paragraphs 13 and 15 above,
 - b) the extent to which the nominations presented at its 30th session (2006) contribute to the aim of a representative World Heritage List.

28 COM 13.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre in *WHC-03/28.COM/INF 13A* and commends Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru on the progress made on the implementation of the candidature process for the inscription of the *Qhapaq Ñan* (Main Andean Road) on the World Heritage List;
2. Considering the results of the consultation meetings with the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of the referred six States Parties and the documents adopted at the Second Expert Meeting held in Cusco on 24 - 26 October 2003 and Third Expert Meeting held in La Paz on 4-7 April 2004, commends the World Heritage Centre on establishing a consultation mechanism with the States Parties concerned to ensure the proper coordination and follow-up of actions and international assistance, that will be required to successfully implement the process of nomination of the *Qhapaq Ñan* (Main Andean Road) for inscription on the World Heritage List and requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to collaborate with the States Parties concerned in the implementation of the recommendations of the Second and Third expert meetings;
3. Welcomes the desire of the States Party to develop multi-national co-operation for a joint World Heritage nomination and to respond to priorities established by the World Heritage Committee in the context of the Global Strategy for a Representative World Heritage List, the Periodic Report for Latin America and the Caribbean and the *Budapest Declaration*;
4. Encourages Ecuador and Colombia to include in their Tentative Lists properties related to *Qhapaq Ñan* (Main Andean Road) situated on their territories;
5. Also requests the World Heritage Centre, in consultation and coordination with the States Parties concerned and in co-operation with UNESCO office in Lima and, when appropriate, other regional offices of UNESCO to promote an adequate coordination of the World Heritage inscription initiative with other

relevant programmers, projects and activities, such as the Inter- American Development Bank (IDB) Technical Co-operation project;

6. Agrees on the need to begin, in parallel to the process of the candidature, a forward-looking process for international co-operation between the World Heritage Centre and international donors or funding agencies worldwide to establish a solid mechanism to ensure the continuity of a successful future after the nomination, taking into account the Regional Action Plan which is being prepared by the six State Parties with the financial support of the Inter-American Development Bank;
7. Congratulates the World Heritage Centre on its initiative to organize, in 2006, an International Conference to seek extra-budgetary contributions from relevant donor and financing institutions to develop an action plan for the coming 10 years;
8. Thanks Spain and Netherlands for contributing Extra-budgetary Funds for implementing actions foreseen in 2004 and encourages other State Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* to contribute additional financial and human resources for the project;
9. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Center to use appropriate resources for the implementation of this project from the World Heritage Fund in 2005;
10. Encourages the World Heritage Centre to implement an awareness-raising action to increase the general public knowledge of the project;
11. Further requests that the World Heritage Centre inform the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005 on the progress made in the implementation of this initiative.

14. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

14A TENTATIVE LISTS

Document: WHC-04/28.COM/14ARev

28 COM 14A The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the Tentative Lists presented in document *WHC-04/28.COM/14A Rev*;
2. Noting also that the recently completed study of the World Heritage List and Tentative Lists prepared by ICOMOS and IUCN would contribute significantly to the discussion concerning the improved use of tentative lists as requested by the Committee in its Decision **27 COM 8A**,
3. Decides to include on the Agenda of its 29th session in 2005 an item concerning the improved use of Tentative Lists.

14B NOMINATIONS OF PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Documents: WHC-04/28.COM/14BRev
WHC-04/28.COM/14BAdd
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14A
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14A Add
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14B
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14B Corr

28 COM 14B.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Approves the proposed name change of Miguasha Park as proposed by the Canadian authorities. The name of the property becomes **Miguasha National Park** in English and **Parc national de Miguasha** in French.

28 COM 14B.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note that the following States Parties had requested that their nominations not be examined at the 28th session of the Committee in 2004:
 - Corcovado National Park and Isla del Caño Biological Reserve (Costa Rica)
 - Cajas Lakes and Ruins of Paredones (Ecuador)
 - Primeval Forests of Slovakia (Slovakia)
 - Ilhas Selvagens (Portugal)
 - Rock Cities of the Bohemian Paradise (Czech Republic).

28 COM 14B.3 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Requests that in the future the Advisory Bodies prepare their recommendations in the form of draft decisions, in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, using the form approved by the Rapporteur, for inclusion in the working document on nominations.

28 COM 14B.4 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Defers examination of the nomination of the **Hawar Islands, Bahrain**, to the World Heritage List to allow the State Party to consider an appropriate extension to the property.

28 COM 14B.5 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra, Indonesia**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra represent the most important blocks of forest on the island of Sumatra for the conservation of the biodiversity of both lowland and mountain forests. This once vast island of tropical rainforest, in the space of only 50 years, has been reduced to isolated remnants including those centered on the three nominated properties. The Leuser Ecosystem, including the Gunung Leuser National Park, is by far the largest and most significant forest remnant remaining in Sumatra. All three parks would undoubtedly have been important climatic refuge for species over evolutionary time and have now become critically important refuge for future evolutionary processes.

Criterion (iii): The parks that comprise the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra are all located on the prominent main spine of the Bukit Barisan Mountains, known as the ‘Andes of Sumatra’. Outstanding scenic landscapes abound at all scales. The mountains of each site present prominent mountainous backdrops to the settled and developed lowlands of Sumatra. The combination of the spectacularly beautiful Lake Gunung Tujuh (the highest lake in southeast Asia), the magnificence of the giant Mount Kerinci volcano, numerous small volcanic, coastal and glacial lakes in natural forested settings, fumaroles belching smoke from forested mountains and numerous waterfalls and cave systems in lush rainforest settings, emphasise the outstanding beauty of the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra.

Criterion (iv): All three parks that comprise the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra are areas of very diverse habitat and exceptional biodiversity. Collectively, the three sites include more than 50% of the total plant diversity of Sumatra. At least 92 local endemic species have been identified in Gunung Leuser National Park. The nomination contains populations of both the world’s largest flower (*Rafflesia arnoldi*) and the tallest flower (*Amorphophallus titanum*). The relict lowland forests in the nominated sites are very important for conservation of the plant and animal biodiversity of the rapidly disappearing lowland forests of South East Asia. Similarly, the montane forests, although less threatened, are very important for conservation of the distinctive montane vegetation of the property.

2. Encourages the State Party to consider the extension of the World Heritage property to include other Leuser Ecosystem protected lands surrounding Gunung Leuser National Park, particularly the Singil Barat Wildlife Reserve, Langsa lowlands and foothills, Aceh Highlands and Tapaktuan lowlands;
3. Requests the State Party to submit detailed topographical maps clearly showing the boundaries for each site by 1 February 2005;
4. Noting the urgency of the ascertained threats to the site,
5. Requests the State Party to submit a State of Conservation Report and an emergency action plan by 1 February 2005 focusing on:
 - a) the serious threats posed to the nominated sites by on-going illegal logging and agricultural encroachment,

- b) urgent review of the proposed Ladia Galaska Road, especially its likely serious impacts on both the nominated Gunung Leuser National Park and the surrounding Leuser Ecosystem,
- c) the need to secure international assistance (especially for capacity building) to better protect and manage the nominated sites, with highest priority being for Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park. Assistance is additionally required to replace the many derelict visitor facilities and infrastructure and to develop an ecotourism / visitor management strategy in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park,
- d) protection of the critical habitat ‘missing link’ across the Merangin River between the main eastern and western blocks of the Kerinci Seblat National Park;

in order to enable the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005 to consider whether to send a monitoring mission to the site and the possibility of including the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 86-93 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002).

28 COM 14B.6 and 7

These nominations were withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Parties (Decision **28 COM 14B.2**).

28 COM 14B.8 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Ilulissat Icefjord, Denmark**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (i) and (iii):

Criterion (i): The Ilulissat Icefjord is an outstanding example of a stage in the Earth’s history: the last ice age of the Quaternary Period. The ice-stream is one of the fastest (19m per day) and most active in the world. Its annual calving of over 35 cu. km of ice accounts for 10% of the production of all Greenland calf ice, more than any other glacier outside Antarctica. The glacier has been the object of scientific attention for 250 years and, along with its relative ease of accessibility, has significantly added to the understanding of ice-cap glaciology, climate change and related geomorphic processes.

Criterion (iii): The combination of a huge ice sheet and a fast moving glacial ice-stream calving into a fjord covered by icebergs is a phenomenon only seen in Greenland and Antarctica. Ilulissat offers both scientists and visitors easy access for close view of the calving glacier front as it cascades down from the ice sheet and into the ice-choked fjord. The wild and highly scenic combination of rock, ice and sea, along with the dramatic sounds produced by the moving ice, combine to present a memorable natural spectacle.

2. Recommends that the authorities revise the management plan to better take into

account the growing pressures from tourism and to focus more attention on the biological resources of the site. Specific issues that should be taken into account include:

- a) ensuring that hunting, fishing and tourism activities are undertaken according to principles of sustainability and environmental capacity,
 - b) formulating and implementing a zoning plan to define tourism limits;
3. Requests that the State Party submit a report by 1 February 2007 on progress achieved for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

28 COM 14B.9

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **28 COM 14B.2**).

28 COM 14B.10 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Defers the nomination of **Coiba National Park, Panama**, until the new proposed national law establishing the National Park is approved by the President of Panama and a revised, expanded nomination is submitted for examination;
2. Encourages the State Party to continue its participation in the development of the proposed Cocos Islands – Galapagos Marine Biological Corridor where Coiba National Park can play an important role as a stepping-stone core area for marine conservation.

28 COM 14B.11 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Pitons Management Area, Saint Lucia** on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (i) and (iii):

Criterion (i): The Pitons Management Area contains the greater part of a collapsed stratovolcano contained within the volcanic system, known to geologists as the Soufriere Volcanic Centre. Prominent within the volcanic landscape are two eroded remnants of lava domes, Gros Piton and Petit Piton. The Pitons occur with a variety of other volcanic features including cumulo-domes, explosion craters, pyroclastic deposits (pumice and ash), and lava flows. Collectively, these fully illustrate the volcanic history of an andesitic composite volcano associated with crustal plate subduction.

Criterion (iii): The Pitons Management Area derives its primary visual impact and aesthetic qualities from the Pitons, two adjacent forest-clad volcanic lava domes rising abruptly from the sea to heights greater than 700m. The Pitons predominate over the St Lucian landscape, being visible from virtually every part of the island and providing a distinctive landmark for seafarers. The combination of the Pitons against the backdrop of green tropical vegetation and a varying topography combined with a marine foreground gives the area its

superlative beauty.

2. Commends the State Party for developing strong support among the local residential and commercial communities for the establishment and management of the Pitons Management Area;
3. Encourages the State Party to continue supporting the conservation of the park by:
 - a) providing adequate staff and budget for the Pitons Management Area,
 - b) completing the process of acquiring additional private lands within the area,
 - c) completing the operational plan,
 - d) ensuring that power generation is not developed in the Sulphur Springs Area;
4. Further encourages the State Party to work with the World Heritage Centre and other Caribbean States to undertake technical studies of the volcanic landscapes of the region, to identify other sites of potential outstanding universal value and if appropriate, develop a strategy for a phased transboundary nomination that will recognise the outstanding universal value of the Caribbean volcanic landscapes. The World Heritage Centre, IUCN and other relevant bodies are requested to assist the State Party in these studies.

28 COM 14B.12 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the agreement of the State Party to a modification of the original name,
2. Inscribes the **Cape Floral Region Protected Areas, South Africa**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Cape Floral Region is considered of outstanding universal value for representing ongoing ecological and biological processes associated with the evolution of the unique Fynbos biome. These processes are represented generally within the Cape Floral Region and captured in the eight protected areas. Of particular scientific interest are the plant reproductive strategies including the adaptive responses to fire of the flora and the patterns of seed dispersal by insects. The pollination biology and nutrient cycling are other distinctive ecological processes found in the site. The Cape Floral Region forms a centre of active speciation where interesting patterns of endemism and adaptive radiation are found in the flora.

Criterion (iv): The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants than for any similar sized area in the world. The number of species per genus within the region (9:1) and per family (52) are among the highest given for various species-rich regions in the world. The species density in the Cape Floral Region is also amongst the highest in the world. It displays the highest levels of

endemism at 31.9 % and it has been identified as one of the world's 18 biodiversity hot spots.

The property consists of the following protected areas:

Article I.	Protected area	Province	Core Zone (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
	Cape Peninsula National Park	Western Cape	17,254	21,787
	Cederberg Wilderness Area	Western Cape	64,000	470,000
	Groot Winterhoek Wilderness Area	Western Cape	26,000	410,000
	Boland Mountain Complex	Western Cape	113,000	285,000
	De Hoop Nature Reserve	Western Cape	32,000	50,300
	Boesmansbos Nature Reserve	Western Cape	15,000	72,100
	Swartberg Complex	Western Cape	112,000	60,000
	Baviaanskloof	Eastern Cape	174,000	0
	TOTAL		553,254	1,315,000

3. Commends the State Party for the progress made in preparing the management plans for the various clusters;
4. Further commends the State Party for their innovative work under CAPE (Cape Action for People & the Environment) and other projects to build public support for conservation of the area;
5. Encourages the State Party to carefully consider developing innovative socio-economic programmes for poverty alleviation as well as public education and outreach;
6. Further encourages the State Party to consider re-nominating the property in the future as a cultural landscape, associated with the early occupation of the region by humans and the iconic value of Table Mountain.

28 COM 14B.13 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Defers examination of the nomination of the **Paleohabitat of Tarnóc, Hungary**, to the World Heritage List; to allow IUCN to conduct an evaluation of the additional material submitted by the State Party on 18 June 2004 and a field visit by another expert;
2. Encourages the State Party to consider collaborating with other European State Parties and international scientific bodies in a study of Miocene fossil sites, reviewing the possibility of a serial nomination with a systematic and strategic approach;
3. Congratulates the Hungarian authorities on its exemplary approach to managing an *in situ* fossil resource, and its effective provision of visitor interpretation.

1. Inscribes the **Natural System of "Wrangel Island" Reserve, Russian Federation**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Wrangel Island Reserve is a self-contained island ecosystem and there is ample evidence that it has undergone a long evolutionary process uninterrupted by the glaciation that swept most other parts of the Arctic during the Quaternary period. The number and type of endemic plant species, the diversity within plant communities, the rapid succession and mosaic of tundra types, the presence of relatively recent mammoth tusks and skulls, the range of terrain types and geological formations in the small geographic space are all visible evidence of Wrangel's rich natural history and its unique evolutionary status within the Arctic. Furthermore, the process is continuing as can be observed in, for example, the unusually high densities and distinct behaviours of the Wrangel lemming populations in comparison with other Arctic populations or in the physical adaptations of the Wrangel Island reindeers, where they may now have evolved into a separate population from their mainland cousins. Species interaction strategies are highly honed and on display throughout the island, especially near Snowy owl nests which act as protectorates for other species and beacons for migratory species and around fox dens.

Criterion (iv): The Wrangel Island Reserve has the highest level of biodiversity in the high Arctic. The island is the breeding habitat of Asia's only Snow goose population, which is slowly making a recovery from catastrophically low levels. The marine environment is an increasingly important feeding ground for the Gray whale migrating from Mexico (some from another World Heritage site, the Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaino). The islands have the largest sea-bird colonies on the Chukchi Sea, are the northernmost nesting grounds for over 100 migratory bird species including several that are endangered such as the Peregrine falcon, have significant populations of resident tundra bird species interspersed with migratory Arctic and non-Arctic species and have the world's highest density of ancestral polar bear dens. Wrangel Island boasts the largest population of Pacific walrus with up to 100,000 animals congregating at any given time at one of the island's important coastal rookeries. Since Wrangel Island contains a high diversity of habitats and climates and conditions vary considerably from one location to another, total reproductive failure of a species in any given year is practically unheard of. Given the relatively small size of the area, this is very unusual in the high Arctic;

The property consists of the following land and marine areas:

Name of Island	Land Area (ha)	Marine Sanctuary (ha)
Wrangel Island	760,870	1,096,600
Herald Island	1,130	57,700
TOTAL	762,000	1,154,300
TOTAL PROTECTED AREA	1,916,300 ha	

2. Requests that the State Party urgently prepare a management plan and implementation strategy, supported by adequate financial resources, that

incorporates *inter alia*: technical and management communications; a tourism and visitor strategy; options for alternative energy supply; transportation; a monitoring and research programme; options to preserve the site's cultural and palaeontological features; a human resources policy for the staff working at the site; and a plan to remove unwanted debris from Doubtful Village;

3. Encourages the State Party to submit an international technical assistance request to help undertake the actions proposed above;
4. Further requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to undertake a mission, in co-operation with the State Party, in 2006/2007 to report on the status of the management plan and to review its implementation;
5. Further encourages the State Party to consider the extension of the marine component of this property by a further 12 nautical miles as proposed in 1999 by the Government of the Chukot Autonomous Region. This extension would add significantly to the protection of the marine biodiversity of the Wrangel Island Reserve.

28 COM 14B.15 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides not to approve the extension of the **Western Caucasus, Russian Federation**;
2. Recommends that the State Party carry out a comprehensive assessment of the Western Caucasus to identify all potential sites that may merit inclusion in a serial World Heritage site that would represent all the outstanding values of the region. Such a study should be supported by a clear programme on how to integrate the management of all potential sites so as to meet the conditions of integrity required under the *Operational Guidelines* of the *World Heritage Convention*. In doing this assessment the State Party may wish to consider the recommendations from the IUCN Global Theme Study on Mountain Protected Areas.

28 COM 14B.16 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling the concerns expressed by the 25th session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (2001) (*WHC-01/CONF.208/4.III.118*) over the management problems of the existing **Western Caucasus, Russian Federation**, World Heritage property,
2. Invites the State Party to provide information on integrity concerns which have been previously raised with the State Party in relation to the existing Western Caucasus property, including reported illegal trespassing, a weakening of conservation controls, impacts of proposed tourism infrastructure development, including potential changes in the boundaries of the World Heritage property, and the construction of a road;
3. Requests the State Party to prepare and implement a management plan for the existing Western Caucasus World Heritage property that includes a visitor management plan and a clear policy on tourist development.

28 COM 14B.17 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Approves the extension of the **Gough Island Wildlife Reserve, United Kingdom**, to include the neighbouring Inaccessible Island and the surrounding marine zone extending out to 12 nautical miles;
2. Also approves the extension of the Gough Island marine zone from 3 nautical miles to 12 nautical miles, to bring the boundaries of the World Heritage property in line with those of the Nature Reserve;
3. Further approves the change of name proposed by the State Party to **Gough and Inaccessible Islands**.
4. Commends the State Party on its policy of conservation-based fishery

management in the waters around Gough Island;

5. Invites the authorities to maintain the current tight regulations and strict enforcement over illegal fisheries;
6. Encourages the State Party to extend its ratification of the Agreement for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels to include the Tristan da Cunha Archipelago.

The property now includes the following land and marine areas:

Name	Land area (ha)	Marine area (ha)
Gough Island	6500 ha	230,000 ha
Inaccessible Island	1400 ha	160,000 ha
TOTAL	7900 ha	390,000 ha

28 COM 14B.18 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Approves the extension of the **Area de Conservación Guanacaste, Costa Rica**, to include the Sector Santa Elena;
2. Commends the State Party for its commitment and efforts in solving the legal process concerning the inclusion of this important sector in the **Area de Conservación Guanacaste**;
3. Encourages the State Party to fully integrate this sector in the overall management of this World Heritage property.

28 COM 14B.19 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **St. Kilda, United Kingdom**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (ii), in addition to the property's existing 1986 inscription under natural criteria (iii) and (iv):

Natural criterion (ii): St. Kilda is unique in the very high bird densities that occur in a relatively small area which is conditioned by the complex and different ecological niches existing in the site. There is also a complex ecological dynamic in the three marine zones present in the site that is essential to the maintenance of both marine and terrestrial biodiversity;

2. Approves the extension of the World Heritage property to include the surrounding marine area of 23,346.8 ha;
3. Encourages the State Party to:
 - a) prepare a five-year business plan and budget,
 - b) develop initiatives for collaborative marine research and conservation

management for offshore island-marine area workshops with colleagues in New Zealand, Australia and the United States of America and others in the North Atlantic that are involved with site based design and marine conservation as well and national based strategic planning for offshore areas;

4. Defers consideration of the cultural values of **St. Kilda, United Kingdom**, to allow the State Party to undertake a further comparative analysis of relevant relict cultural landscapes.

28 COM 14B.20 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Tomb of Askia, Mali**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Tomb of Askia reflects the way local building traditions in response to Islamic needs absorbed influences from North Africa to create a unique architectural style across the West African Sahel.

Criterion (iii): The Tomb of Askia is an important vestige of the Empire of Songhai, which once dominated the Sahel lands of West Africa and controlled the lucrative trans- Saharan trade.

Criterion (iv): The Tomb of Askia reflects the distinctive architectural tradition of the West African Sahel and in particular exemplifies the way buildings evolve over centuries through regular, traditional, maintenance practices.

28 COM 14B.21 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that this property is the first to be inscribed on the World Heritage List from Togo,
2. Inscribes **Koutammakou the Land of the Batammariba, Togo**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (v) and (vi):

Criterion (v): The Koutammakou is an outstanding example of a system of traditional settlement that is still living and dynamic, and subject to traditional and sustainable systems and practices, and which reflects the singular culture of the Batammariba, particularly the Takienta tower houses.

Criterion (vi): The Koutammakou is an eloquent testimony to the strength of spiritual association between people and landscape, as manifested in the harmony between the Batammariba and their natural surroundings.

28 COM 14B.22 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the site of **Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a), Jordan** on the World

Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (i): Um er-Rasas is a masterpiece of human creative genius given the artistic and technical qualities of the mosaic floor of St. Stephen's church.

Criterion (iv): Um er-Rasas presents a unique and complete (therefore outstanding) example of stylite towers.

Criterion (vi) Um er-Rasas is strongly associated with monasticism and with the spread of monotheism in the whole region, including Islam.

2. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre its annual work plan for the first year following the inscription of the site, the complete management and conservation plans and to organise two monitoring missions to review the progress of the implementation of these plans;
3. Further requests the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with ICOMOS, to submit a report on these monitoring missions for the consideration of the Committee at its 29th and 30th sessions, in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

28 COM 14B.23 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Portuguese City of Mazagan (El Jadida), Morocco**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Portuguese city of Mazagan is an outstanding example of the interchange of influences between European and Moroccan cultures, and one of the early settlements of the Portuguese explorers in West Africa, on the route to India. These influences are well reflected in architecture, technology, and town planning.

Criterion (iv): The Portuguese fortified city of Mazagan is an outstanding and early example of the realisation of the Renaissance ideals integrated with Portuguese construction technology. Notable buildings from the Portuguese period include: the cistern, and the church of the Assumption, built in the Manueline style of the early 16th century.

28 COM 14B.24 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, Australia**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criterion (ii):

Criterion (ii): The Royal Exhibition Building and the surrounding Carlton Gardens, as the main extant survivors of a Palace of Industry and its setting, together reflect the global influence of the international exhibition movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The movement showcased technological innovation and change, which helped promote a rapid increase in industrialisation and international trade through the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

2. Encourages the State Party to consider with other States Parties the possibilities of a serial transboundary nomination covering other representative elements of the International Exhibition movement.

28 COM 14B.25 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Capital Cities and Tombs of the Ancient Koguryo Kingdom, China**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v):

Criterion (i): The tombs represent a masterpiece of the human creative genius in their wall paintings and structures.

Criterion (ii): The Capital Cities of the Koguryo Kingdom are an early example of mountain cities, later imitated by neighbouring cultures. The tombs, particularly the important stele and a long inscription in one of the tombs, show the impact of Chinese culture on the Koguryo (who did not develop their own writing). The paintings in the tombs, while showing artistic skills and specific style, are also an example of strong impact from other cultures.

Criterion (iii): The Capital Cities and Tombs of the Ancient Koguryo Kingdom represent exceptional testimony to the vanished Koguryo civilization.

Criterion (iv): The system of capital cities represented by Guonei City and Wandu Mountain City also influenced the construction of later capitals built by the Koguryo regime; the Koguryo tombs provide outstanding examples of the evolution of piled-stone and earthen tomb construction.

Criterion (v): The capital cities of the Koguryo Kingdom represent a perfect blending of human creation and nature – whether with the rocks or with forests and rivers.

The property consists of the following elements:

Name of the Property	Province	Core Zone (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
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Wunu Mountain City	Liaoning	276.00	5600.00
Guonei City	Jilin	59.24	8542.44
Wandu Mountain City	Jilin	3219.21	
Ranmou Tomb and Huanwen Tomb	Jilin	216.98	
Changchuan Tomb No. 1, 2, 4	Jilin	393.43	
TOTAL		4164.86	14142.44

2. Taking note of the nomination of the Complex of Koguryo Tombs presented by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at its 28th session,
3. Encourages the Chinese authorities and the authorities of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to consider the possibility of a future joint, transboundary nomination of the Koguryan culture.

28 COM 14B.26 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, India**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi):

Criterion (iii): The Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park with its ancient architecture, temples and special water retaining installations together with its religious, military and agricultural structures, dating back to the regional Capital City built by Mehmud Begda in the 16th century, represents cultures which have disappeared.

Criterion (iv): The structures represent a perfect blend of Hindu-Moslem architecture, mainly in the Great Mosque (Jami Masjid), which was a model for later mosque architecture in India. This special style comes from the significant period of regional sultanates.

Criterion (v): The Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park is an outstanding example of a very short living Capital, making the best use of its setting, topography and natural features. It is quite vulnerable due to abandonment, forest takeover and modern life.

Criterion (vi): The Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park is a place of worship and continuous pilgrimage for Hindu believers.

The property consists of the following elements:

Name with Inventory code	Core Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
"Primary Heritage Zone"	983.27	

BRD 02 Kabutarkhana / MJD 10 Khajuri Masjid	31.42	"Primary Peripheral Zone"
MQB 04 Maqbara near Panchmahuda Masjid	31.42	2,851 ha
MQB 05 Maqbara Mandvi	31.42	
MQB 10 Maqbara near Patidar Village	31.42	
JLS 09 Malik Sandal Ni Vav	31.42	
MIL 11 Hathikhana	31.42	25.13 ha
JLS 10 Sindh Mata	31.42	25.13 ha
MQB 01 Sikander Ka Reuza	31.42	
MQB 11 Babakhan Ki Dargah	31.42	10.03 ha
JLS 11 Nau Kuan Sat Vavdi	31.42	
JLS 16 Chandrakala Vav	31.42	
TOTAL	1,328.89 ha	2911.74 ha

2. Requests the Indian authorities to monitor the implementation of the Management Plan and submit a report by 1 February 2005, on its operation for the consideration of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005.

28 COM 14B.27 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Pasargadae, Islamic Republic of Iran**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (i): Pasargadae is the first outstanding expression of the royal Achaemenid architecture.

Criterion (ii): The dynastic capital of Pasargadae was built by Cyrus the Great with a contribution by different peoples of the empire created by him. It became a fundamental phase in the evolution of the classic Persian art and architecture.

Criterion (iii): The archaeological site of Pasargadae with its palaces, gardens, and the tomb of the founder of the dynasty, Cyrus the Great, represents an exceptional testimony to the Achaemenid civilisation in Persia.

Criterion (iv): The 'Four Gardens' type of royal ensemble, which was created in Pasargadae became a prototype for Western Asian architecture and design.

28 COM 14B.28 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the agreement of the State Party to a modification of the original name,
2. Inscribes the **Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range, Japan**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The monuments and sites that form the cultural landscape of the

Kii Mountains are a unique fusion between Shintoism and Buddhism that illustrates the interchange and development of religious cultures in East Asia.

Criterion (iii): The Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples in the Kii Mountains, and their associated rituals, bear exceptional testimony to the development of Japan's religious culture over more than a thousand years.

Criterion (iv): The Kii Mountains have become the setting for the creation of unique forms of shrine and temple buildings which have had a profound influence on the building of temples and shrines elsewhere in Japan.

Criterion (vi): Together, the sites and the forest landscape of the Kii Mountains reflect a persistent and extraordinarily well-documented tradition of sacred mountains over the past 1200 years.

The property consists of the following elements:

Name	Number of separate sites	Prefecture	Total Area (ha)	Total buffer zone (ha)
Sacred sites				
Yoshino and Ômine	44	Nara	44.8	916
Kumano Sanzan	11	Wakayama, Mie	94.2	752
Kôyasan	8	Wakayama	63.1	582
Routes				
Ômine Okugakemichi	35	Nara, Wakayama	149.3 (86.9 km)	9,120
Kumano Sankeimichi	135	Nara, Mie, Wakayama	129.6 (196.7 km)	
Kôyasan Chôishimichi	9	Wakayama	14.3 (24.0 km)	
Total	242		495.3 ha	11,370 ha

3. Recommends that the State Party undertake an inventory of the key elements of the site over the next five years in order to inform management. This should include an analysis of the wooded mountain landscape;
4. Further recommends that the State Party give consideration to setting up a coordinating body to oversee the management of the site and perhaps appoint an overall coordinator;
5. Requests the authorities to develop a more detailed management plan and medium-term strategy to address the sustainable management of both the natural and cultural aspects of the site. Such a plan might consider the appropriate placement of overhead wires and visitor facilities. This plan should be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2006 for examination by the Committee at its 30th session in 2006.

28 COM 14B.29 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Petroglyphs within the Archaeological Landscape of Tamgaly, Kazakhstan**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criterion (iii):

Criterion (iii): The dense and coherent group of petroglyphs, with sacred images, altars and cult areas, together with their associated settlements and burial sites, provide a substantial testimony to the lives and beliefs of pastoral peoples of the central Asian steppes from the Bronze Age to the present day.

2. Encourages the State Party to consider moving the main road intersecting the site to the periphery of the buffer zone;
3. Further encourages the State Party to give high priority to advancing the joint Norwegian-Kazakhstan project for the conservation of the site.

28 COM 14B.30 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the agreement of the State Party to a modification of the original name,
2. Approves the extension of the **Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, China**, to include the Imperial Palace of the Qing Dynasty in Shenyang under the existing cultural criteria (iii) and (iv). The name of the property as extended becomes **Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang**.

Criterion (iii): The Imperial Palaces bear exceptional testimony to Chinese civilisation at the time of the Ming and Qing dynasties, being true reserves of landscapes, architecture, furnishings and objects of art, as well as carrying exceptional evidence to the living traditions and the customs of Shamanism practised by the Manchu people for centuries.

Criterion (iv): The Imperial Palaces provide outstanding examples of the greatest palatial architectural ensembles in China. They illustrate the grandeur of the imperial institution from the Qing Dynasty to the earlier Ming and Yuan dynasties, as well as Manchu traditions, and present evidence on the evolution of this architecture in the 17th and 18th centuries.

3. Inscribes the Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang, China on the World Heritage List, under cultural criteria (i) and (ii), in addition to the existing cultural criteria (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (i): The Imperial Palaces represent masterpieces in the development of imperial palace architecture in China.

Criterion (ii): The architecture of the Imperial Palace complexes, particularly in Shenyang, exhibits an important interchange of influences of traditional architecture and Chinese palace architecture particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The World Heritage property now includes the following elements:

Name	Municipality	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
Imperial Palace of the Ming & Qing Dynasties	Beijing	ng	ng
Imperial Palace in Shenyang	Shenyang	12.96	153.1
	TOTAL		

4. Recognizing the efforts already made by the authorities in the management of the Shenyang Palace complex in removing some of the problems in the surroundings,
5. Recommends to the State Party that special attention be given to risk preparedness, sensitive presentation of the Palace in Shenyang and to tourism control programmes there. Rigorous control is recommended on land-use control in the buffer zone in order to avoid any further encroachment in the environment of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to submit supplementary information including a map indicating the core and buffer areas of the Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties World Heritage property inscribed in 1987 by 1 February 2005.

28 COM 14B.31 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Approves the extension of the **Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, China**, to include the Liaoning Tombs, under the existing cultural criteria (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi).

The property now includes the following tombs or tomb groups:

ID No.	Tomb(s)	Province	Inscribed	Area (ha)	Buffer Zone
001	Xianling Tomb	Hubei	2000	87.6	226.4
002	Eastern Qing Tombs	Hebei	2000	224	7,800
003	Western Qing Tombs	Hebei	2000	1,842	4,758
Subtotal, 2000				2,153.6	12,784.4
004	Ming Tombs	Changping Dist., Beijing	2003	823	8,100.0
Xiaoling Tombs					
005	Xiaoling Tomb	Jiangsu	2003	116	180
006	Tomb of Chang Yuchun	Jiangsu	2003	0.98	
007	Tomb of Qiu Cheng	Jiangsu	2003	0.55	
008	Tomb of Wu Liang	Jiangsu	2003	0.40	
009	Tomb of Wu Zhen	Jiangsu	2003	0.35	
010	Tomb of Xu Da	Jiangsu	2003	0.85	

011	Tomb of Li Wenzhong	Jiangsu	2003	0.87	
Subtotal, 2003				943.00	8,280.0
Liaoning Tombs					
012	Yongling Tomb of the Qing Dynasty	Liaoning	2004	236.59	1,343.94
013	Fuling Tomb of the Qing Dynasty	Liaoning	2004	53.86	702.36
014	Zhaoling Tomb of the Qing Dynasty	Liaoning	2004	47.89	318.74
Subtotal, 2004				338.34	2365.04
TOTAL				3,437.94 ha	23,429.44 ha

28 COM 14B.32 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Approves the extension of the **Brihadisvara Temple, Thanjavur, India**, to include the Brihadisvara Temple Complex in Gangaikondacholapuram and the Airavatesvara Temple Complex in Darasuram under existing cultural criteria (ii) and (iii). The name of the property as extended will become the **Great Living Chola Temples**:

Criterion (ii): The Brihadisvara Temple at Thanjavur became the first great example of the Chola temples, followed by a development of which the other two properties also bear witness.

Criterion (iii): The three Great Chola Temples are an exceptional and the most outstanding testimony to the development of the architecture of the Chola Empire and the Tamil civilisation in Southern India.

2. Inscribes the **Great Living Chola Temples, India** on the World Heritage List, on the basis of cultural criteria (i) and (iv), in addition to existing cultural criteria (ii) and (iii):

Criterion (i): The three Chola temples of Southern India represent an outstanding creative achievement in the architectural conception of the pure form of the dravida type of temple.

Criterion (iv): The Great Chola temples at Thanjavur, at Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram are outstanding examples of the architecture and the representation of the Chola ideology.

The property now includes the following temples:

Name of the area	District	Core Zone (ha)	Buffer zone
Brihadisvara Temple Complex, Thanjavur (inscribed 1987)	Thanjavur	18.075	9.58

Brihadisvara Temple Complex, Gangaikondacholapuram	Perambalur	2.54	2.9
Airavatesvara Temple Complex, Darasuram	Thanjavur	1.265	4.235
TOTAL		21.88	16.715

28 COM 14B.33 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that this property is the first to be inscribed on the World Heritage List from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
2. Inscribes the **Complex of Koguryo Tombs, Democratic People's Republic of Korea** on the World Heritage List, on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (i): The wall paintings of the Koguryo Tombs are masterpieces of the culture and period of the Koguryo kingdom; the construction of the tombs demonstrates ingenious engineering solutions.

Criterion (ii): The special burial customs of the Koguryo culture had an important influence on other cultures in the region, including Japan.

Criterion (iii): The Koguryo Tombs are an exceptional testimony of the Koguryo culture, its burial customs as well as its daily life and beliefs.

Criterion (iv): The complex of Koguryo Tombs is an important example of burial typology.

The property consists of the following tombs or tomb groups:

Tomb name or group	No. of Tombs	Location	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
Tomb of King Tongmyong and Jinpha-ri group of tombs	15	Pyongyang	220	527
Homam-ri Sasin (Four Deities) Tomb	1	Pyongyang	0.8	331
Tokhwa-ri Tombs No. 1, 2, 3	3	South Phyongan Province (Taedong area)	0.32	92.3
Kangso Three Tombs	3	Nampho (Kangso & Ryonggang areas)	1.9	473
Tokhung-ri Tomb	1	Nampho	2.5	
Yaksu-ri Tomb	1	Nampho	1.1	
Susan-ri Tomb	1	Nampho	1.2	34.4
Ryonggang Great Tomb	1	Nampho	0.34	
Twin-Column Tomb	1	Nampho	0.29	
Anak Tomb No. 1	1	South Hwanghae Province (Anak area)	0.19	85
Anak Tomb No. 2	1	South Hwanghae Province	0.21	
Anak Tomb No. 3	1	South Hwanghae Province	4.1	91.5
TOTAL	30		232.95	1701.2

3. Taking note of the nomination of the Capital Cities and Tombs of the Ancient Koguryo Kingdom presented by the Chinese authorities at its 28th session,
4. Encourages the authorities of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the authorities of China to consider the possibility of a future joint, transboundary nomination of the Koguryan culture.

28 COM 14B.34 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus), India**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus of Mumbai (formerly Bombay) exhibits an important interchange of influences from Victorian Italianate Gothic Revival architecture, and from Indian traditional buildings. It became a symbol for Mumbai as a major mercantile port city on the Indian subcontinent within the British Commonwealth.

Criterion (iv): Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus is an outstanding example of late 19th century railway architecture in the British Commonwealth, characterized by Victorian Gothic Revival and traditional Indian features, as well as its advanced structural and technical solutions.

2. Recommends that, considering the high architectural quality and character of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, restoration be undertaken by appropriately trained and qualified companies and specialists;
3. Taking note of the high quality of the urban fabric in the Fort Precinct where Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus is the focal point, and which forms a fine example of development in 19th-century Mumbai,
4. Encourages the State Party to make every effort to guarantee the integrity of the Fort Precinct for the future.

28 COM 14B.35 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape, Mongolia**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Orkhon valley clearly demonstrates how a strong and persistent nomadic culture, led to the development of extensive trade networks and the creation of large administrative, commercial, military and religious centres. The empires that these urban centres supported undoubtedly influenced societies across Asia and into Europe and in turn absorbed influence from both east and west in a true interchange of human values.

Criterion (iii): Underpinning all the development within the Orkhon valley for the past two millennia has been a strong culture of nomadic pastoralism. This culture is still a revered and indeed central part of Mongolian society and is highly respected as a ‘noble’ way to live in harmony with the landscape.

Criterion (iv): The Orkhon valley is an outstanding example of a valley that illustrates several significant stages in human history. First and foremost it was the centre of the Mongolian Empire; secondly it reflects a particular Mongolian variation of Turkish power; thirdly, the Tuvkhun hermitage monastery was the setting for the development of a Mongolian form of Buddhism; and fourthly, Khar Balgas, reflects the Uighur urban culture in the capital of the Uighur Empire.

28 COM 14B.36 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the request of the State Party to modify the name of the property,
2. Inscribes the **Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criterion (v):

Criterion (v): The Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley is a microcosm of the way its inhabitants have harvested the scarce resources of the high Pyrenees over the past millennia to create a sustainable living environment in harmony with the mountain landscape. The Valley is a reflection of an ancient communal system

of land management that has survived for over 700 years.

3. Encourages the State Party to give consideration to the following recommendations raised by ICOMOS in its evaluation:
 - a) confirmation that the buffer zone covers the plateau west of Pic Negre to Camp Ramonet, to give added protection to the Claror Plateau,
 - b) development of a better definition of the zones of the valley, allowing for agricultural uses to support conservation and ecological objectives of built and natural assets,
 - c) initiation of a complete inventory of built structures and archaeological remains in the property,
 - d) initiation of an inventory of invertebrates in relation to meadows and high altitude pastures (this study should be part of the ongoing research undertaken by the Director of Agriculture),
 - e) provision of an access strategy which supports the needs of those activities necessary for the sustainable development of the valley;
4. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 a report on the implementation of the above measures and the status of the new legislation being implemented for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

28 COM 14B.37 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Defers the nomination of the **Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape, Azerbaijan**, to allow the State Party to undertake a research and analysis programme for the site, using methodologies which are now emerging in other rock art sites in the region, in order to quantify the site's significance in the wider world context.

28 COM 14B.38 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides not to inscribe the **Wine Village Terraces, Cyprus**, on the World Heritage List.

28 COM 14B.39 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Defers the nomination of **Kuressaare Fortress, Estonia**, to allow the State Party to prepare a comparative analysis that clearly demonstrates the outstanding universal value of the site within the relevant historic and cultural context;

2. Encourages the authorities to consider the possibility of enlarging the nominated area to include the historic town of Kuressaare;
3. Further encourages the authorities to finalise the conservation plan as soon as possible as a necessary complement to the management system.

28 COM 14B.40 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Dresden Elbe Valley, Germany**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v):

Criterion (ii): The Dresden Elbe Valley has been the crossroads in Europe, in culture, science and technology. Its art collections, architecture, gardens, and landscape features have been an important reference for Central European developments in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Criterion (iii): The Dresden Elbe Valley contains exceptional testimonies of court architecture and festivities, as well as renowned examples of middle-class architecture and industrial heritage representing European urban development into the modern industrial era.

Criterion (iv): The Dresden Elbe Valley is an outstanding cultural landscape, an ensemble that integrates the celebrated baroque setting and suburban garden city into an artistic whole within the river valley.

Criterion (v): The Dresden Elbe Valley is an outstanding example of land use, representing an exceptional development of a major Central-European city. The value of this cultural landscape has long been recognized, but it is now under new pressures for change.

2. Noting the important events associated with the City's history in World War II,
3. Invites the State Party to consider renominating the property on the basis of cultural criterion (vi) in addition to the existing cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v).

28 COM 14B.41 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that this property is the first to be inscribed on the World Heritage List from Iceland,
2. Inscribes **Pingvellir National Park, Iceland**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (vi):

Criterion (iii): The Althing and its hinterland, the Pingvellir National Park,

represent, through the remains of the assembly ground, the booths for those who attended, and through landscape evidence of settlement extending back possibly to the time the assembly was established, a unique reflection of mediaeval Norse/Germanic culture and one that persisted in essence from its foundation in 980 AD until the 18th century.

Criterion (vi): Pride in the strong association of the Althing to mediaeval Germanic/Norse governance, known through the 12th century Icelandic sagas, and reinforced during the fight for independence in the 19th century, have, together with the powerful natural setting of the assembly grounds, given the site iconic status as a shrine for the national.

3. Congratulates the State Party on the recently drafted management plan, and recommends that the authorities act quickly to give effect to the following programmes:
 - a) a comprehensive programme of archaeological research, with emphasis on non-destructive recording,
 - b) a programme for the progressive acquisition of holiday houses within the Park and stricter controls over the effluent from those structures bordering Lake Þingvallavatn,
 - c) a programme to remove non-indigenous conifers from the entire Park, (except for a small area of memorial planting), replacing them, where appropriate, with native species,
 - d) closure of the central car park at Flosagjá, on the eastern side of the Öxará, and
 - e) replacement of the steel and concrete bridge over the Öxará River with a lighter construction more in harmony with the landscape;
4. Encourages the State Party to collaborate with other States Parties in the consideration of a serial transboundary extension of important early Nordic Parliamentary sites in northwestern Europe.

28 COM 14B.42 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Refers the nomination of the **Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev, Israel** back to the State Party to allow it to strengthen the comparative analysis in order to clearly demonstrate the outstanding universal value of the proposed site.

28 COM 14B.43 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Etruscan Necropolises of Cerveteri and Tarquinia, Italy**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (i): The necropolises of Tarquinia and Cerveteri are masterpieces of creative genius: Tarquinia's large-scale wall paintings are exceptional both for their formal qualities and for their content, which reveal aspects of life, death, and religious beliefs of the ancient Etruscans. Cerveteri shows in a funerary context the same town planning and architectural schemes used in an ancient city.

Criterion (iii): The two necropolises constitute a unique and exceptional testimony to the ancient Etruscan civilisation, the only urban type of civilisation in pre-Roman Italy. Moreover, the depiction of daily life in the frescoed tombs, many of which are replicas of Etruscan houses, is a unique testimony to this vanished culture.

Criterion (iv): Many of the tombs of Tarquinia and Cerveteri represent types of buildings that no longer exist in any other form. The cemeteries, replicas of Etruscan town planning schemes, are some of the earliest existing in the region.

2. Decides not to include the Caerean Archaeological Museum in Cerveteri or the National Archaeological Museum in Tarquinia in the inscription, underlining nevertheless, the extraordinary value of the collections to the understanding of the two necropolises;

The property consists of two separate components:

Property	Core (ha)	Zone	Buffer zone
Cerveteri: Etruscan Necropolis of Banditaccia	197.57		1824.04
Tarquinia: Etruscan Necropolis of Monterozzi	129.36		3108.07
TOTAL	326.93		4932.11

3. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, revised maps of the property that do not include the two museums;
4. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 the completed management plan for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

28 COM 14B.44 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Kernavė Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kernavė), Lithuania**, as a cultural landscape on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (iii): The archaeological site of Kernavė presents an exceptional testimony to the evolution of human settlements in the Baltic region over the period of some 10 millennia. The property has exceptional evidence of the contact of Pagan and Christian funeral traditions.

Criterion (iv): The settlement patterns and the impressive hill-forts represent outstanding examples of the development of such types of structures and the history of their use in the pre-Christian era.

2. Noting the respectful presentation of the property and visitor facilities already under preparation,
3. Encourages the authorities to give special attention to the careful siting and volume of modern structures, both in the nominated area and in the buffer zones. Continuous monitoring of change in respect of the quality and significance of the heritage resources is necessary.

28 COM 14B.45 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Vegaøyan - The Vega Archipelago, Norway**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criterion (v):

Criterion (v): The Vega Archipelago reflects the way generations of fishermen/farmers have, over the past 1500 years, maintained a sustainable living in an inhospitable seascape near the Arctic Circle, based on the now unique practice of eider down harvesting, and it also celebrates the contribution made by women to the eider down process;

2. Requests the authorities to develop a specific strategic plan for the World Heritage property that will contribute to the overall Master Plan for the archipelago. It should address:
 - a) measures to support traditional forms of land management, particularly the grazing of sheep on the islands,
 - b) sustaining field patterns,
 - c) the interface between conservation and sustainable development in respect of aquaculture,
 - d) documentation,
 - e) how private land-owners may be engaged in the management processes;

3. Recommends that the authorities undertake an inventory of the eider duck nesting houses on the islands and develop a conservation plan to ensure the protection of these unique structures;
4. Encourages the authorities to formalise the collection of traditional, intangible knowledge of the islands' cultural processes and traditions, in order to monitor their survival;
5. Further encourages the State Party to explore ways to minimize the visual impact on the landscape of the large radio mast on Vega Island;
6. Also recommends that the State Party consider extending the World Heritage area - or its buffer zone - to include islands and marine areas to the north and northeast;
7. Further recommends that the State Party consider acquiring abandoned islands for public ownership, where appropriate, in order to sustain the cultural landscape and protect the biodiversity of these islands.

28 COM 14B.46 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent, Russian Federation**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (i): The Novodevichy Convent is the most outstanding example of the so-called 'Moscow Baroque', which became a fashionable style in the region of Moscow. Apart from its fine architecture and decorative details, the site is characterised by its town-planning values.

Criterion (iv): The Novodevichy Convent is an outstanding example of an exceptionally well-preserved monastic complex, representing particularly the 'Moscow Baroque' style in the architecture of the late 17th century.

Criterion (vi): The Novodevichy Convent ensemble integrates the political and cultural nature of the existing World Heritage property of the Moscow Kremlin. It is itself closely related to Russian Orthodoxy, as well as with the Russian history especially in the 16th and 17th centuries.

28 COM 14B.47 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Dečani Monastery, Serbia and Montenegro**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): Dečani Monastery represents an exceptional synthesis of Byzantine and Western medieval traditions. The monastery and particularly its

paintings also exercised an important influence on the development of art and architecture during the Ottoman period.

Criterion (iv): Dečani Monastery represents an outstanding example of the last phase of the development of the Serbian-Slav architecture. The construction has integrated Eastern Byzantine and Western medieval traditions.

28 COM 14B.48 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Varberg Radio Station, Sweden**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Varberg radio station at Grimeton is an outstanding monument representing the process of development of communication technology in the period following the First World War.

Criterion (iv): The Varberg radio station is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a type of telecommunication centre, representing the technological achievements by the early 1920s, as well as documenting the further development over some three decades.

2. Encourages the State Party to collaborate with other States Parties in considering a possible transboundary serial extension of similar properties.

28 COM 14B.49 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City, United Kingdom**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): Liverpool was a major centre generating innovative technologies and methods in dock construction and port management in the 18th and 19th centuries. It thus contributed to the building up of the international mercantile systems throughout the British Commonwealth.

Criterion (iii): The city and the port of Liverpool are an exceptional testimony to the development of maritime mercantile culture in the 18th and 19th centuries, contributing to the building up of the British Empire. It was a centre for the slave trade, until its abolition in 1807, and for emigration from northern Europe to America.

Criterion (iv): Liverpool is an outstanding example of a world mercantile port city, which represents the early development of global trading and cultural connections throughout the British Empire.

2. Recommends that the authorities pay particular attention to monitoring the processes of change in the World Heritage areas and their surroundings in order not to adversely impact the property. This concerns especially changes in use and new construction.

3. Requests that the State Party, in applying its planning procedures rigorously, assure that:
 - a) the height of any new construction in the World Heritage property not exceed that of structures in the immediate surroundings,
 - b) the character of any new construction respect the qualities of the historic area,
 - c) new construction at the Pier Head should not dominate, but complement the historic Pier Head buildings;

28 COM 14B.50 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **The Town Hall and Roland on the Marketplace of Bremen, Germany**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (iii): The Bremen Town Hall and Roland bear an exceptional testimony to the civic autonomy and sovereignty, as these developed in the Holy Roman Empire.

Criterion (iv): The Bremen Town Hall and Roland is an outstanding ensemble representing civic autonomy and market freedom. The town hall represents the medieval Saalgeschossbau-type of hall construction, as well as being an outstanding example of the so-called Weser Renaissance in Northern Germany. The Bremen Roland is the most representative and one of the oldest of Roland statues erected as a symbol of market rights and freedom.

Criterion (vi): The ensemble of the town hall and Roland of Bremen with its symbolism is directly associated with the development of the ideas of civic autonomy and market freedom in the Holy Roman Empire. The Bremen Roland is referred to a historical figure, paladin of Charlemagne, who became the source for the French 'chanson de geste' and other medieval and Renaissance epic poetry.

2. Recommends that the State Party consider linking the property with similar World Heritage properties in a possible serial renomination.

28 COM 14B.51 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Val d'Orcia, Italy**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (iv): The Val d'Orcia is an exceptional reflection of the way the landscape was re-written in Renaissance times to reflect the ideals of good governance and to create an aesthetically pleasing picture.

Criterion (vi): The landscape of the Val d’Orcia was celebrated by painters from the Siennese School, which flourished during the Renaissance. Images of the Val d’Orcia, and particularly depictions of landscapes where people are depicted as living in harmony with nature, have come to be seen as icons of the Renaissance and have profoundly influenced the development of landscape thinking.

2. Requests the State Party to undertake as soon as possible a landscape survey identifying qualities and features of the planned ‘colonial’ landscape and their association with traditional practices;
3. Further requests the State Party to undertake as soon as possible a survey of vernacular buildings;
4. Encourages the State Party to compile an accessible history of the colonisation process drawing on contemporary documentation to explain the political, social, economic and visionary thinking behind the project, the involvement of artists and architects, and the way the area was subsequently managed, in order that the full significances of the area can be understood and sustained;
5. Further encourages the State Party to put in place an assessment of the condition of natural elements that affect the landscape of the park, such as soil, vegetation and water management, in order to inform sustainable management practices.

28 COM 14B.52 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture, Portugal**, on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (v):

Criteria (iii) and (v): The Pico Island landscape reflects a unique response to viticulture on a small volcanic island and one that has been evolving since the arrival of the first settlers in the 15th century. The extraordinarily beautiful human-made landscape of small, stone walled fields is testimony to generations of small-scale farmers who, in a hostile environment, created a sustainable living and much-prized wine.

The property consists of the following elements:

Name	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
Lajido Criação Velha and adjacent coast	352	809
Lajido Sta Luzia and adjacent coast	635	1,115
TOTAL	987	1,924 ha

28 COM 14B.53 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes **Muskauer Park/Park Muzakowski, Germany/Poland**, on the World

Heritage List as cultural landscape on the basis criteria (i) and (iv):

Criterion (i): Muskauer Park is an exceptional example of a European landscape park that broke new ground in terms of development towards an ideal human-made landscape.

Criterion (iv): Muskauer Park was the forerunner for new approaches to landscape design in cities, and influenced the development of 'landscape architecture' as a discipline.

2. Encourages both States Parties to continue their collaboration and to exchange their experiences with other States developing transboundary nominations.

28 COM 14B.54 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Inscribes the **Luis Barragán House and Studio, Mexico**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (i) and (ii):

Criterion (i): The House and Studio of Luis Barragán represents a masterpiece of the new developments in the Modern Movement, integrating traditional, philosophical and artistic currents into a new synthesis.

Criterion (ii): The work of Luis Barragán exhibits the integration of modern and traditional influences, which in turn have had an important impact especially on the design of garden and urban landscape design.

2. Recommends that the authorities formally enforce planning control within the proposed buffer zone and to take steps to remove any infringements that disturb the visual integrity of the nominated property; and
3. Encourages the State Party to consider the possibility of a future serial extension of the property, linking it with other works of outstanding universal value of the same architect.

28 COM 14B.55 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the request of the State Party to modify the name of the property,
2. Inscribes **Bam and its Cultural Landscape, Islamic Republic of Iran**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v):

Criterion (ii): Bam developed at the crossroads of important trade routes at the southern side of the Iranian high plateau, and it became an outstanding example of the interaction of the various influences.

Criterion (iii): Bam and its Cultural Landscape represent an exceptional testimony to the development of a trading settlement in the desert environment of the Central Asian region.

Criterion (iv): Bam represents an outstanding example of a fortified settlement and citadel in the Central Asian region, using in its construction a combination of mud layers (*Chineh*) and mud bricks (*Khesht*).

Criterion (v): The cultural landscape of Bam is an outstanding representation of the interaction of man and nature in a desert environment, using the qanāts. The system is based on a strict social system with precise tasks and responsibilities, which have been maintained in use until the present, but has now become vulnerable to irreversible change.

28 COM 14B.56 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to inscribe **Bam and its Cultural Landscape, Islamic Republic of Iran**, on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

GENERAL DECISIONS

28 COM 14B.57 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Considering that the quality of the Decisions of the Committee depends upon the quality, completeness and timeliness of the documentation and information provided by the States Parties and the Advisory Bodies,
2. Stressing that consideration of nominations is a key element of the Committee's work,
3. Decides that the following principles must guide the evaluations and presentations of ICOMOS and IUCN. The evaluations and presentations should:
 - a) adhere to the *World Heritage Convention* and the relevant *Operational Guidelines* and any additional policies set out by the Committee in their decisions,
 - b) be conducted to a consistent standard of professionalism,
 - c) comply to standard format, both for evaluations and presentations, to be agreed with the World Heritage Centre and include the name of the assessor(s) who conducted the site visit,
 - d) indicate clearly and separately whether the site has outstanding universal value, authenticity and/or integrity, a management mechanism/plan and legislative protection (Articles 23, 24, 43, 44 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002)),
 - e) include references to Committee decisions and requests from the Committee concerning the nomination under consideration,
 - f) not take into account or include any information submitted by the State

Party after 31 March in the year in which the nomination is considered. The State Party should be informed when information has arrived after the deadline and is not being taken into account in the evaluation. This deadline should be rigorously enforced,

- g) include the approximate total cost of the evaluation process, including an estimation of voluntary input so that it is clear to Committee members,
4. Requests that ICOMOS and IUCN consider the resource implications of evaluating Tentative Lists and provide feedback at the 7th extraordinary session to States Parties on the proposals in terms of their potential to meet the benchmark of “outstanding universal value” and their ability to contribute to representativity of the World Heritage List. The Advisory Bodies are requested to report on these resource implications at the 7th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee;
5. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to :
- a) inform the State Party within 30 days of receipt of a Nomination Document whether it is considered complete and whether it has been received in accordance with the timetable set out in the Article 65 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002),
 - b) ensure that no nomination is forwarded to ICOMOS or IUCN for evaluation unless it is complete according to the *Operational Guidelines* and as noted in Committee decision **6 EXTCOM 7**,
 - c) develop a mechanism in consultation with the Advisory Bodies for factual checking of their evaluation reports by the State Party,
 - d) ensure that the documents are distributed, in both working languages, at least six weeks before the start of the meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure,
 - e) provide to each ordinary session of the Committee a list of the nominations received and those that have been transmitted to the Advisory Bodies as complete, as requested by the Committee in its decision **26 COM 14**;
6. Decides to develop a mechanism to ensure that the State Party has an opportunity to correct what they consider to be factual errors made during the presentation of their nomination;
7. Requests the Legal Adviser to study the legal implications of a rule restricting Committee members from proposing a site during their mandate whether or not an exemption is made for Committee Members with no site on the World Heritage List;
8. Reinforces the need for the Committee to be satisfied that the nominations meet all the necessary conditions as set out in the *Operational Guidelines* before it is inscribed on the World Heritage List and the need to maintain the credibility of

the World Heritage List;

9. Requests the Director General to provide adequate resources for the functioning of the Secretariat and to ensure that those resources are allocated to the core activities of the Committee's work;
10. Decides to consider at its next session means of ensuring that adequate resources are provided for the functioning of the Advisory Bodies.

15. EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION

15A PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

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NATURAL HERITAGE

AFRICA

Manovo-Gounda St. Floris National Park (Central African Republic)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15A Rev

28 COM 15A.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Reiterates its serious concern for the state of conservation of Manovo-Gounda St. Floris National Park and the need for increased international support and co-operation, including that between the Central African Republic, Chad and Sudan;
2. Notes that the State Party has provided a revised Emergency Rehabilitation Plan and has invited the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to undertake a mission to evaluate the state of conservation of the property;
3. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN, in consultation with the State Party, to undertake a mission to assess the state of conservation of the property, including the review of the implementation of the Emergency Rehabilitation Plan and to submit recommendations for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005. This mission should include the organization of a stakeholder meeting to develop a major programme of action and fundraising strategy for the conservation of the property. The State Party may wish to seek international assistance for the organization of this meeting;
4. Recommends that the State Party and the World Heritage Centre cooperate to enable the start of the implementation of the Emergency Rehabilitation Plan;
5. Invites the State Party to cooperate with the World Heritage Centre, IUCN, the "Conservation et Utilisation rationnelle des Ecosystèmes Forestiers d'Afrique Centrale" (ECOFAC) programme and other conservation agencies and donors

to mobilise the necessary resources to sustain and further develop the activities foreseen under the revised Emergency Rehabilitation Plan and other activities that may be developed for implementation after the mission;

6. Decides to retain Manovo-Gounda St. Floris National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Comoé National Park (Côte d'Ivoire)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15A Rev

28 COM 15A.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Reiterates its concern about the continuing insecurity in Côte d'Ivoire and its potential impact on Comoé National Park;
2. Requests the State Party to submit by 1 February 2005, a report on the state of conservation of the property and the impacts of the conflict on the integrity of the property and its World Heritage values for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
3. Thanks the State Party for inviting the joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission and recommends that the mission to the property take place as soon as the security situation permits. It should review the state of conservation of the property and develop an emergency rehabilitation plan that would include benchmarks for removing the property from the List of World Heritage in danger as requested at the 27th session;
4. Decides to retain Comoé National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

World Heritage properties of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Okapi Wildlife Reserve
Kahuzi-Biega National Park
Virunga National Park
Garamba National Park
Salonga National Park

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15A Rev

28 COM 15A.3 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Expresses its heartfelt condolences to the families of the park staff who lost their lives in trying to protect the World Heritage properties;
2. Commends "Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature" (ICCN) and especially its dedicated field staff, UNESCO and its partners in the project "Biodiversity Conservation in Regions of Armed Conflict" for their on-going efforts to protect the integrity and the World Heritage values of the properties;

3. Expresses its satisfaction that the installation of the DRC Transition Government and the deployment of United Nations Organisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) around some of the properties has put an end to many of the hostilities in and around the 5 World Heritage properties and has enabled the management authority ICCN to regain control of parts of some of the properties;
4. Reiterates its serious concern about the continuing threats to the properties, especially encroachment and extraction of natural resources, including mining, with the consent of local political or military authorities and the poaching and ivory trafficking by armed groups, including former rebel troops that are awaiting demobilisation or integration in the national army;
5. Expresses special concern on the sudden upsurge in poaching in the Garamba National Park by Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) fighters which is threatening with extinction the last population of the northern white rhino;
6. Urges the Transition Government of DRC to take all necessary steps to restore the integrity of the properties, especially of the Virunga and Kahuzi-Biega National Parks, by taking urgent measures to evacuate all illegal settlements and halt all illegal resource extraction;
7. Also urges the Transition Government of DRC to pull all military positions, including former rebel troops awaiting demobilization or integration in the national army, out of the 5 World Heritage properties and station them at sufficient distance from the properties and requests MONUC to pay particular attention to the demobilization and disarmament of armed groups inside and in the immediate vicinity of the properties;
8. Requests the Director General of UNESCO to use UN and other appropriate diplomatic channels to influence high level SPLA officials, urging them to put a halt to the poaching by their fighters as well as an immediate retreat of SPLA troops from the vicinity of the Garamba National Park;
9. Commends the Director-General of UNESCO for the organization of the high-level conference on the conservation of the DRC World Heritage properties in September 2004 and invites all State Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*, as well as international donor agencies, foundations and the private sector to support this initiative and post-conference rehabilitation of the five World Heritage properties;
10. Invites the World Heritage Centre to intensify its co-operation with the related Conventions, e.g. the *Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES) and other relevant UN bodies for the conservation of the properties;
11. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN, in consultation with the State Party, to undertake a mission to Virunga, Kahuzi-Biega and Garamba National

Parks, and the Okapi Faunal Reserve to assess their current state of conservation and submit a report for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;

12. Requests the Director-General of UNESCO to contact urgently the President of Rwanda to request information on the deforestation in the Mikeno sector of the Virunga National Park, which is allegedly reported to be occurring with the support of military commanders of the Rwanda Defence Forces and to invite the Government of Rwanda to cooperate with the Transition Government of DRC in this regard and respect the integrity of the Property;

13. Decides to retain the Garamba, Salonga, Kahuzi Biega and Virunga National Parks and the Okapi Wildlife Reserve on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Simien National Park (Ethiopia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.4 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the Austrian Government for its support to the property through the Simien Mountains National Park Integrated Development Project;
2. Reiterates its request to the State Party to provide by 1 February 2005, a report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005, specifically on progress made in relation to the benchmarks set by the 25th session of the Committee for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger on the following issues:
 - a) realignment of the Park's boundary to exclude the villages along the boundary,
 - b) extension of the Park to include at least Mesarerya and Lemalino Wildlife Reserves,
 - c) significant and sustainable reduction in the human population density within the Park, especially within the core area,
 - d) Effective conservation within the extended National Park of a larger population of *Walia ibex* and Simien Fox;
3. Decides to retain Simien National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

i.

ii. Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.5 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recommends to the States Parties of Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia that they follow up on the decisions and recommendations of the tri-national meeting held in N'Zérékoré (12-15 February 2002) to increase transboundary co-operation and inform the World Heritage Centre on progress achieved;
2. Requests the State Party of Guinea to provide more detailed information on the expected restarting of the exploration studies in the mining enclave for which the concession rights were acquired by the Euronimba consortium, including relevant information on the potential impacts to the integrity of the property;
3. Requests the State Party of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea to submit by 1 February 2005 a report on the impact of hostilities on the conservation status of the property for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
4. Invites the State Party of Liberia to assess the feasibility of having the States Parties of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea extend the property boundary to their border with Liberia as part of its work to prepare a tentative list of properties for nomination on the World Heritage List;
5. Decides to retain the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Niger)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.6 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Reiterates its concern that no report was provided by the State Party on the theft of the vehicles provided with financial assistance from the World Heritage Fund and on progress made in the implementation of the rehabilitation plan;
2. Urges the State Party to provide this report as soon as possible but no later than 1 December 2004;
3. Decides that, in the event that the State Party fails to make available such a report to the Committee, it will consider taking the necessary measures;
4. Also urges the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to undertake as soon as possible the planned monitoring mission to the property to carry out a systematic assessment as requested at the 27th session and submit its findings for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
5. Decides to retain Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.7 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN in co-operation with the State Party and the IUCN invasive species specialist group, to undertake a mission to the property to: assess the level of threat posed by the proliferation of *Typha australis* and other invasive aquatic species; assess the other problems reported by the State Party, namely the growing salinity and silting up of the rivers, and; advise on required actions and possible benchmarks and timeframes for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and submit recommendations for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
2. Decides to retain Djoudj Bird Sanctuary on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Rwenzori Mountains National Park (Uganda)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.8 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Congratulates the State Party for successfully addressing most of the recommendations of the IUCN/World Heritage Centre mission and for the work undertaken to maintain the integrity of the property despite the difficult socio-economic and political situation faced by the country in recent years;
2. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a copy of the General Management Plan as soon as it is approved by the Board of Trustees of Uganda Wildlife Authority and a map indicating the precise surveyed and marked boundary as soon as the activity to retrace and delineate the border is completed;
3. Further requests the State Party to submit a report by 1 February, 2005 on the progress in the implementation of the General Management Plan, the preparation and implementation of a Tourism Strategy for the property, the demarcation of the boundaries, the removal of mines from the property and measures taken to enhance the human and financial resources required for the effective management of the property for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
4. Encourages the State Party to work with UNESCO, IUCN and the DRC protected area authority to develop trans-boundary co-operation with the Virunga National Park and other World Heritage properties of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
5. Decides to remove Rwenzori Mountains National Park from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

ARAB STATES

Ichkeul National Park (Tunisia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.9 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for the dynamic way in which it has begun the implementation of the 2003 workshop recommendations that set out the benchmarks for a possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, in particular monitoring, restoration of the water control structures and releases of fresh water from the dams;
2. Reiterates its request to the State Party to acknowledge that the Ichkeul National Park is considered as a “net consumer of water” and to confirm its commitment to an average annual release of 80 to 120 million cubic metres of water into the lake depending on the need as determined through the monitoring programme;
3. Invites the State Party to implement the outstanding recommendations of the 2003 workshop, in particular the creation of an autonomous and permanent management structure and the preparation of a participatory management plan;
4. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation the recommendations of the 2003 mission and on the monitoring of the recovery of the property towards the benchmarks and indicators set by that mission, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
5. Decides to retain the Ichkeul National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

ASIA-PACIFIC

Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (India)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.10 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Congratulates the State Party and welcomes its commitment to co-operate with national and international partners to raise financing for World Heritage conservation in India;
2. Commends the United Nations Foundation (UNF) and its partners for committing financial support for World Heritage conservation in India including support to Manas Wildlife Sanctuary;
3. Recommends the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to fully co-operate with the State Party, UNF and other national and international partners to begin

activities benefiting Manas Wildlife Sanctuary as soon as possible;

4. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN in co-operation with the State Party to undertake a mission to the property to assess the security situation and ecological conditions and submit recommendations for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
5. Decides to retain Manas Wildlife Sanctuary on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

Everglades National Park (United States of America)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.11 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes the detailed report provided by the State Party and acknowledges its efforts to achieve progress on the different programmes to restore and conserve this property;
2. Commends the State Party for its co-operation with the State of Florida and local governments in the development of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and the Everglades Forever Act which taken together will restore the natural hydrological system, will meet the water supply and flood control needs of the adjacent municipalities, and will reduce the phosphorous levels in agricultural return flows to ensure water quality compliance;
3. Congratulates the State Party and the cooperators for their actions to restore hydrological regimes, to reduce phosphorous levels in return flows, to stabilize the populations of endangered species, and to appropriate US\$ 8.3 Billion to accomplish these tasks;
4. Invites the World Heritage Centre and IUCN in co-operation with the State Party to describe the steps and identify the benchmarks and indicators to monitor progress in the restoration of the property in view of facilitating the Committee's future consideration for possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
5. Requests the State Party to submit by 1 February 2005 an updated report on the progress made in the restoration and conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
6. Decides to retain Everglades National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

Sangay National Park (Ecuador)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.12 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for its efforts in addressing key integrity issues in the management of the property;
2. Also commends the Government of the Netherlands for providing financial support to conserving Sangay National Park and encourages it to continue doing so;
3. Appreciates the efforts of Fundación Natura in assisting the State Party to avoid land use conflict issues and to support sustainable development activities among the local residents;
4. Invites the State Party to continue working with Fundación Natura and other partners and stakeholders to reconcile human-wildlife conflicts along the Guamote-Macas road;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN in co-operation with the State Party to undertake a mission to the property to confirm progress achieved in addressing conservation threats in view of consideration of by the Committee of the removal of the Sangay National Park from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 29th session in 2005;
6. Decides to retain Sangay National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Honduras)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.13 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes that the property's conditions have improved substantially since it was inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 1996 and that the State Party is showing firm commitments to the conservation of the property;
2. Commends the State Party, non-governmental organizations, municipalities and communities in the Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve, and international organizations for their support to implement the recommendations since the 2000 mission;
3. Also commends the Government of Germany for having provided significant long term financial and technical assistance to the State Party, helping to strengthen management capacity for the property, and encourages the Government of Germany and others to help the State Party develop sustainable solutions for meeting the property's continuing financial and other

management requirements;

4. Urges the State Party, in view of possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage In Danger, to meet the following benchmarks identified by the 2003 IUCN/World Heritage Centre mission and to collaborate with IUCN/World Heritage Centre in efforts to monitor their achievement:
 - a) complete the compensation and relocation of the seven families and 32 land owners remaining in the core zone,
 - b) cancel all Honduras Forestry Development Commission (COHDEFOR) resolutions related to dead wood harvesting in the Olancho, Colón and Atlántida departments,
 - c) prevent unauthorized activities in the buffer zone, including: agricultural expansion, illegal logging and poaching, specifically by putting into operation permanent and temporary checkpoints located at critical access points,
 - d) develop inter-institutional work plans that provide clear definitions of the roles and responsibilities of the various public and private entities involved in the Reserve's management,
 - e) disseminate the environmental management plans related to the Ministry of Agriculture's development strategy within the Valle de Sico'Paulaya zone;
5. Recommends that the State Party implements the remaining recommendations included in the 2003 IUCN/UNESCO mission report;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN in co-operation with the State Party to undertake a mission to the property in early 2005 to confirm progress in reaching the benchmarks established for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and submit recommendations for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
7. Decides to retain the Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

ii) CULTURAL HERITAGE

a. AFRICA

Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.14 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the results of the joint mission undertaken by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS,

2. Congratulates the State Party on its efforts to improve the conservation of the property;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the governments of Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United States of America and Italy for their generous contributions to the protection of the property;
4. Encourages the State Party to pursue the implementation of the following measures to enable the Committee to consider removing the property in the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2007:
 - a) finalize the national legislative and administrative mechanism for the protection of Cultural heritage in Benin,
 - b) to establish new boundaries of the property and clearly define the buffer zone which aims to protect its integrity,
 - c) evaluate and update the conservation and management plan of the property,
 - d) pursue restoration and conservation activities to cover at least half of the remaining structural components of the property considered to be in a serious deterioration;
5. Invites donors who are currently assisting Benin in the protection of Royal Palaces of Abomey to continue, as well as with the support of the rest of the international communities;
6. Decides to retain the Royal Palaces of Abomey on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Timbuktu (Mali)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.15 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the detailed report on the damage caused to the Timbuktu property by the floods in August 2003, which the UNESCO mission in January 2003 confirmed, as well as of the approval by the Chairperson of the Committee of the emergency assistance request submitted by the State Party,
2. Thanks the Italian government for its support in the organisation of the seminar on the management of World Heritage properties in Mali and on the rehabilitation of the earthen architecture of Timbuktu;
3. Encourages the State Party to carry out, as swiftly as possible, repair work on the three mosques of Djingareyber, Sankoré and Sidi Yahia, as well as on the 16 mausoleums, provided for in the framework of the emergency assistance;
4. Urges the State Party to develop a Conservation and Management Plan as

recommended by ICOMOS;

5. Invites the international partners to support the Timbuktu earthen architecture rehabilitation project;
6. Decides to retain Timbuktu on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

i. ARAB STATES

Tipasa (Algeria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.16 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commending and congratulating the State Party for the steps taken to enhance the protection of the property, and notably for having established a plan aiming at the relocation of the families presently living within the property and for having repaired the roofing of the storages,
2. Considering, however, that further action is required to ensure the full safeguarding of the property,
3. Strongly encourages the State Party to pursue its efforts towards the protection of Tipasa and, to enable the Committee to consider the possible removal of the property from the World Heritage List in Danger, to implement the remaining steps indicated in the recommendations made by the Committee at its 27th session and contained in Decision **27 COM 7A.17**, and in particular:
 - a) the immediate delimitation of the official perimeter of the World Heritage property and its buffer zone, based on the existing archaeological studies, and the issuing of a temporary official decree freezing all constructions within those boundaries;
 - b) the provision of a timeframe with regard to the plan established for the relocation of approximately 100 families presently living within the perimeter of the property, in consultation with them and with the local authorities;
 - c) the strengthening of the human and financial resources of the local Inspectorate, providing it with an annual operational budget (excluding staff and running costs), if possible equivalent to US\$50,000;
 - d) the introduction of urgent preventive conservation measures for mosaics and other exposed structures, including more effective visitor control;
 - e) the adoption of a legal text on the "protection and presentation of archaeological sites and their buffer zones" and the elaboration of a plan that establishes the construction, architecture, urban-planning and land-

use regulations for the Tipasa site, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre;

- f) the preparation, in the above framework, of a Management Plan for the property, also in consultation with the World Heritage Centre.
4. Requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005, on the progress achieved on the above recommendations for review by the Committee at its 29th session, in 2005;
5. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Abu Mena (Egypt)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.17 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the information provided by the State Party, and expresses its concerns over the deterioration of the property caused by rising groundwater levels and other threats;
2. Commends the State Party for the efforts made in order to solve the problems related to the rising ground water in the area;
3. Reiterates, however, the urgency to adopt more long-term and sustainable measures in coordination with the relevant national institutions and in accordance with the recommendations contained in the UNESCO Mission Report of September 2002;
4. Requests the State Party, in consultation with the institutions concerned and, if necessary, requesting assistance from the World Heritage Fund, to develop an Action Plan including provision for a monitoring system with appropriate indicators and benchmarks;
5. Further requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress of these recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
6. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Iraq)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.18 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes with concern that the security situation in Iraq is delaying implementation of activities critical for the conservation of Ashur;

2. Encourages the State Party to establish, as early as possible, a site management coordination unit, which will be responsible for any action to be undertaken on the property and shall constitute a counterpart of the World Heritage Centre in the development of an emergency Conservation Plan;
3. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to continue assisting the responsible Iraqi authorities, in every possible way, with the definition of an overall action plan for the conservation and management of the ancient city of Ashur, including capacity building for the staff of the State Board for the Antiquities and Heritage;
4. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Bahla Fort (Oman)

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28 COM 15A.19 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling its Decision **27 COM 7A.19** to consider the possible removal of the property from the World Heritage List in Danger at its 28th session having taken into account all ICOMOS recommendations and whether or not the management plan is completed and adopted by the Oman authorities,
2. Noting with satisfaction the considerable progress made by the State Party in the preparation of a Management Plan for the property, which appears now to be near completion,
3. Expresses its strong appreciation to the State Party for the difficult decisions made with regard to the suspension of the project for the new market, notwithstanding the legitimate expectations of the local community;
4. Considering that the State Party has shown a firm commitment and taken positive financial and administrative steps towards implementing the conservation measures requested by the Committee,
5. Invites the State Party to review the project for the new market taking into consideration the criteria suggested by the World Heritage Centre and CRATerre, and to ensure that it is compatible with the principles and objectives of the Management Plan under elaboration;
6. Requests the State Party to pursue its efforts towards the finalisation and adoption of the Management Plan, taking into account the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS and to report on this by 1 February 2005 for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
7. Decides to remove the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Historic Town of Zabid (Yemen)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.20 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes the information provided by the World Heritage Centre on the current state of conservation of the property and the lack of progress in implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in 2003 (Decision **27 COM 7A.20**), notably in the completion and adoption of the Urban Conservation Plan, the halting and removal of illegal constructions, and the strengthening of the local Unit of the General Organisation for the Preservation of the Historic Cities of Yemen (GOPCHY);
2. Strongly urges the State Party to make every effort towards the rapid implementation of these actions, in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre;
3. Also urges the State Party, in particular, to finalise and adopt the Preliminary Urban Conservation Plan, together with its regulations, as soon as possible, and submit a report, by 1 February 2005, on the progress made to the World Heritage Centre for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
4. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

ii. **ASIA-PACIFIC**

Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Afghanistan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.21 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for having reached a compromise solution concerning the road construction in the immediate vicinity of the Minaret of Jam;
2. Requests the State Party to implement the recommendations of the UNESCO mission of February 2004 as follows:
 - a) to give priority to the consolidation and restoration of the Minaret of Jam,
 - b) to construct an alternative footbridge across the Hari River in order to enable access of the villagers from the Bedam valley to the Jam valley;
3. Further requests the State Party, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to elaborate and finalize a site management plan as well as to strengthen legal protection for the property;
4. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress achieved on the above-mentioned recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
5. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.22 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for its dedication to the safeguarding of this property;
2. Thanks the Governments of Japan, Germany and Switzerland for their generous contributions towards the conservation of this property;
3. Reasserts the need for the international community and various organizations involved in the protection of this property to continue their co-operation and assistance to the Afghan authorities;
4. Requests the State Party, with the assistance of UNESCO and ICOMOS, to develop a comprehensive programme to mitigate the threats facing this property, including the development of a Site Management Plan to shape future strategy for protection of the property's outstanding universal value;
5. Reiterates its concern over the significant and persisting danger posed by anti-personnel mines in various areas of the Bamiyan Valley and supports the request from the Afghan authorities that all cultural projects include funds for de-mining;
6. Requests the State Party, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Kabul and the Division of Cultural Heritage, to submit a report on the State of Conservation of this property by 1 February 2005 for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
7. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Angkor (Cambodia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.23 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes with satisfaction the extra-budgetary funded operational projects for the conservation or the restoration of the site of Angkor;
2. Congratulates the State Party, including the APSARA Authority for their dedication in the safeguarding of the World Heritage property, as well as multilateral donors, such as France, Japan, Italy and bilateral donors such as China, Hungary, India, Indonesia and Switzerland, the World Monuments Fund, and the private group ACCOR for their generous support;

3. Takes note of the remarkable improvement of the physical state of conservation of the property, as well as the results accomplished in the management and monitoring of the property by the APSARA Authority;
4. Requests the State Party to work closely with the World Heritage Centre, the Division of Cultural Heritage, ICOMOS and other partners to ensure the long-term conservation and management of the property;
5. Further requests the State Party to regularly report to the World Heritage Centre on progress with outstanding issues;
6. Strongly urges the State Party to elaborate a comprehensive Master Plan to address conservation issues, development control and tourism management in order to ensure the future preservation of the property;
7. Decides to remove the property of Angkor from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Group of Monuments at Hampi (India)

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28 COM 15A.24 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for its decisions to postpone the completion of the vehicular bridge until the by-pass road is constructed, and to consider the vehicular bridge to be temporary, pending the identification of a long-term solution within the comprehensive site management plan Hampi management plan, as well as for implementing other recommendations of the UNESCO Mission of 2003;
2. Stresses its concern for the need of local community participation in the decision making process for the conservation and management of the property, and its involvements concerning local development;
3. Invites the State Party to strengthen efforts to enhance better coordination and dialogue among different national and local stakeholders;
4. Encourages the State Party to finalize the comprehensive site management plan, as soon as possible, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS and ICCROM) and with other national and local stakeholders;
5. Recommends the State Party to establish a technical unit with appropriate capacity to support the Hampi World Heritage Management Authority, to ensure building control and community advisory services for conservation;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the Secretariat by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the state of conservation of the property, notably on issues concerning the construction of the by-pass road and the bridges, for

examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;

7. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Kathmandu Valley (Nepal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.25 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation of this property;
2. Takes note of the conclusions and recommendation of the May 2004 Technical Workshop for the Conservation of the property;
3. Commends the State Party for the initiatives that it has taken regarding the conservation and management of the property since its inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2003;
4. Expresses its grave concern that although the responsible authorities have made efforts with some positive outcomes, the threat of uncontrolled development persists, resulting in continuous reduction of the urban landscape and architectural fabric of the property, degrading the authenticity and integrity of the property as a whole;
5. Recommends that the State Party take appropriate measures to ensure that the effective management mechanism will be put in place to preserve the World Heritage value of the property in the long-term;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005, a report on the state of conservation of the property including that of the monumental ensembles and the vernacular fabric within the property, together with proposals for redefining the boundaries of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
7. Invites the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to assist the State Party in identifying an international technical advisor to provide professional expertise for the national and local authorities;
8. Decides to postpone the discussion on the possibility of deleting the property from the World Heritage List until the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005 pending a joint mission by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to the property to examine whether the Outstanding Universal Value of the Kathmandu Valley as such has been lost ;

9. Further recommends that the State Party consider the redefinition of the protective core and buffer zones of the seven Monuments as well as new criteria and an appropriate name ;
10. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Pakistan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.26 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note that the State Party has submitted the revised work plan and budget breakdown for the implementation of the Shalamar Gardens Emergency Assistance project and requests the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre to assist the State Party in implementing this project;
2. Thanks the Governments of Norway for its generous contributions towards the preservation of the Lahore Fort;
3. Further requests the State Party, in collaboration with ICOMOS, to examine the heritage values of the Shalamar Gardens and Lahore Fort to redefine the protective core and buffer zones of the property;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the on-going positive co-operation between the Department of Archaeology and other national, provincial and municipal authorities, in order to redress the encroachment issues surrounding the Shalamar Gardens;
5. Urges the State Party to take all steps to ensure the establishment of an effective site management authority for the protection of the property, and inform the Committee of the effects that a change of custody of the property from national to provincial levels has had and will in the future have on the conservation of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
7. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Philippines)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.27 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes with satisfaction the progressive implementation of the activities foreseen under the Emergency Assistance project approved by the World

Heritage Committee at its 25th session in 2001;

2. Compliments the State Party on its renewed efforts to address the challenges faced by the property, especially with regard to irrigation, road developments and agricultural management;
3. Notes with appreciation the concern of the State Party to involve local communities and stakeholders in every stage of the conservation and management processes, and its dedication in raising awareness among younger generations on the outstanding universal value of the property;
4. Strongly encourages the State Party to explore possibilities for developing sustainable eco-tourism opportunities within and around the property, and to seek all possible national and international funding for that purpose;
5. Requests the State Party to submit the final revised Master Plan, containing amongst others, measurable targets and benchmarks, as well as a strategy for mobilizing funds and international support for future conservation of the property, to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
6. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

EUROPE/NORTH AMERICA

Butrint (Albania)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.28 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for the progress made with the legal protection and the institutional arrangements for the World Heritage property;
2. Acknowledges the results of the international UNESCO/ICOMOS mission to the property providing updated information;
3. Notes that the threats for which the property was included on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 1997 have been partially mitigated through the improvement of its legal and institutional protection;
4. Expresses its concern about the difficulties in effectively implementing the measures aiming at the better interpretation and conservation of the property, in particular due to the lack of an officially adopted management plan;
5. Urges the State Party to take into account the specific recommendations from the UNESCO/ICOMOS mission of 2003, in particular to finalize and adopt a management plan for the World Heritage property as soon as possible;
6. Recommends that the management plan for the World Heritage property

should be co-ordinated with the management plan for the Ramsar Convention protection area;

7. Endorses the proposal for a Round Table, to be organised in co-operation with the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM, in order to include private and public stakeholders in the management planning, both at national as at international level;
8. Encourages the State Party to submit an international assistance request for the organisation of this Round Table;
9. Requests the State Party to provide an up-date report taking into account all the issues raised in the UNESCO-ICOMOS mission report of 2003, to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
10. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

The Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Azerbaijan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.29 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Acknowledges the recent efforts of the State Party, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO's Cultural Heritage Division, the Advisory Bodies in setting up an Action Plan to address issues affecting the property, and welcomes the active co-operation amongst the stakeholders in the process;
2. Notes with concern that the State Party has not provided a report on the state of conservation of the property by 1 February 2005;
3. Further regrets that demolition and inappropriate urban development continues despite the Presidential Decree of 2003 to halt uncontrolled development within the World Heritage property and urges that this Decree is fully enforced;
4. Expresses its serious concern regarding the overall lack of management of the property and in particular insufficient coordination between the national and municipal authorities;
5. Urges the State Party to provide a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property prior to the Round Table in September/October 2004, so that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies can examine and propose appropriate follow up action;
6. Requests the State Party to continue to work in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, the UNESCO Cultural Heritage Division, ICOMOS and ICCROM in implementing activities foreseen in the Action Plan;

7. Strongly urges the State Party to elaborate a comprehensive Management Plan to address conservation issues, development control and tourism management in order to ensure the future preservation of the property;
8. Also requests the State Party in co-operation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to review the situation and to provide a progress report including an updated Action Plan, by 1 February 2005, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session of the Committee in 2005;
9. Decides to retain the Walled City of Baku, with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower, on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

LATIN AMERICA

Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Peru)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

- iii. **28 COM 15A.30** The World Heritage Committee,
 1. Noting the information on the state of conservation provided by the State Party,
 2. Urges the State Party to finalize the legislative procedure for Draft Legislation n° 3807 and to inform the Committee of the appropriate measures taken to relocate the squatters;
 3. Invites the State Party, once again, to consider requesting International Assistance under the World Heritage Fund to identify appropriate remedial measures;
 4. Requests the State Party to submit a progress report on the measures being applied to reduce the impact of the rising water levels in the aquifer of the property by 1 February 2005, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
 5. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

JERUSALEM

Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (proposed by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15ARev

28 COM 15A.31 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the continuing effort of the Director-General in pursuing a comprehensive initiative for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, particularly with the setting up of highly qualified and purely technical missions and in line with the General Conference Resolution 32 C/Res 39 (October 2003) which referred to the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions in particular the relevant Security Council Resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem;
2. Expresses its concern for the threats to the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the progressive alteration of its historic urban fabric and visual integrity, the lack of maintenance and inappropriate conservation approaches to some of its historic monuments, due to the difficulties posed by the present situation;
3. Urges the responsible authorities to establish in close consultation and co-operation with, and with the prior approval of all the concerned stakeholders, appropriate regulations, sensitive to the historic character of the Old City, for all rehabilitation and conservation activities within the Old City and to ensure its safeguarding;
4. Further urges the responsible authorities to facilitate the normal progress of rehabilitation and conservation works within the Old City, by allowing the free access of labourers and conservation materials to the property;
5. Encourages the concerned parties to take into account, when undertaking conservation activities, the principles and recommendations of the relevant international Charters, particularly with regard to the need to preserve the authenticity and integrity of the property and requests the concerned parties to ensure that international principles be applied with regard to interventions to the subsurface deposits in the Old City;
6. Encourages the Director-General to pursue his initiative for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem in the spirit of the General Conference Resolution 32C/Res 39 (October 2003) related to the establishment of guidelines for an Action Plan and proposals for its implementation;
7. Decides to retain the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

15B PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

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NATURAL HERITAGE

AFRICA

W National Park of Niger (Niger)

Document: WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes with appreciation the assurance provided by the State Party of Niger not to go ahead with plans to construct a dam on the Mékrou River within "W" National Park, or to start exploitation of a phosphate mine within the property, without undertaking an independent evaluation on the environmental and social impacts of such projects;
2. Reiterates its earlier decision, and encourages the State Party to continue cooperating with IUCN, the World Heritage Centre, the "Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine" (UEMOA), Ramsar, and the regional programme "Ecosystème protégés en Afrique Sahélienne" (ECOPAS) in order to conserve this property, and, if necessary, to seek assistance from the World Heritage Fund for the coordination of meetings and studies;
3. Requests the State Party to provide a report on the outcomes of any environmental impact assessment carried out or decisions made on the dam and mining projects by 1 February 2005 for examination by the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005.

Dja Faunal Reserve (Cameroon)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.2 The World Heritage Committee¹,

1. Reiterates its appreciation for the support provided under the Netherlands Funds in Trust Agreement with UNESCO to assist Cameroon to undertake actions recommended by the Committee for the conservation and protection of Dja Faunal Reserve;
2. Requests the State Party to provide a report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on the status of oil and gas exploration around the property, to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Taï National Park (Côte d' Ivoire)

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¹ Decision adopted without discussion

28 COM 15B.3 The World Heritage Committee²,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for its invitation to receive a monitoring mission to Tai and Comoe National Parks and notes that the World Heritage Centre and IUCN are prepared to carry out that mission as soon as the security situation permits;
2. Requests the State Party to cooperate with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to ensure that all necessary support is provided for a successful mission as soon as possible.

Mount Kenya National Park (Kenya)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.4 The World Heritage Committee³,

1. Acknowledges the conservation efforts by the State Party as provided in the report of Kenya Wildlife Service through the Kenya National World Heritage Committee;
2. Commends the State Party for positive actions undertaken for the conservation and protection of the property, particularly in relation to surveillance, community relations and law enforcement;
3. Requests the State Party to finalize the Mt. Kenya National Park Management Plan and further requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre an indication of the time frame proposed for its completion, adoption and implementation.

Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park (South Africa)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.5 The World Heritage Committee⁴,

1. Acknowledges the efforts by the State Party to put in place administrative and juridical structures and requisite infrastructure for reinforcing the conservation and the protection of the property;
2. Commends the State Party for the steps taken in ensuring the effective conservation and management of the Park through the implementation of major ecological programmes; tourism evaluation; and the inclusion of land claimants and local communities as mandatory partners in the Park's development;
3. Recommends that the State Party keep the World Heritage Centre informed on

² Decision adopted without discussion

³ Decision adopted without discussion

⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

further progress in the implementation of these actions.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area (United Republic of Tanzania)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.6 The World Heritage Committee ⁵

1. Urges the State Party to provide a report on the state of conservation of the property as requested by the 26th session of the Committee by 1 February 2005 for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

ARAB STATES

Banc d'Arguin National Park (Mauritania)

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28 COM 15B.7 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Calls upon the State Party to approve, as soon as possible, the decree for the application of the Law 2000/45 concerning the environment;
2. Requests the State Party to proceed with the establishment of an Environment and Development Technical Committee (EDTC), technical governmental body responsible for the technical evaluation and approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as well as for verifying the application of the environmental management plan;
3. Urgently encourages the State Party to sign the 1992 International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution, enabling it to have access to the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds), as well as to submit a request to the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization, responsible for measures to improve security in international maritime transportation and avoid pollution by tankers, and to obtain the status of "Particularly Sensitive Sea Area" (PSSA) for the Banc d'Arguin National Park;
4. Invites the State Party to request technical assistance from the World Heritage Centre to elaborate the necessary documentation to obtain the status of Particularly Sensitive Sea Area;
5. Encourages the State Party to organize before the end of 2004, a meeting with all the actors concerned, in co-operation with interested donors to determine a capacity-building strategy for national authorities responsible for the implementation of Law 2000/45 on the environment and Law N.2000/24 concerning the Banc d'Arguin National Park (BANP);
6. Calls upon all the partners, especially the World Bank, to provide the State Party

⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

with all necessary assistance in establishing activities to safeguard the ecosystem of the Banc d'Arguin National Park;

7. Requests the State Party to transmit to the World Heritage Centre the report on the environmental impact study for the road Nouakchott-Nouadhibou and to submit to the World Heritage Centre the measures for the mitigation of the impact of this road on the Park;
8. Recommends to the State Party to oblige all petroleum companies operating on its territory to carry out environmental impact studies in conformity with international standards;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the implementation of the above-mentioned measures, so that the Committee may examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Arabian Oryx Sanctuary (Oman)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.8 The World Heritage Committee ⁶,

1. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, the new Management Plan for the property including a detailed topographic map showing the new proposed delimitation of the core and buffer zones of the World Heritage property, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

ASIA AND PACIFIC

Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas (China)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.9 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Expresses its gravest concerns on the impacts that the proposed construction of dams could have on the outstanding universal value of this World Heritage property;
2. Invites the State Party to respond to the calls of its academicians, conservationists and scientists and consider letting the Nu Jiang River continue to flow naturally through and beside the World Heritage area;
3. Recognizes the importance of the energy sector in the development of the Yunnan Province and urges the Provincial and the Central Governments to seek alternatives to hydropower in order to ensure long-term protection of the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas which harbours the richest

⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

biodiversity assemblage in China and may be the most biologically diverse temperate ecosystem in the world;

4. Requests the State Party to provide a report to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible, but no later than 1 February 2005 on the status of dam construction in or around the World Heritage property for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Lorentz National Park (Indonesia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.10 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Urges early finalization and implementation of the strategic plan;
2. Recommends that the State Party establish the planned “Balai Taman National Lorentz” immediately and improve community awareness of the property, particularly in the Lorentz region;
3. Invites the State Party to commission an independent review of the management of the property’s coastal and marine zones and an independent environmental audit of the impacts of the Habema Road, particularly the evidence linking impacts of the road to dieback disease in the Nothofagus temperate forests;
4. Further recommends that the State Party review the threats arising from claims for “pre-existing development rights” and its implications for the conservation of the property and submit a report by 1 February 2005 for examination by the 29th session of the Committee in 2005;
5. Congratulates the State Party and Australia for establishing a programme of co-operation and welcomes the partnership between the management of the Wet Tropics of Queensland (Australia) and Lorentz National Park (Indonesia);
6. Calls upon the global donor community to support the conservation of Lorentz National Park in the immediate future and over the long-term;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 a progress report on follow-up action taken into account the IUCN mission recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Royal Chitwan National Park (Nepal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.11 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation of Nepal (DNPWC) for devising a system of controls on the use of the Kasara Bridge and the system of associated roads to minimize the negative impacts of

the road construction project that had been undertaken without an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);

2. Invites the State Party to ensure that all other sectors of Government, including the Department of Roads and authorities representing local communities, fully respect the decisions of and co-operate with DNPWC to ensure effective functioning of the system of controls on the road bridge and the protection of the World Heritage values of Royal Chitwan;
3. Recommends that the World Heritage Centre and IUCN continue to communicate with all concerned donors to fully understand how an infrastructure project impacting World Heritage could have been financed without an EIA and how the recurrence of such practice could be prevented in Nepal and elsewhere in the future.

East Rennell (Solomon Islands)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.12 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Thanks the Solomon Islands National Commission for UNESCO for providing up to date information and conducting a site visit to assess the state of conservation of East Rennell;
2. Requests IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to organize a joint UNESCO - IUCN mission to the property, utilizing expertise from the region to ensure that it is cost-effective;
3. Also requests IUCN and the World Heritage Centre during the mission to:
 - a) assess and report on the state of conservation of East Rennell,
 - b) determine the state of preparation and appropriateness of the Resource Management Plan for the property and the draft national World Heritage Protection Bill,
 - c) document and assess the effectiveness of the customary protection of the property.
4. Further requests IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to present a report on the outcome of the mission for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Ha Long Bay (Viet Nam)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.13 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for its efforts to monitor immigration of fishermen

into the site, setting standards for compliance by aquaculture practitioners and a number of other regulatory and legislative instruments for the management of the Ha Long Bay World Heritage area;

2. Urges the State Party to take an integrated planning approach in the interest of sustainable development and conservation of the values of the World Heritage property, giving special attention to the many threats impacting on the Property which include increasing population in the floating community, massive tourism infrastructure development, urbanization, aquaculture activities, industrialization etc.;
3. Commends the State Party for the substantial provincial efforts in capacity building, awareness raising and addressing challenges for sustainable development in the region and invites the international community to support these efforts ;
4. Applauds the increased effective collaboration between Ha Long Bay Management Authority, the Provincial Government and national government, with various international partners such as IUCN, the US Government and others in capacity-building initiative promoting integrated marine and coastal management in the Province of Quang Ninh;
5. Notes with appreciation State Party efforts to develop a number of environmental management, awareness building and capacity building projects and programmes with international, national and provincial partners;
6. Invites the State Party to consider documenting the outcomes of successful projects and programme that have helped to improve environmental quality and disseminate the information internationally and nationally; and
7. Recommends the State Party to co-operate with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to involve tourism and other development sector enterprises in the Ha Long Bay area to contribute towards conservation and effective management of the property.

The Great Barrier Reef (Australia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.14 The World Heritage Committee⁷,

1. Acknowledges receipt of the State Party's report with clarifications on the proposed development project at Airlie Beach adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage property;
2. Requests that the State Party keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed on the status of the proposed development project at Airlie Beach and the proposed measures to avoid any potential impact it may have on the Great

⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

Barrier Reef World Heritage property.

Greater Blue Mountains Area (Australia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.15 The World Heritage Committee⁸,

1. Acknowledges receipt of the State Party's report with clarifications on the status of the proposed sand and clay mine adjacent to the World Heritage property of the Greater Blue Mountains Area;
2. Encourages the State Party to prevent any developments that could have adverse effects on the World Heritage property;
3. Requests that the State Party keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed on the status of the proposed sand and clay mine adjacent to the Greater Blue Mountains Area and the proposed measures to avoid any potential impact it may have on the World Heritage property.

Sagarmatha National Park (Nepal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.16 The World Heritage Committee⁹,

1. Commends the State Party for taking the necessary action to halt the construction of the Syangboche airstrip project and to remove the equipment and construction materials brought into the Park for the project;
2. Requests the State Party to enhance co-operation with local stakeholders.

Te Wahipounamu – South West New Zealand (New Zealand)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.17 The World Heritage Committee¹⁰,

1. Notes the information provided by the State Party concerning recent oil spill accident at Te Wahipounamu-South West New Zealand;
2. Requests the State Party to take all necessary measures to prevent such accidents occurring in the future.

⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

¹⁰ Decision adopted without discussion

Tubbataha Reef Marine Park (Philippines)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.18 The World Heritage Committee¹¹,

1. Commends the State Party for providing information on the current status on actions taken to mitigate illegal fishing and for launching studies that may enable comparative analysis of current ecological conditions with those at the time of inscription of the property on the World Heritage List; and congratulates the State Party for the comprehensive state of conservation report received 15 June 2004 as well as for the conservation actions taken to date to conserve the property;
2. Notes that the major threats facing the Tubbataha Reef are related to:
 - a) the lack of sufficient resources for the management of the property,
 - b) national and international illegal fishing activities, which in turn have strong connection with poverty as well as to insufficient law enforcement, and
 - c) lack of awareness. Future threats for the site include shipping, oil exploration and potential growth of tourism;
3. Urges the State Party to take necessary measures to secure the conservation of Tubbataha Reef. These measures should include:
 - a) strengthening the financial sustainability of the site management through a range of actions, including establishment of an endowment fund,
 - b) institutionalizing the park management through better application of legislation relevant to protected areas,
 - c) ensuring proper enforcement of illegal fishing cases by strengthening the functioning of the judicial system, and
 - d) other related measures identified in the state of conservation report submitted by the State Party ;
4. Urges also the international community to provide technical and financial support for conservation of the property ;
5. Encourages the State Party to consider extending the property to include adjoining Jezzie Beezly and Bastera Reefs in order to increase the integrity of the property ;

¹¹ Decision adopted without discussion

6. Recommends that the State Party host a sub-regional or regional forum, in consultation with IUCN, the World Heritage Centre and other relevant partners, to address the issue of illegal fisheries in East Asian seas, including the Sulu Sea, and reports on the result to the 29th session of the Committee in 2005, and encourages the State Party to request international assistance to implement this forum ;
7. Requests the State Party to submit a status report on progress achieved with follow-up action of all those conservation measures that were identified in the report submitted by the State Party by 1 February 2006 for review at the 30th session of the Committee in 2006.

Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park (Viet Nam)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.19 The World Heritage Committee¹²,

1. Commends the Government of Viet Nam and the Provincial Government of Quang Binh for taking immediate action to implement the decisions of the 27th session of the Committee and encourages them to continue the momentum particularly with regard to the critical issue of fighting forest crimes, such as illegal logging and stealing of timber from the property ;
2. Expresses its satisfaction and appreciation to the Governments of Viet Nam and Lao PDR for re-launching the dialogue to build trans-border co-operation that is critical for the conservation of the karst forests and their biodiversity represented in the Phong Nha Ke Bang World Heritage property and contiguous areas in Lao PDR;
3. Welcomes the interest of the World Bank in promoting trans-border co-operation between Viet Nam and Lao PDR and urges the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to fully co-operate with the Bank and other partners to build capacity in the two countries for trans-border co-operation for ecosystem conservation and protected area management;
4. Requests the State Party to submit a report by 1st February 2005 on measures taken to mitigate the negative impacts of the road construction project linking the Ho Chi Minh Highway and route 20, information on the regulations that apply to the management of the buffer zone, and on enforcement measures and other action that will be taken to control illegal logging and forest crimes, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
5. Reiterates its request for the State Party to prepare and submit a visitor management plan for the property.

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¹² Decision adopted without discussion

Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Bialowieza Forest (Belarus/Poland)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.20 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the information provided by the IUCN-UNESCO mission to the property and congratulating both States Parties for their conservation efforts,
2. Requests the States Parties to create a management body or joint structure for dealing with the whole World Heritage area on both sides of the boundary to enable coherent planning and management with the main goal to preserve the old growth forest and its natural dynamics;
3. Urges both States Parties to further evaluate possibilities to reduce the negative impacts of the border fence on ungulates and other mammals, in case the removal of the fence is not possible, relevant techniques should be used to allow the movements of animals along certain corridors;
4. Encourages both States Parties to give high priority to implementing all recommendations proposed in the mission report and requests them to provide a response to these recommendations, as well as information on how they intend to implement the recommendations, by 1 February 2005 for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Pirin National Park (Bulgaria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.21 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling its decision to defer the inscription of Pirin National Park on the List of World Heritage in Danger until its 27th session (**26 COM 21 (b) 2**), with decision on this to be based on an assessment of the State Party's response to the UNESCO/IUCN mission report (Decision **27 COM 7B.15**) and noting the results of the joint UNESCO/IUCN mission of February 2004,
2. Regrets that the State Party did not adopt the final management plan by the end of 2003 as requested (Decision **27 COM 7B.15**) and urges the State Party to adopt this plan at least by the end of 2004;
3. Welcomes the co-operation of the State Party in addressing some of the issues, including the submission of an international assistance request for a potential extension of the World Heritage property;
4. Requests that the State Party implement the specific recommendations of the 2004 UNESCO / IUCN mission concerning the state of conservation of the property, its management, its zoning and the establishment of buffer zones and improved communication;
5. Further requests the State Party to provide a detailed report on actions taken to respond to the recommendations of the 2004 mission report, as well as a clear

map showing the boundaries of the property by 1 February 2005, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Lake Baikal (Russian Federation)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.22 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling the recommendation of the report of the monitoring mission in 2001 to include the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger,
2. Welcomes the collaboration between the Russian authorities, IUCN and the World Heritage Centre in addressing co-operation and communication issues;
3. Notes the results of the high-level mission and the detailed report provided by the Russian authorities on 10 March 2004 and acknowledges the efforts of the State Party in enhancing the conservation of this property;
4. Requests, while noting the complex environmental and socio-economic issues associated to the conservation and development of Lake Baikal, that:
 - a) the State Party provide further clarification on the level of implementation of the ecological zoning for Lake Baikal and its adoption under the Federal Law “On the Protection of Lake Baikal”,
 - b) the State Party continue providing to each session of the Committee reports on the state of conservation of the property, on progress achieved on the different programmes implemented in the property, particularly on the re-profiling of the Baikalsk Pulp and Paper Mill, and the results of the ecological monitoring programme and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) project that is under implementation in the area,
 - c) the States Parties of the Russian Federation and Mongolia enhance their co-operation in designing and implementing a plan to reduce the sources of pollution occurring in the Selenga River Basin; the two States Parties may wish to submit a request for International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund to support the planning phase of this co-operation,
 - d) the State Party implement previous recommendations of the Committee to provide training to hunters to avoid unnecessary deaths of animals that are wounded during hunting,
 - e) the State Party, working with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN, develop a long-term project proposal oriented towards obtaining additional financial resources for the conservation and sustainable development of Lake Baikal; such a proposal may include a component to support the joint efforts of the States Parties of the Russian Federation and Mongolia to address the pollution of the Selenga River.
5. Notes that the outcome of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) for the

proposed transportation routes which was reported to the Mission was negative and requests that any future proposal avoids the World Heritage property and that no route is selected through the watershed of Lake Baikal without first undertaking a comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) to international standards;

6. Further notes the concerns regarding the potential impact of oil and gas pipelines on the outstanding universal value of the property and considers that any such proposal should undergo a comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment to international standards;
7. Requests the State Party to take measures to minimize and, preferably eliminate all direct and indirect threats to the World Heritage property;
8. Further requests the State Party to provide in co-operation with the IUCN an up-to-date report to the World Heritage Centre including on any decisions or proposed alternative to the oil and gas transportation route and the issues noted under paragraph 4 above by 1 February 2005, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Srebarna Nature Reserve (Bulgaria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.23 The World Heritage Committee¹³,

1. Noting the report by the State Party and the results from the February 2004 joint UNESCO/IUCN mission to Bulgaria,
2. Welcomes that the State Party requested technical assistance from the World Heritage Fund to urgently purchase a portable electric generator to enable rapid closure of the sluice gates in a potential emergency situation;
3. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a calendar of activities for preparing a proposal for a transborder World Heritage area in the Danube Delta in co-operation with other concerned States Parties as requested (Decision **27 COM 7A.10**);
4. Requests the State Party to enhance the implementation of the management plan and to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on progress achieved in transboundary collaboration relating to the Danube Delta ecosystem.

Nahanni National Park (Canada)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.24 The World Heritage Committee¹⁴,

¹³ Decision adopted without discussion

¹⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

1. Acknowledging progress achieved in the conservation of the property, in particular the development of the new management plan for the property, submitted for approval,
2. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the court's decision on the judicial review on the water licence granted to Canadian Zinc Corporation at Prairie Creek.

Wood Buffalo National Park (Canada)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.25 The World Heritage Committee¹⁵,

1. Noting the report provided by the State Party, and acknowledging progress achieved on the conservation of the property,
2. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the Federal Court decision on the Appeal on the winter road proposal and its implications for the integrity of the property.

Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) (Italy)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.26 The World Heritage Committee¹⁶,

1. Noting the report provided by the State Party that so far no further pumice quarries have been opened and no extension to the four existing quarries within the World Heritage property has been granted,
2. Welcomes the positive proposal from the Pumex Society, and the initiative of the State Party of informing IUCN of this proposal, for the environmental recuperation of areas currently being exploited within the property and the rehabilitation of unused industrial buildings into hotels and tourist services, thus assisting in replacing jobs lost in the extractive industry;
3. Urges the State Party to seek long-term solutions towards a closure of the existing quarries, to stop all mining activities in the World Heritage property and to keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed about further developments.

¹⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

¹⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

Volcanoes of Kamchatka (Russian Federation)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

WHC-04/28.COM/15B Add

28 COM 15 B.27 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Welcomes the State Party's report on the state of conservation of this property and acknowledges the efforts from the State Party to address a number of integrity issues that have been of concern to the Committee;
2. Further welcomes the support provided by the United Nations Development Programme/Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF) project on the Maintenance of Biological Diversity in the Russian Federation to enhance the management of key protected areas within this property;
3. Notes the detailed results of the UNESCO-IUCN mission to the property carried out in May 2004 and requests the State Party to carefully review the key findings and implement the comprehensive recommendations from the mission;
4. Commends the State Party for its efforts to increase staffing and resourcing for the World Heritage property and urges it to better match the level of support from international donors and the contribution from commercial tour operators to meet its obligations to maintain the property's outstanding universal value and operating as an equal partner in the management of the reserves;
5. Requests the State Party to ensure that the development of the Kamchatka Peninsula is balanced and integrated with the conservation of its outstanding natural values and to give urgent attention to a range of issues, including poaching, mining, tourism development, and access impacts on the World Heritage property;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit by 1 February 2005 an updated report on the progress made in addressing the issues raised by the UNESCO-IUCN mission for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Skocjan Caves (Slovenia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.28 The World Heritage Committee¹⁷,

1. Thanking the State Party for the report submitted in conformity with paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002),
2. Welcomes the information provided on the proposed Detailed Spatial Plan of National Importance for securing freshwater supply to the Slovene Istria and requests the State Party to expand on this information by providing a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) prepared for this project for review by

¹⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

the World Heritage Centre and IUCN;

3. Notes with concern the proposed development of a series of wind generators on the Vremščica plateau and its potential serious impact on the integrity of the Karst system of the area, as well as on the cultural landscape associated with this property;
4. Requests the State Party to submit as soon as possible and at the latest by 1 February 2005 detailed information on the status of the proposed establishment of the series of wind generators including a copy of the EIA prepared for this project, for review by the World Heritage Centre and IUCN.

Doñana National Park (Spain)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.29 The World Heritage Committee¹⁸,

1. Welcoming the enlargement of the National Park which enhances also the protection of the World Heritage area,
2. Requests the State Party to review in detail the implementation of the Doñana 2005 project, to provide a report on its implementation and on the state of conservation of the property by 1 February 2005 for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Henderson Island (United Kingdom)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.30 The World Heritage Committee¹⁹,

1. Recalling that the State Party was to implement, as a matter of urgency, the 1995 Management Plan for this property, with provision for its on-going improvement,
2. Regrets that the plan was not published and delivered to the World Heritage Centre for review by IUCN;
3. Urges the State Party to submit two copies of the approved plan by 1 February 2005 at the latest and requests IUCN to carry out a detailed review and present its findings for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Yellowstone (United States of America)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B Add

28 COM 15 B.122 The World Heritage Committee,

¹⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

¹⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

1. Commending the State Party for its comprehensive report provided following the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2003 and for its continued efforts in addressing key conservation and management issues in the property,
2. Requests the State Party to continue to report on efforts to ensure that winter travel facilities respect the protection of the Park, its visitors, and its wildlife;
3. Further requests the State Party to submit by 1 February 2005 an updated report on the progress made in the conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.31 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting with concern the events that have occurred in Galapagos and their potentially negative impact on the integrity of the Galapagos Marine Reserve. This recent development is not in line with previous efforts implemented by the State Party oriented to enhance the conservation of this property. It is also in direct contradiction with the high standards set by the State Party when implementing a truly participatory process to define the Fishery Regulation under the Special Law for Galapagos,
2. Observes with concern that the quarantine system in Galapagos, vital in preventing further introductions of species harmful to wildlife and humans, is not yet fully operational and that the State Party has not yet assumed full responsibility for its operation;
3. Requests the State Party to uphold and maintain the integrity of the Galapagos Special Law, which is critical to the orderly decision-making process relating to resource use and development in Galapagos and to ensure that the fishing quotas established by the due processes under the Galapagos Special Law are respected;
4. Commends the State Party for taking the initiative to have the Galapagos Marine Reserve designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area and encourages it to share this experience with other States Parties with Marine World Heritage properties;
5. Welcomes the United Nations Foundation's continued interest in Galapagos and the new support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation;
6. Requests the State Party to provide a report on the state of conservation of the property and in particular to advise on what legal and institutional measures are

going to be taken to ensure the full application of the Special Law for Galapagos by 1 February 2005, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Iguaçu National Park (Brazil)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.32 The World Heritage Committee²⁰,

1. Noting with concern that the forced opening of the Colono Road continues to be a potential threat to Iguaçu National Park,
2. Urges the State Party to work with local communities to resolve the on-going concerns over the re-opening of the Colono Road for local use;
3. Requests the State Party to provide all the necessary assistance to the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to carry out a mission as soon as possible so that a detailed report can be presented in time for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park (Costa Rica / Panama)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.33 The World Heritage Committee²¹,

1. Notes the incoming Panama government's intention of not proceeding with the road through Volcan Baru National Park and congratulates it for its concern over the integrity of the Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves/ La Amistad National Park transboundary World Heritage property.

Sian Ka'an (Mexico)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.34 The World Heritage Committee²²,

1. Commending the State Party for its application of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve Coastal Zone Environmental Land Use Programme,
2. Welcomes the new project entitled "Conservation Action in the Yucatan Coastal Environment: Sian Ka'an World Heritage property", managed by the World Heritage Centre and funded by the Gillette Company, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the United Nations Foundation.

²⁰ Decision adopted without discussion

²¹ Decision adopted without discussion

²² Decision adopted without discussion

MIXED PROPERTIES

ASIA AND PACIFIC

Kakadu National Park (Australia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.35 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Welcomes the news that the mining company Energy Resources of Australia has made a commitment to the Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) that no mining will take place at Jabiluka without the agreement of the Mirrar people;
2. Notes that in December 2003 the Jabiluka mine site was put into long-term care and maintenance;
3. Expresses its concern to the State Party of Australia over the continued contaminated water problems from the Ranger uranium mine and the apparent failure of internal management systems of the mining company Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) in relation to these issues;
4. Urges the State Party to proceed rapidly with the appointment of an environmental NGO representative of the Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee (ARRTC);
5. Requests that the State Party provide a written report on the state of conservation of Kakadu National Park to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005. The report should include information on :
 - a) the rehabilitation of the Jabiluka mine site,
 - b) the appointment of an environmental NGO representative of the Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee (ARRTC), and
 - c) measures taken to avoid any further contaminated water incidents at the Ranger mine.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Pyrénées – Mont Perdu (France/Spain)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.36 The World Heritage Committee²³,

²³ Decision adopted without discussion

1. Noting that the Festival de Gavarnie has not been relocated,
2. Requests that the authorities halts the contested activities of the Festival at Gavarnie as initially announced at the time of inscription of the property;
3. Welcomes furthermore the authorities' initiative to set up a Management Council for the French side of the World Heritage property;
4. Invites the States Parties of France and Spain to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the progress made for the management plan and transboundary coordination of the property;
5. Requests the State Party of France to provide a report on the implementation of the proposed relocation of the Festival by 1 February 2005 for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Mount Athos (Greece)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.37 The World Heritage Committee²⁴,

1. Notes with concern damages at the property by the devastating fire at the Hilandar Monastery;
2. Expresses its solidarity with the State Party and the orthodox community of the Monastery;
3. Requests the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre on the current state of conservation of the property and the measures taken to minimise the damage by 1 February 2005, for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
4. Urges the State Party to develop an overall management plan for the World Heritage property, which includes the natural values.

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Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (Peru)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.38 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the documents transmitted by the State Party in July 2003 and January 2004, as well as ICOMOS and IUCN comments on these documents,
2. Expressing its condolences to the Government of Peru for the tragic loss of life and damage caused in the recent mudslides at the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu,

²⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

3. Notes with great concern that the revised Master Plan, which should include a detailed Management Plan for the property, has not yet entered into force and recommends the State Party to give the highest priority to finalizing this by December 2004;
4. Urges the State Party to immediately undertake a study on risk-preparedness and prevention in case of natural disaster for the core and buffer zones of the property;
5. Encourages the State Party to reinforce the support of the international universities in reaching an exact understanding of the slope conditions and deformation of the ground surface of the Citadel and the other areas of the Historical Sanctuary by geophysical explorations and landslide studies;
6. Notes further with great concern that no studies have been undertaken on alternative transportation or on the carrying capacity of the property;
7. Acknowledging that efforts have been made to address specific issues such as the creation of a Management Unit, the management of the Inca Trail and the works undertaken at the Citadel,
8. Noting, also, that some of the most relevant issues remain unaddressed, and that some of the foreseen actions have been at the stage of proposals over the past 5 years, while the state of conservation and management of the property have not improved significantly as compared to the situation referred to in the mission reports of 1999 and 2002,
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre, working jointly with the Government of Peru and the World Bank, to set up a programme and action plan for scientific, technical and financial support to assist and guide the Management Unit and related institutions in the integrated conservation of the property and to facilitate implementation of the 1999 and 2002 UNESCO-ICOMOS-IUCN recommendations;
10. Decides to examine the state of conservation of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu and to discuss the measures to be taken at its 29th session in 2005.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

AFRICA

Lamu Old Town (Kenya)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.39 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the government of Kenya for its continued commitment to address the concerns over the urban developments on Lamu Island;
2. Recommends that the State Party initiate a management plan for Lamu, and request International Assistance under the World Heritage Fund to develop the plan which should seek to encourage participatory management of the property, as a base for coordinated management;
3. Encourages the State Party to continue exploring the possibility of gradually extending the current limits of the World Heritage Property to cover the whole Lamu Town, the town of Shela and her sand dunes, as well as taking into considerations such natural values as the mangroves;
4. Also recommends that the State Party take all the necessary measures to protect the mangroves opposite the Lamu seafront on the shores of the neighbouring Manda Island, which are important to ensure the integrity of the World Heritage property;
5. Advises the State Party to submit a request of International Assistance to undertake a study, in co-operation with IUCN, on the environmental characteristics of the dunes, which retain the fresh water despite being near the sea, and the measures to protect them, as well as on health, water and energy issues affecting the property;
6. Requests the State Party to submit a detailed report on the progress made on the implementation of the joint World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS mission recommendations, and particularly on the progress made on the establishment of a management plan, by 1 February 2005, for the consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Robben Island (South Africa)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.40 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the results of the IUCN/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Robben Island World Heritage property, its findings and recommendations,
2. Requests the State Party to implement the recommendations contained in the report of the IUCN/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission, and in particular to:
 - a) review and adopt as appropriate, and implement within an agreed timeframe, recent proposals for rationalization, consolidation and integration of the management structure of the Robben Island Museum,
 - b) study, with a view to consolidate them into a single Conservation Management Plan, the source documents for the Conservation Management Plan Summary showing medium and long-term programmes

identified; ensure that Annual Action Plans of Operation are prepared for conservation and maintenance work at the property; and implement the proposals contained in the Phase 1 Robben Island Tourism Development and Management Plan,

- c) conduct a comprehensive analysis of the opportunities and constraints for tourism products based on the unique natural and cultural landscape character of the property, with a view to diversifying the visitor experience and ensuring that positive impacts are enhanced and negative impacts avoided or mitigated,
 - d) explore linkages with other institutions and programmes such as South African National Parks and the Table Mountain National Park, the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, the City of Cape Town and Cape Action for People and the Environment to ensure that the wealth of expertise in the region regarding management of the natural and cultural landscape environments is available to the site's management,
 - e) establish a Memorandum of Understanding or similar formal relationship with the Public Works Department to strengthen programs' coordination for conservation and maintenance at Robben Island,
 - f) set-up a statutory body for Robben Island with specific regulatory mechanisms as provided for by the World Heritage Convention Act (1999), for the managing and up keep of the property;
3. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a detailed report on the progress on the implementation of the joint IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM mission recommendations for review by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (United Republic of Tanzania)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.41 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting, with serious concern, the continuing deterioration and the serious threats affecting the property of the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara,
2. Considering the importance of the World Heritage property of the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara, and the need for any programme or project, local or international, to take into account the recommendations included in international documents, particularly the *World Heritage Convention* and its *Operational Guidelines*
3. Noting with appreciation the support provided by the Governments of France and Japan to address some of the problems facing this property,
4. Recommends that the State Party put in place a proper management structure

and mechanism to protect the property;

5. Decides to inscribe the Runis of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara on the list of the World Heritage in Danger.

Island of Gorée (Senegal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.42 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the results of the evaluation mission carried out at the property, the actions undertaken by the World Heritage Centre concerning the demolition of the replica of the Gorée-Almadies Memorial, and the efforts undertaken by the Senegalese authorities to improve the state of conservation of the Island of Gorée,
2. Considering that the erection of the replica of the Gorée-Almadies Memorial refers to information communicated by the State Party during the 136th session of the Executive Board of UNESCO in 1991,
3. Expresses its concern in view of the information regarding the erection of the replica of the Gorée-Almadies Memorial on the property and its negative impact on the integrity of the property;
4. Invites the State Party to respond to the World Heritage Centre's letter of the 10 December 2003 concerning the erection of the replica of the Gorée-Almadies Memorial, requesting it to undertake corrective measures;
5. Emphasizes the need to undertake urgent measures to improve the overall management of the property, especially the elaboration of administrative provisions for the nomination of a manager for the property who will be responsible for the elaboration of a management plan;
6. Invites the international community to support the funding of the project for the protection of the coastal zone of the Island of Gorée;
7. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the strategies which will be put in place with a view to taking corrective measures to address the negative impact of the replica on the property, for examination by the Committee during its 29th session in 2005.

ARAB STATES

Kasbah of Algiers (Algeria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.43 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Congratulates the State Party for having approved the Executive Decree containing the modalities for the establishment of the Permanent Plan for the Safeguard and Presentation of the Safeguarded Sectors (PPSMVSS) under the law relating to the protection of cultural heritage;
2. Having noted, however, the very advanced state of degradation in the Kasbah of Algiers,
3. Strongly urges the State Party to urgently undertake rehabilitation measures in the Kasbah of Algiers;
4. Calls upon the State Party to list the Kasbah of Algiers as a Safeguarded Sector and to undertake the necessary measures, in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre, for the finalization and implementation of the Plan for the Safeguarding and Presentation of the Kasbah;
5. Requests the State Party to present, by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the listing of the Kasbah of Algiers as a Safeguarded Sector and on the finalization of the Plan for its Safeguarding and Presentation, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

M'Zab Valley (Algeria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28COM 15B.44 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Requests the State Party to proceed with the listing of the M'Zab Valley as a safeguarded sector and to elaborate a Plan for the Safeguarding and Presentation of this sector;
2. Strongly urges the State Party to restore the hydraulic network to preserve the historic value of the water management system with a view to sustainable development.
3. Calls upon the State Party to undertake appropriate measures, notably with regard to the designation of non-constructible areas, for the protection of the urban and landscape qualities of the property.
4. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Committee, by 1 February 2006, a report on the implementation of the above-mentioned activities, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session in 2006.

Medina of Essaouira (Ancient Mogador) (Morocco)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.45 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Invites the State Party to take steps towards creating an administrative and

technical body responsible for the property with the aim of maintaining its architectural and urban quality;

2. Encourages the State Party to undertake steps with the World Bank to integrate the “Safeguarding and presentation project for the Medina” in its programme for the “revitalization of the historic centres of Morocco” presently under preparation;
3. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Committee, by 1 February 2005, a report on all the work in progress in the protected zone and the buffer zone which threaten the integrity of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Ksar Ait Ben Haddou (Morocco)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.46 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having taken note of the report submitted by the State Party in January 2004 concerning the implementation of the recommendations made during the 27th session of the Committee (2003),
2. Congratulates the State Party for all the activities undertaken to coordinate the actions of the parties concerned with the safeguarding of the property and for establishing the required legal protection for the property;
3. Reiterates its concern in the light of the information concerning the state of degradation of the property;
4. Further reiterates its request to the State Party to create, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, an institution having a legal authority, adequate financial resources and means to ensure the preparation of a management plan of the property and its application;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the establishment of this institution and the preparation of the management plan so that the Committee may examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005;
6. Decides to reconsider the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 29th session in 2005.

Islamic Cairo (Egypt)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.47 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for the actions taken to rehabilitate the property by

implementing conservations works on the historic buildings, reducing traffic and pollution and lowering the groundwater level;

2. Strongly encourages, the State Party however to implement the recommendations made by the International Symposium held in Cairo in February 2002, and particularly to:
 - a) designate Historic Cairo as a Special Planning District, with buffer zones, in accordance with the prescriptions of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002),
 - b) prepare a comprehensive Urban Plan for the Conservation and Development of the Old City, whereby the conservation of historic buildings would be accompanied by appropriate development regulations to encourage the rehabilitation of the urban fabric so as to ensure its compatibility with the historic character of Islamic Cairo,
 - c) organize regular meetings among Egyptian and International experts to review and discuss current conservation issues and projects.;
3. Requests ICOMOS in co-operation with the State Party, to undertake a mission to the property in order to review the progress made in the on-going rehabilitation programme on the monuments of the historic city and determine, the necessary steps towards the implementation of the above-recommendations;
4. Further requests the State Party to identify the exact boundaries of the World Heritage property and its buffer zone on a detailed topographic map at the appropriate scale and to submit it, together with a report on the progress made in the implementation of the above-recommendations, by 1 February 2005, for the consideration of the ommittee at its 29th session in 2005.

Tyre (Lebanon)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.48 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Notes the information provided by the State Party and by the World Heritage Centre on the state of conservation of the property;
2. Regrets that the illegal construction of a building adjacent to the archaeological area of the property could not be prevented;
3. Encourages the State Party to pursue its efforts towards the protection of the property, especially in establishing an archaeological marine reserve, in developing as soon as possible, detailed Urban Conservation Plans integrating Environmental Impact Assessment procedures for all new constructions, and in finalizing the complete archaeological map of Tyre;
4. Further encourages the State Party to complete the study undertaken in 2001 concerning the present Port and, as soon as available, submit it to the World

Heritage Centre for the consideration of the Committee;

5. Expresses its support to the transformation of the commercial port into a tourist marina;
6. Requests the State Party to maintain close consultations with the World Heritage Centre on the development of the various initiatives under way in Tyre, including the interventions in the framework of the World Bank Project;
7. Invites the international community to support the International Campaign for the Safeguarding of Tyre.

Archaeological site of Cyrene (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.49 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Urges the State Party to redefine, within two years, the exact boundaries of the World Heritage property, as well as the necessary buffer zones, based on an up-dated topographic map of the site at the appropriate scale documenting the archaeological evidence, but also the existing infrastructure and recent constructions surrounding the property;
2. Requests the State Party to ensure, through the appropriate legal and planning instruments, including a Management Plan and coordination of archaeological interventions on the site, and in close consultation with the responsible local authorities, the adequate protection of the property in the light of the newly designated boundaries of the World Heritage property, and that, to the extent possible, fences be installed along these boundaries and sufficient staff be appointed to ensure their guard;
3. Further requests the State Party to conduct, possibly in co-operation with the foreign scientific missions working on the property, a comprehensive and prioritised survey of the state of conservation of the property and to develop appropriate solutions for the various types of deterioration processes, including preventive conservation measures such as temporary shelters and re-burial of exposed archaeological remains;
4. Encourages the State Party to reassess its policy concerning archaeological excavations and major restoration works on the property to direct all available resources towards the strengthening of the capacity of the technical staff of the Department of Antiquities, both in terms of skills and the necessary equipment and financial means, in the documentation, regular maintenance and monitoring of the property;
5. Further encourages the State Party to submit an international assistance request under the World Heritage Fund to support the implementation of the above-recommendations

6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Committee, by 1 February 2006, a report on the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session in 2006.

Memphis and its Necropolis - the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur (Egypt)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.50 The World Heritage Committee²⁵,

1. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress made in the development of management plans for the property, for the Committee's consideration at its 29th session in 2005.

Saint Catherine Area (Egypt)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.51 The World Heritage Committee²⁶,

1. Commends the State Party for the progress achieved in the conservation of the property;
2. Notes that, while a number of positive steps have been undertaken to improve the visitor management at the property, an actual Visitor Management Plan has not yet been prepared by the State Party;
3. Requests the State Party to formalize, in a comprehensive document, a Plan for the Visitor Management at the property and submit it to the World Heritage Centre;
4. Further requests the State Party to strengthen its efforts on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Plan, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, particularly concerning the rehabilitation of the old city, and the planning of the new Saint Catherine City.

Medina of Fez (Morocco)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.52 The World Heritage Committee²⁷,

1. Invites the State Party to urgently undertake the demolition of the cement paving and the sanitary work in the framework of a project for the redevelopment and enhancement of the Oued and its surroundings;
2. Calls upon the State Party to identify financial resources to develop the final

²⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

²⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

²⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

project, in close coordination with the rehabilitation project for the City of Fez in the framework of the World Bank programme;

3. Requests the State Party to associate the Delegation for Culture of Fez with all the activities taking place in the Medina and notably those of the Urban Agency and ADER-Fez, to prepare the technical specifications which will become an integral part of the Urban Development Plan in force;
4. Reminds the State Party that the surroundings of the Medina should be maintained as a non-aedificandi zone.

ASIA AND PACIFIC

Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur (Bangladesh)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.53 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation of the property, the progress made by the national authorities since the previous session of the World Heritage Committee, and the findings and recommendations of the two UNESCO missions in October 2002 and February 2003,
2. Encouraging the State Party, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to maintain efforts to plan and implement enhanced conservation measures for the property,
3. Decides to defer consideration for the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger until the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005, in light of the findings and recommendations of the UNESCO missions, to enable the State Party to undertake corrective measures to reverse the negative impact of the work undertaken on the property;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre, the UNESCO Dhaka Office, the Regional Advisor for Culture in Asia and the Pacific and the Advisory Bodies to provide technical support to the State Party in the implementation of the corrective measures;
5. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the UNESCO missions for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Imperial Palace of the Ming and the Qing Dynasties (China)

(see also Decision **14B.30**)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.54 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for the submission of a Progress Report on measures taken to enhance the conservation and presentation of the World Heritage property;
2. Commends the State Party for the strengthening of the legal provisions for the protection of the buffer zones;
3. Encourages the Chinese authorities to continue their efforts to protect the urban historic fabric of Beijing surrounding the World Heritage properties of the Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace;
4. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, supplementary information including detailed maps indicating the protective core and buffer zones of the property;
5. Requests also UNESCO and the World Heritage Centre to provide technical assistance to the Chinese authorities to review and update the existing management plans for these World Heritage properties to ensure long-term comprehensive management;
6. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report containing an assessment of the remaining traditional architecture in the buffer zone, together with the finalised management plan for the property, for the consideration of the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa (China)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.55 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for the measures taken to enhance the state of conservation of the property;
2. Takes note of further information provided by the State Party during its 28th session (2004);
3. Encourages the Chinese authorities to develop an articulated strategic programme for the conservation and rehabilitation of the historic fabric of Lhasa based upon an analysis of the heritage value of the historic structures. This analysis should assist the authorities in ranking the buildings according to their importance. The information should be made public;
4. Requests the State Party to provide information about all major conservation and renovation works in Lhasa to the World Heritage Committee;
5. Requests UNESCO and ICOMOS to assist the Chinese authorities in assessing and updating the comprehensive conservation plan to make the most appropriate use of the Shöl Area, which forms part of the administrative section of the Potala Palace, so as to maintain the traditional urban

tissue of the area while changing the use of the traditional buildings;

6. Further encourages the State Party to elaborate design guidelines for the built heritage environment, including urban design elements, so as to increase the capacity of local urban planners, architects, and designers to follow the international conservation norms;
7. Reiterates the request to the State Party to continue making efforts to mitigate the negative impact on the World Heritage value of this property caused by development pressure, and, to this end, recommends the following:
 - a) **Institutional requirements:** The conservation challenges and potentials in Lhasa would benefit from a management and development agency to coordinate activities in Old Lhasa, which could be responsible for the management of Old Lhasa and the World Heritage properties. It is recommended that such an agency be established to raise and administer funds from national and international donors.
 - b) **Conservation, planning and urban development:** Taking into consideration the on-going processes of change and urban development, it is recommended that a review of the urban development plan is undertaken to ensure integrated territorial urban conservation challenges of Lhasa. The conservation plan of 1995-2015 should be made available to the public to increase their appreciation of the plan. A mechanism to periodically review the relevance of the conservation plan should be built in the planning process itself.
 - c) **Protection:** In view of the rapid change in the character of Old Lhasa, all remaining historic traditional buildings in Lhasa should be protected at the level of the Autonomous Region or at the national level.
 - d) **Conservation and rehabilitation of historic traditional buildings:** Except in exceptional circumstances, demolition should be stopped, particularly in the Shöl area. Any necessary replacement buildings should be in keeping with the historic character of the area. The State Party is requested to inform the World Heritage Committee of its policy on the conservation of the historic urban fabric of Lhasa.
 - e) **Conservation awareness:** It is recommended that the management authorities set up a programme to encourage community participation and increase awareness of heritage conservation needs amongst the local residents.
 - f) **Protective areas and buffer zones:** It is recommended that the management authorities evaluate and redefine the current World Heritage protective boundaries and management guidelines pertaining to the Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple (including the Barkor Historic Area) and Nobulingka, taking into consideration the heritage values of the surrounding landscape and environment.

- g) **Tourism:** In view of the potential in-come generation opportunities from the tourism industry for financing conservation work in Lhasa, the heritage management authorities are encouraged to develop training activities and provide guidance on sustainable tourism planning at the World Heritage properties in Lhasa.
- h) **International outreach:** An exchange programme between the World Heritage site managers in Lhasa and the managers of World Heritage properties in other countries is encouraged to develop on-site and international co-operation activities. The Chinese authorities may consider the organization of a study tour to successfully managed World Heritage properties focusing on the selected issues identified above.
8. Expresses its readiness to consider an international assistance request to support national and local efforts to address the above-mentioned recommendations;
9. Further requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to undertake a mission to the property as soon as possible, and to present a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Classical Gardens of Suzhou (China)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.56 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation of this property,
2. Notes that the architectural design for the New Suzhou Museum is compatible with the visual aspects and buildings traditions of the property;
3. Expresses concern over the urban development pressure in Suzhou, and the renewal and reconstruction of the historic and traditional urban fabric of the city;
4. Requests the State Party to review the legal framework and management plan for the protection of cultural heritage properties in Suzhou and to strengthen the legal provision for the protection of the cultural properties in the buffer zones of the Classical Gardens of Suzhou and within the historic town;
5. Encourages the Chinese authorities to continue their efforts to protect the urban historic fabric of Suzhou surrounding the World Heritage property, by carrying out a thorough survey of historic buildings and urban landscape of the Old City area;

6. Suggests that the Chinese authorities to study in the future the possibility to consider an extension of the World Heritage property of the Classical Gardens of Suzhou to include the historic town of Suzhou, together with other historic canal towns, within the same geo-cultural area in the provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to provide technical assistance to the Chinese authorities to review and update the existing management plans for this property, using the case of New Suzhou Museum and other similar rehabilitation or reconstruction projects in the historic quarters of Suzhou, to ensure long-term comprehensive management of the urban fabric and the landscape;
8. Requests the State Party to submit a progress report to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2006 on measures taken to enhance the conservation and presentation of the World Heritage property, including a publication of the architectural surveys of historic buildings, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session in June 2006.

Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodhgaya (India)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.57 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling the concern at the time of inscription regarding the tourism and pilgrimage pressures facing the property,
2. Congratulates the State Party for initiating efforts to elaborate a comprehensive document relevant to the long-term conservation and management of the property;
3. Requests the State Party to pursue its efforts towards the finalisation of the current management plan for peer review by the Indian conservation professionals and taking into account the suggestions made by the Advisory Bodies in the joint ICCROM-ICOMOS paper, in particular focussing on:
 - a) integrating a heritage values-sensitive approach to management,
 - b) basing the document on protection of the inscribed Mahabodhi World heritage property,
 - c) developing a realistic implementation strategy,
 - d) including a peer review process within development of the plan;
4. Encourages the State Party to identify legal mechanisms to designate the Mahabodhi Temple Complex as a protected monument, to ensure maintenance of the buffer zone proposed by the State Part for Mahabodhi at the time of inscription, and to consider the possible extension of the core zone to include

the Bodhgaya property;

5. Invites the State Party to organise a series of stakeholders' interventions in the process of improving and finalising the management plan, and to submit a request for Technical Co-operation Assistance for this purpose;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to organise a first joint mission in order to assess the steps taken by the State Party to protect the World Heritage values of the property, and to submit its report for examination by the 29th session of the Committee in 2005.

Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri (India)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.58 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the UNESCO-ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission findings and recommendations concerning the World Heritage properties of Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri;
2. Congratulates the Indian authorities for having suspended the "Taj Corridor Project";
3. Underscores the importance of reinforcing the management and regional development planning mechanism relating to the protection of World Heritage properties in the Agra District;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) set up a body to coordinate and address all the conservation and development challenges of the three World Heritage properties in the Agra District by involving all the stakeholders,
 - b) evaluate and possibly redefine the World Heritage protective boundaries and management guidelines pertaining to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Note should be taken of recent research which indicates that the original design of the Taj monument included the Mehtab Bagh and other relocated cultural properties across the Yamuna River. These constitute an essential part of the whole area and therefore require integrated protection,
 - c) integrate the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort as one protected World Heritage area to ensure better management of the property, with a possible inclusion of Fatehpur Sikri subject to a broader regional planning scheme
 - d) elaborate a comprehensive site management plan, including a specific visitor management plan, based on a regional plan for conservation and development of the World Heritage properties, and ensure its implementation,

- e) improve the on-site interpretation and visitor management at the World Heritage properties,
 - f) set up on-site monitoring mechanisms, by using traditional and new technological means, to assess the impact of urban development on the World Heritage values of the properties and their surrounding areas so as to integrate the protection of urban landscape into the overall heritage protection mechanism;
5. Further requests the State Party, as a first step, to organize a National Workshop on the Elaboration of Site Management Plans for the preparation of the World Heritage extension(s), including the upgrading of the protective boundary and buffer zones;
 6. Requests the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and other international partners to support and strengthen co-operation activities with the competent national and local authorities by providing appropriate assistance;
 7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Borobudur Temple Compounds (Indonesia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.59 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having been informed of the activities carried out under the extra-budgetary project funded by the Japanese Government at the property,
2. Thanks the State Party for its dedication in the safeguarding of the property, as well as the Government of Japan for its generous contribution towards the development of community participation at the property;
3. Acknowledges the renewed efforts of the State Party to improve the management of the property and to implement the recommendations of the July 2003 Experts Meeting;
4. Encourages the State Party to further involve local communities in the management and presentation of the property through educational and promotional activities;
5. Reiterates its recommendation to ban major road developments within Zones 1 to 3, although improvement of existing roads may be permitted, and to halt any construction of major commercial shopping centres near the property and within any of the protective zones;
6. Reaffirms its opposition to the erection of the proposed new tourist entrance and retail precinct (Jagad Jawa) in Zone 3, at the western extremity of the site;

7. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a detailed report on the long-term management and development strategy proposed for the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005. This report should include progress achieved in the implementation of the following recommendations:
 - a) detailed information on the existing or proposed co-ordination mechanisms between the different management authorities responsible for the management of the property, and between them and the national authorities,
 - b) proposed visitor management plan to mitigate the effects of high visitor pressure on the property's long-term sustainability;
 - c) proposed medium and long-term strategy for the sustainable development of the property, including consultations with the local communities and commercial activities on-site;
8. Further requests the State Party to consider revising, in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, the World Heritage boundaries of the property in view of the results of the on going research mentioned.

Town of Luang Prabang (Lao Democratic People's Republic)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.60 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party for the completion or ongoing implementation of the corrective measures recommended by the March 2002 UNESCO-ICOMOS joint mission to Luang Prabang;
2. Supports the Agence Française de Développement-funded study of the coherent territorial planning scheme to decompress the infrastructural pressure on the historic centre of the World Heritage property;
3. Notes with concern the continued violations to the *Luang Prabang conservation plan* (PSMV) and the illegal constructions, which constitute a serious threat to the World Heritage values of the property and encourages the State Party to ensure adequate legal enforcement of the PSMV;
4. Reiterates its deep concern at the insensitive public works of road upgrading along the Mekong and Nam Khan rivers, carried out by the Asian Development Bank, resulting in oversized drainage, widening of roads into the non-constructible urban wetlands protected area;
5. Urges the State Party to take immediate action for the mitigation of the negative impacts of the public works on the World Heritage values of the

property;

6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the research and actions undertaken to mitigate air and noise pollution on-site, as well as on the legal enforcement of the PSMV, to be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Complex of Hué Monuments (Viet Nam)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.61 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recognizing the vulnerability of this World Heritage property in the context of the present economic and urban development in Vietnam,
2. Congratulates the State Party and the local authorities for the excellent restoration work carried out on the monumental heritage of the citadel and along the Perfume River, and for its initiatives as concerns the enhancement of the landscaped heritage surrounding the citadel;
3. Strongly urges the State Party to take immediately into account the recommendations of the UNESCO mission of November 2003;
4. Encourages the State Party to proceed with the complete inventory of the traditional monumental and urban heritage, as well as the illegal constructions, or those having a negative impact on the property;
5. Expresses its grave concern regarding the development of the road infrastructure and the modern constructions in and around the citadel, and notably with regard to the potential danger of the urban infrastructure of Hué and its surroundings passing from level 2 to level 1;
6. Requests the State Party to urgently elaborate regulations for the management of the entire property, which, far from being simple rules for protection, should be the starting point of a project for long-term development and enhancement and should take into account all the components of the property at their different levels of understanding;
7. Invites the State Party to consider an eventual re-nomination of the property to take into account the unique landscape value of the environment of Hué, and to ensure reinforced protection of the monuments associated with the citadel of Hué situated along the Perfume River;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the UNESCO mission of November 2003, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains (China)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.62 The World Heritage Committee²⁸,

1. Having examined the state of conservation of this property,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for the measures taken to enhance the state of conservation of the property;
3. Requests the State Party to strengthen co-operation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to mobilise technical assistance for enhancing preventative conservation mechanisms for timber architectural heritage.

Meidan Emam, Esfahan (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.63 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation of this property,
2. Commends the State Party for having favourably considered the recommendations of the international urban planning expert and ICOMOS joint mission of July 2002 and the UNESCO monitoring mission findings which took place in June 2004 ;
3. Notes with appreciation the creation of a technical committee composed of national and local authorities to reach a compromise solution, being elaborated between the national and local authorities, to reduce the height of the commercial complex in order to minimize the negative impact of this high-rise building on this World Heritage property;
4. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to nominate the extension of the World Heritage property of Meidan Emam, to include the historic axis consisting of Friday Mosque, the Bazaars, the ancient bridges, the Zayanderoud River, and the South Chahar Bagh Avenue;
5. Requests the State Party to continue their efforts to ensure the conservation of the authentic setting and integrity of the historic city of Esfahan surrounding the Meidan Emam World Heritage property;
6. Further requests the State Party, particularly the local authorities, to pursue the implementation of the decision adopted by the National Technical Committee to reduce the height of the Jahan-Nama Commercial Complex to minimize the negative impact this Complex causes upon the setting, function, and integrity of the Meidan Emam World Heritage property and Historic City of Esfahan;

²⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

7. Requests UNESCO and ICOMOS to closely monitor the progress in the implementation of the decision of the National Technical Committee and to provide assistance if requested by the State Party;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a progress report on the actions undertaken to mitigate the negative impact of the Commercial Complex to be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara (Japan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.64 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that the Government of Japan has renewed efforts to examine the potential negative and irreversible impact that the construction of the Keinawa Motorway could have upon the World Heritage value of the property,
2. Encourages the Government of Japan to continue making efforts to ensure the conservation of the authenticity and integrity of the property;
3. Further encourages the Government of Japan to continue making efforts to identify a technical solution to ensure that the impact on the ground water level during the construction will be kept to a minimum so as to protect the World Heritage value of the property;
4. Requests the authorities concerned to continue their efforts in informing the local communities on the decision-making process.

Vat Phou and Associated Ancient Settlements within the Champasak Cultural Landscape (Lao Democratic People's Republic)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.65 The World Heritage Committee²⁹,

1. Congratulates the State Party on the actions undertaken to comply with the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee adopted at its 27th session in July 2003;
2. Reiterates the importance of adherence to the government-approved management plan for the property;
3. Encourages the State Party to clarify the distribution of tasks among the different national and provincial authorities involved in the protection and management of the World Heritage property, so as to avoid overlapping of

²⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

their responsibilities and roles.

Lumbini, the Birthplace of the Lord Buddha (Nepal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.66 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Expresses its grave concern over the fact that the newly-constructed Maya Devi Temple affects the authenticity and integrity of the property;
2. Urges the State Party to review, in collaboration with UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies, the existing management protocols and elaborate a revised comprehensive conservation and management plan which ensures the long-term safeguarding of the authenticity and integrity of the property;
3. Expresses its great disappointment that the project plans were not submitted to the Committee before construction began;
4. Requests the State Party to determine, in collaboration with UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies, the best measures to reverse the negative impact of the structure affecting the World Heritage value of the property and the appropriate management mechanisms to prevent such situations in the future;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre to investigate the procedure which allowed the authorization of the construction of such a building without the knowledge of the World Heritage Committee;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, a report on the measures proposed to be taken to reverse the threats posed to the property;
7. Decides to examine the state of conservation of this property at its 29th session in 2005.

State Historical and Cultural Park “Ancient Merv” (Turkmenistan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.67 The World Heritage Committee³⁰,

1. Recalling decision **27 COM 7B. 55** taken by the Committee at its 27th session in 2003,
2. Notes with regret that the report on the progress made in enhancing the conservation and management of the property was not received for examination by the Committee at its 28th session in 2004;

³⁰ Decision adopted without discussion

3. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress made in enhancing the conservation and management of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
4. Further reiterates its request to the State Party to strengthen the legal protection and management mechanism to safeguard this extensive property, especially against looting of excavated archaeological areas.

Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (Uzbekistan)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.68 The World Heritage Committee³¹,

1. Notes the information provided by the State Party further to the request of the of the World Heritage Committee at its 27th session in 2003 (Decision **27 COM 7B.56**);
2. Recalls that at the time of inscription on the World Heritage List, the State Party had assured the World Heritage Committee on its intention to elaborate a comprehensive conservation and management plan to strengthen the conservation process at this property;
3. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress made in the elaboration of the above-mentioned management plan for the Committee's examination at its 29th session in 2005.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

City-Museum Reserve of Mtskheta (Georgia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.69 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the outcome of the joint UNESCO-ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property,
2. Expresses its serious concerns for the lack of management mechanism for the property as well as insufficient coordination between the Georgian Church and the national authorities in safeguarding the outstanding universal value of the property;
3. Urges the State Party to change the name of the property to "Historic Churches of Mtskheta" as suggested by the World Heritage Committee at its 19th session in 1994, following the original ICOMOS evaluation at the time of the inscription that refers to the Churches of Jvari, Samtavro and Armatsikhe as

³¹ Decision adopted without discussion

the components of the property, and to prepare a detailed map indicating their core and buffer zones;

4. Encourages the State Party to implement the Master Plan developed by UNESCO and UNDP in 2003;
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre an updated report by 1 February 2005 so that the World Heritage Committee could examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Cologne Cathedral (Germany)

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28 COM 15B.70 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Regrets that the German authorities had not provided the information concerning the high-rise building projects in time, in accordance with paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002);
2. Noting the information provided on the current situation at the site, including the announcement to continue with the implementation of the construction project,
3. Regrets that the State Party has not yet designated a buffer zone for the property despite the Committee's request at the time of the inscription;
4. Urges the City of Cologne to reconsider the current building plans as to their visual impact on the World Heritage property of Cologne Cathedral and requests that any new construction should respect the visual integrity of the property ;
5. Invites the City of Cologne to collaborate with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS in the review of the building plans;
6. Recalls article 11.4 of the *World Heritage Convention* and paragraph 82 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002) with regard to ascertained danger (including serious deterioration of architectural or town-planning coherence, serious deterioration of urban space) and potential danger (including threatening effects of town planning);
7. Requests the State Party to provide a detailed report on the situation, including the status of the building plans, visual impact studies as well as the development of a buffer zone, by 1 February 2005 for review by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
8. Decides to inscribe Cologne Cathedral on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Acropolis, Athens (Greece)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.71 The World Heritage Committee

1. Thanking the State Party for the report provided, concerning the conservation of the World Heritage property, including the redefinition of the buffer zone as well as information on construction developments in the immediate vicinity of the property,
2. Congratulates the State Party on its project “Unification of the Archaeological Sites of Athens,” and on the long-term conservation plan, including the new museum design for the Acropolis, as this will enhance the protection and presentation of the World Heritage property;
3. Strongly urges the State Party to define a coherent buffer zone surrounding the Acropolis and to extend the existing buffer zone (Zone 3) to the area of the proposed high-rise building, in order to limit the construction height and ensure the visual integrity of the property;
4. Recalls its request to undertake a visual impact study prior to the commencement of any construction developments;
5. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on further developments, including the extension of the buffer zone and the visual impact study.

Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne (Ireland)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.72 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the outcome of the joint UNESCO-ICOMOS mission to the property and that the requested Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed waste incinerator has been provided to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Body, ICOMOS,
2. Urges the State Party to consider all recommendations made by the UNESCO-ICOMOS monitoring mission of February 2004, in particular concerning visual and polluting impacts as well as buffer zone definition;
3. Requests that the World Heritage Centre be kept informed of any further changes in the design of the incinerator as well as the completion of the project in order to confirm that the visual impacts are as minor as anticipated.

Rock Drawings in Valcamonica (Italy)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.73 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines*,
2. Regrets the apparent construction of a road immediately adjacent to the property, and the apparent building of a high voltage power line without informing the Committee beforehand in accordance with paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002) ;
3. Requests the State Party to clarify the boundaries of the property ;
4. Urges the State Party to develop a management plan that addresses conservation issues, development control, tourism management and future rock art research ;
5. Encourages the State Party to improve the presentation of the property, by clearly indicating its World Heritage status on-site and by providing more information on the property and its rock art ;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to undertake a mission to the site, in co-operation with the State Party, to review the state of conservation of the property ;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre an updated report by 1 February 2005 for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005. This report should include:
 - a) clarification of the status of the infrastructure development in the vicinity of the property, including road construction and high voltage power line,
 - b) an update on the construction of metal walkway, particularly on Rock No 57,
 - c) progress made towards developing a management plan, and
 - d) detailed maps indicating the boundaries of the World Heritage property.

Historic Centre of Riga (Latvia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.74 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the information provided by the Latvian authorities on the construction project within the buffer zone,
2. Acknowledges the efforts undertaken by national authorities to implement the Law on the Preservation and Protection of Riga's Historical Centre 2003;
3. Regrets that the recommendations of the Committee have not been respected

(Decision **27 COM 7B.69**);

4. Encourages the State Party to finalize and implement the preservation and development plan for the Historic Centre of Riga, in close co-operation with the City authorities, and to ensure an overall vision for the site, including the town planning strategy and a comprehensive urban management;
5. Requests the State Party to carefully review all projects foreseen in the area and its buffer zone, including conducting a visual impact study, and to provide an up-date report to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 including a confirmation that any new building will fully respect the visual integrity of the Historical Centre of Riga and the historical watercourses will be preserved as open public space without any new buildings for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Curonian Spit (Lithuania/Russian Federation)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.75 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling the decisions taken at its 26th (**26 COM 21 (b) 57**) and 27th (**27 COM 7B.70**) sessions concerning the Curonian Spit as well as Article 6.3 of the *World Heritage Convention*,
2. Notes the efforts of the two States Parties to cooperate at the site management level;
3. Expresses its serious concern that the Russian Federation may have already commenced oil exploitation of the D-6 oil field in the vicinity of the World Heritage property before a joint Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) could be undertaken between both States Parties;
4. Takes note of the request by the Lithuanian Government dated 22 June 2004 to inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger, in accordance with paragraph 82 (ii) of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002);
5. Further notes that an inter-governmental meeting took place on 16 April 2004 in Vilnius, Lithuania;
6. Decides to inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger on 1 February 2005 if no written agreement by the two States Parties to carry out an EIA in a transboundary context is submitted to the World Heritage Centre. This EIA should involve independent expertise, and should lead to the preparation of a joint work plan for monitoring, prevention/mitigation measures such as risk assessment, compensation measures and emergency plans, in order to ensure the conservation of the World Heritage property;
7. Further requests both States Parties to provide to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 a report on the state of conservation of the property, including

information on the co-operation between the States Parties on a jointly agreed EIA process and joint work plan for monitoring, prevention/mitigation measures such as risk assessment, compensation measures and emergency plans, in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

The Megalithic Temples of Malta (Malta)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.76 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Congratulates the Maltese Government for the exemplary way by which it consulted with all parties concerned with the proposal to build a landfill for domestic waste near the Megalithic Temples of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra and acknowledges with appreciation the quality of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);
2. Welcomes the decision by the Maltese Government to build the proposed landfill at an alternative site;
3. Regrets that few improvements have taken place to increase the protection and interpretation of the site, which is still affected by illegal constructions and vandalism;
4. Notes the information on the "archeological park" project including the construction of shelters over two of the temples and urges the State Party to submit the details of the project to the World Heritage Centre at the latest by 1 February 2005, in accordance with paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002);
5. Further urges the State Party not to commence any construction before consideration by the Committee;
6. Recommends that a management plan be developed for all the seven temples that form the property, and not only for the two being affected by the plans of the Heritage Park;
7. Requests the State Party to provide an updated report to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 on the project for a Heritage Park and the development of a management plan, in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Cultural Landscape of Sintra (Portugal)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.77 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the first phase of the management plan as well as a study on the state of conservation of the site as well as information on the revised legislation submitted by the State Party,
2. Recalls the recommendations of the joint ICOMOS/IUCN mission and its request (25 EXT BUR III.306) that a management plan be provided by 31 December 2001;
3. Further recalls the information given by the State Party at the Committee's 24th session, indicating that the "Monte da Lua" Agency had been created to strengthen the integrated management of the site;
4. Notes that a more efficient coordination has been put in place between the different authorities involved in the conservation and management of the property;
5. Encourages the States Party to progress with the implementation of the management plan and conservation programmes;
6. Also notes the invitation by the State Party to receive a joint UNESCO-ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission in 2005/2006;
7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report by 1 February 2005 in which the above mentioned measures are being clarified as well as a copy of the comprehensive management plan (1st and 2nd Phase), in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor (Serbia and Montenegro)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.78 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Commends the State Party and the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Kotor for the excellent organisation of the Round Table on the development of a management plan;
2. Takes note with appreciation of the progress report submitted by the State Party;
3. Encourages the State Party to follow the phases indicated in the progress report for the development of an integrated management plan that takes into account the built heritage, the cultural landscape and the intangible heritage values of the property;

4. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report on the development of an integrated management plan and time table for its preparation, adoption and implementation by 1 February 2005 in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Route of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.79 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Acknowledges with appreciation the extensive information received from the State Party;
2. Recalls that in the nomination file, the World Heritage boundaries of the property are identified as the lands occupied by the Route itself and a stretch of 30 metres at each side, which is enlarged in towns and villages;
3. Further recalls that the nomination file included an inventory of protected monuments, areas of special natural value and villages, which will be flooded if the barrage is enlarged;
4. Takes note that the original enlargement of the barrage would have affected the authenticity of the World Heritage property, as it would physically destroy part of it as it was identified at the time of its inscription;
5. Also notes that provisions had been taken to preserve, by re-location, specific monuments listed in the inventory;
6. Further recalls Article 11 of the *World Heritage Convention* and paragraphs 81-82 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002);
7. Congratulates the State Party for having reconsidered the enlargement of the barrage, reducing the flooded part of the route from 7,1 km to 3,4 km for the Southern part and from 2,3 km to 800m for the Northern part, as a result saving the main heritage elements associated with the route;
8. Requests a report on the situation, including a request for a change of boundaries, to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Areas of Istanbul (Turkey)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.80 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting with appreciation the conservation efforts made by the national authorities and the Istanbul municipality as presented in the report submitted by the State Party, notably in establishing a World Heritage Unit within the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and an office in Istanbul for project coordination and monitoring, and the allocation of additional funds for the protection and conservation of the Historic Areas of Istanbul; and the completion of the draft 1/5000 scale Urban Conservation and Development Plan by the Istanbul Municipality currently being studied by the Board for Protection of Cultural Property,
2. Further noting, the recommendations of the UNESCO expert team regarding the importance of carrying out the preventive archaeology operation and planning for new urban projects in areas to be affected by the Marmaray Rail and Bosphorus Tunnel project,
3. Expressing appreciation for the launch of the public awareness raising campaign by the Turkish Timber Association and other NGOs for the protection and enhancement of the timber civil architecture of Istanbul that forms part of the World Heritage value of the property, and for the progress being made in the EU-funded urban rehabilitation project in Balat and Fener of Fatih District,
4. Bearing in mind the delays in the adoption of the Urban Conservation and Development Plan and the absence since 1996 of urban regulations,
5. Requests the following actions from the State Party:
 - a) urgent completion and enforcement of the Urban Conservation and Development Plan,
 - b) strengthening of the Istanbul Board of Protection of Cultural Property and the special project design and monitoring unit to ensure compliance with the conservation plan,
 - c) develop a more proactive urban management plan to maximize the opportunities presented by major urban infrastructure projects such as the Marmaray – Bosphorus Rail Tunnel to carry out archaeological surveys and develop the urban archaeological itineraries and new urban projects,
 - d) greater national and local authority participation in the on-going EU-funded urban conservation and renewal project, especially by honouring the pledge made by the government social housing development agency (TOKI), to co-finance part of the project, hence paving the way for government subsidies to protected privately-owned listed buildings,
 - e) greater care in the conservation techniques applied in the consolidation of the Theodosian Walls in order not to undermine any further the authenticity;

6. Decides to defer consideration of the eventual inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger until 2006, hence allowing time for the new dispositions taken by the national and municipal authorities to become effective.
7. Further requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Centre of Salzburg (Austria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.81 The World Heritage Committee³²,

1. Regretting that the Austrian authorities did not submit the progress report requested (Decision **27 COM 7B.58**),
2. Requests the City of Salzburg and the Austrian authorities to collaborate with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS in the review and development of the project at the train station;
3. Urges the State Party to provide an up-date report by 1 February 2005 to the World Heritage Centre in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

City of Graz - Historic Centre (Austria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.82 The World Heritage Committee³³,

1. Recalling paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002)
2. Deplores the destruction of the 'Kommod-Haus' as a loss for the historic fabric of the property and its harmonious integration of architectural styles from successive periods;
3. Regrets that the Austrian authorities did not provide information on any of the issues raised in the letter by the World Heritage Centre, dated 14 October 2003;
4. Requests the State Party to work closely with the World Heritage Centre and

³² Decision adopted without discussion

³³ Decision adopted without discussion

ICOMOS on the review of the state of conservation of the World Heritage property with special focus on the current construction plans and the protection of listed buildings;

5. Also requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies undertake a mission to the property and to report to the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit a report on the state of conservation by 1 February 2005 to the World Heritage Centre in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Centre of Vienna (Austria)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.83 The World Heritage Committee³⁴,

1. Thanking the Austrian authorities for their commitment to the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and the considerable efforts in finding a suitable solution in close collaboration with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre,
2. Acknowledges the establishment of a management plan for the Historic Centre of Vienna and notes the progress report provided on 27 January 2004;
3. Considers the positive outcome concerning the ‘Wien-Mitte’ project to be a notable success of the *World Heritage Convention*;
4. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of the development of the ‘Wien-Mitte’ project.

Fertő/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape (Austria / Hungary)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.84 The World Heritage Committee³⁵,

1. Thanking both States Parties for the timely submission of the revised management plan,
2. Commends the Austrian and Hungarian management authorities as well as States Parties for the quality of the revised management plan and the good co-operation process;

³⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

³⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

3. Encourages the Austrian and Hungarian authorities to continue their co-operation in the implementation of the management plan for this trans-boundary cultural landscape.

Historic District of Québec (Canada)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.85 The World Heritage Committee³⁶,

1. Noting that the State Party has postponed the nomination of an extension of the World Heritage property,
2. Regrets that the requested progress report was not submitted on time (Decision **27 COM 7B.60**);
3. Requests the State Party to submit in due course a report on the World Heritage property's state of conservation and the implementation of the actions foreseen;
4. Recommends the State Party to continue working in close consultation with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre for the implementation of the actions foreseen in the framework of the Point-à-Carcy harbour project;
5. Further requests the State Party to provide a progress report on this matter by 1 February 2005 for review by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Paphos (Cyprus)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.86 The World Heritage Committee³⁷,

1. Takes note of the information provided by the State Party concerning the development project of the lighthouse;
2. Congratulates the State Party for having declined the permission for the proposed development project, considered to have an adverse effect on the outstanding universal value of the property;
3. Recalls the importance of the area of the lighthouse for its possible archaeological remains and encourages the State Party to undertake comprehensive archaeological investigations;
4. Urges the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre should there be any

³⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

³⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

construction developments, including a new proposal for the refurbishment of the lighthouse and its surroundings.

Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery (Georgia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.87 The World Heritage Committee³⁸,

1. Acknowledging the outcomes of the joint UNESCO-ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property,
2. Takes note with concern of the conservation problems affecting the property and encourages the State Party to respond to them taking into account the recommendations made by the mission;
3. Urges the State Party not to carry out any reconstruction work which may adversely affect the outstanding universal value and its authenticity and strongly urges the State Party not to commence any constructions before consideration of the project by the Committee;
4. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre an updated report by 1 February 2005 so that the World Heritage Committee may examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Hanseatic City of Lübeck (Germany)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.88 The World Heritage Committee³⁹,

1. Thanking the German authorities for the timely submission of the report requested,
2. Welcomes the German authorities' and the City of Lübeck's offer to collaborate with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS in the development of the plans for the buildings;
3. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Committee informed of any new development plans likely to affect the property's integrity.

Parks and Palaces of Potsdam and Berlin (Germany)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

³⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

³⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

28 COM 15B.89 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁰,

1. Thanking the German authorities for the information on the restoration plans for Glienicke Castle,
2. Invites the German authorities to implement the restoration works in due course;
3. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed of the restoration work undertaken at the Jagdschloss Glienicke and to provide updated information to the World Heritage Centre;
4. Notes that the “Havel Waterway Improvement Project” is suspended and requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed of any future development of the “Havel Waterway Improvement Project” by providing updated information to the World Heritage Centre as appropriate;
5. Expresses its concern about the plans to expand the roads in and in close proximity to the World Heritage property and further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an up-date report, by 1 February 2005 on the road project and its potential impacts on the World Heritage property.

Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz (Germany)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.90 The World Heritage Committee⁴¹,

1. Regretting that the German authorities did not provide the updated information requested (Decision **27 COM 7B.66**),
2. Requests the State Party to provide information on the current conditions and the rehabilitation works on the World Heritage site to the World Heritage Centre in due course;
3. Further requests the State Party to provide information to the World Heritage Centre in case the authorities of Saxony-Anhalt take any steps towards the implementation of the Elbe construction projects.

City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto (Italy)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

⁴⁰ Decision adopted without discussion

⁴¹ Decision adopted without discussion

28 COM 15B.91 The World Heritage Committee⁴²,

1. Recalling paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002),
2. Requests the States Party to provide full information to the World Heritage Centre about any construction plans of the highway of Valdastico Sud, which may impact on the integrity and the outstanding universal value of the property;
3. Notes the information provided by the State Party, in particular that the final studies on the highway of Valdastico Sud have not been carried out;
4. Strongly urges the State Party to submit details of any building projects which may impact on the property for consideration by the Committee before commencing any construction;
5. Requests the State Party to prepare a management and conservation plan including measures foreseen to minimize the impact of any development on the integrity of the property;
6. Further requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to undertake a mission to the property, in co-operation with the State Party, to assess and evaluate the potential impact on the outstanding universal value of the property;
7. Urges the State Party to submit a detailed technical report on planned or completed projects in the vicinity of the World Heritage property to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine its state of conservation at its 29th session in 2005.

Rock Drawings of Alta (Norway)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.92 The World Heritage Committee⁴³,

1. Noting with concern the information provided on the vandalism caused to some of the rock carvings at Alta,
2. Requests the State Party to review the level of protection of the property and to take the appropriate measures to prevent further damages to the carvings;
3. Acknowledges the State Party's report of 10 June 2004 and takes note of the measures taken to protect the property from further damage and progress made to enhance legal protection of the property.

⁴² Decision adopted without discussion

⁴³ Decision adopted without discussion

Auschwitz Concentration Camp (Poland)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.93 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁴,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for the progress made with regard to efforts in order to enhance the state of conservation of the property and to raise awareness of the outstanding universal value of the property;
2. Takes note that the State Party organised an expert meeting scheduled for May 2004 in order to prepare a management plan for the property;
3. Requests that the progress report on the preparation of a management plan together with an updated report on the Strategic Programme for the Oświęcim Area be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005;
4. Further requests that the finalized management plan be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2006 for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session in 2006.

Historic Centre of Sighisoara (Romania)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.94 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁵,

1. Taking note of the progress made with regard to restoration projects and protection measures for the World Heritage property,
2. Regrets that the State Party has not been able to provide an overall management plan, including management of tourism for the property and urges the State Party that the preparation of such plan be undertaken as soon as possible;
3. Further urges the State Party to implement the activities foreseen under the International Assistance granted through the World Heritage Fund in order to enhance the state of conservation of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 a report on the state of conservation of the property in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

⁴⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

⁴⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

Kizhi Pogost (Russian Federation)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.95 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁶,

1. Thanking the authorities of the Russian Federation for their continued commitment to analyze conservation problems of the Church of the Transfiguration through the holding of workshops,
2. Notes with concern the lack of funding and hereby lack of commitment by the Russian Federation for the conservation project without which the threats to this property remain severe and unimpaired;
3. Regrets that the State Party did not provide a progress report as requested by the Committee (Decision **27 COM 7B.74**);
4. Urges the authorities of the Russian Federation to collaborate closely with the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre regarding the developments of the conservation works;
5. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the commitment of the necessary funds to carry out the work plan for 2004 and 2005 as well as on the progress made in the conservation works with information on the impact of interventions of the conservation works, in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Spissky Hrad and its Associated Cultural Monuments (Slovakia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.96 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁷,

1. Taking note of the state of conservation report provided by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.75**),
2. Congratulates the State Party for the conservation efforts undertaken at the property in particular in halting the mining of travertine in the protected area;
3. Encourages the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS informed of any future projects, particularly on mining, that may have an impact on the property.

Old Town of Avila with its Extra-Muros Churches (Spain)

⁴⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

⁴⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.97 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁸,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the recent report submitted by the State Party on the current state of conservation of the property (Decision **27 COM 7B.78**);
2. Recalls that the Plaza de Santa Teresa was included in the original nomination as a main square linking the city walls and the extra-muros church of St Pedro;
3. Further recalls that the State Party did not inform the World Heritage Centre on time on the construction plans in order to allow an early assessment on the way these plans would eventually affect the universal value of the property;
4. Notes that the project to refurbish the square and demolish the existing buildings was labeled as a “singular project” under the existing law of heritage protection. The respect of the aesthetic criteria established for the whole protected monumental area and of the requirements concerning the type of construction materials to be used is not compulsory under this law ;
5. Regrets that this kind of “singular project” affecting a World Heritage property can be adopted without informing the World Heritage Centre and without taking into account the outstanding universal value of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to elaborate an integrated management plan for the World Heritage property as a whole, which should be developed and endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders;
7. Requests that World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS undertake a mission, in co-operation with the State Party, to assess the way the refurbishment of the square and the new construction may affect the universal value of the World Heritage property and further requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 a report on the state of conservation of the property in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Old City of Salamanca (Spain)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.98 The World Heritage Committee⁴⁹,

1. Takes note with appreciation that the Spanish authorities have provided a report as requested (Decision **27 COM 7B.76**);
2. Recalls that the plot of the Huerto de las Adoratrices was included in the

⁴⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

⁴⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

original nomination file as an integral part of the core area of the World Heritage property;

3. Regrets that the Huerto de las Adoratrices has been excluded from the protection of the municipal law on heritage protection;
4. Further regrets the recent changes to the law, which do not only affect the Huerto de las Adoratrices but also other monuments and plots within the boundaries of the area protected under the *World Heritage Convention*;
5. Urges the State Party to elaborate an integrated management plan for the World Heritage property as a whole, which should be developed and endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2005, the draft revisions of the municipal legislation on heritage protection as well as the urban development plan in order to transmit them to ICOMOS for its comments and review so that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastery Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra (Ukraine)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.99 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁰,

1. Acknowledging that the Ukrainian authorities have provided the report on the research on planned or completed conservation projects in the vicinity of the World Heritage property (Decision **27 COM 7B.80**),
2. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for the progress made with regard to measures taken to respond to the damage caused by the construction of the underground swimming pool and to define the boundaries of the property;
3. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS informed of any future projects, which may have an impact on the property.

L'viv - the Ensemble of the Historic Centre (Ukraine)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.100 The World Heritage Committee⁵¹,

1. Taking note of the findings of the international reactive monitoring mission to the property,

⁵⁰ Decision adopted without discussion

⁵¹ Decision adopted without discussion

2. Congratulates the State Party for having instigated an international reactive monitoring mission in order to discuss ways of enhancing the state of conservation of the property and expresses its appreciation to the German World Heritage Foundation for providing assistance for carrying out the mission;
3. Encourages the State Party to take into account the recommendations made by the mission in January 2004 in particular to improve the management structure and planning process;
4. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 a report on the situation, particularly as regards the development of the construction projects and other issues discussed by the mission in order that the World Heritage Committee could examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Old and New Towns of Edinburgh (United Kingdom)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.101 The World Heritage Committee⁵²,

1. Noting the report received from the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.81**),
2. Requests the State Party to provide a conservation plan and to ensure a coherent redevelopment of the World Heritage property;
3. Further requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed about the progress made in the reconstruction of the property as well as about the impact of the waste bins on the visual integrity of the property.

Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (United Kingdom)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.102 The World Heritage Committee⁵³,

1. Noting that the State Party did not provide a progress report by the deadline of 1 February 2004 as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 27th session in 2003 (Decision **27 COM 7B.82**), but it was only provided on 7 May and its revised version on 28 May 2004,
2. Notes the progress with the A303 Stonehenge Improvement Road and the proposals for a new visitor centre;

⁵² Decision adopted without discussion

⁵³ Decision adopted without discussion

3. Welcomes the opportunity given to the public to make their views known in the decision making process concerning the A303 road construction through a Public Inquiry;
4. Requests that the Inspector's Report of the A303 Stonehenge Improvement Inquiry and details of the Visitor Centre planning application be provided to the World Heritage Centre;
5. Further requests the State Party to provide an update report by 1 February 2005 to the World Heritage Centre in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

Tower of London (United Kingdom)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.103 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁴,

1. Regretting that the requested report on the building projects was not provided on time by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.83**),
2. Recommends that the State Party avoid any construction in the immediate vicinity of the site that could harm the setting and integrity of the property;
3. Requests the State Party to provide an up-date report on this matter including an in-depth study of the possible impacts, to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2005 in order that the World Heritage Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 29th session in 2005.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Archaeological Site of Chavín (Peru)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.104 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the report transmitted by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.97**),
2. Regretting that the construction of a new road through the World Heritage property caused damages, which should have been assessed through archaeological surveys prior to the construction activities,
3. Recalls paragraph 56 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2002) and strongly urges the State Party to avoid similar interventions within the World Heritage property of Chavín in the future;

⁵⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

4. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a detailed report containing an assessment of the damage to the property, for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento (Uruguay)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.105 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the information transmitted by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.101**),
2. Having heard as well the comments of ICOMOS on additional reports and architectural designs for the hotel-casino project, which were discussed with the relevant authorities in Uruguay,
3. Commends the State Party for following up on the ICOMOS and Committee recommendations with regard to the need for the preparation of a management plan for the area and the revision of the hotel-casino project;
4. Requests the State Party to consider the results of the ICOMOS mission and to elaborate the project for the hotel-casino project accordingly;
5. Urges the State Party to make operational the Commission for the Management Plan of Colonia del Sacramento;
6. Further requests the State Part to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress of the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations for consideration by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Coro and its Port (Venezuela)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.106 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking note of the progress report transmitted by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.102**),
2. Expressing its serious concerns about the state of conservation of the property and lack of adequate management, planning and conservation mechanisms,
3. Urges the State Party, once again, to consider and implement the recommendations of the 2002 World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission and to submit a request for International Assistance under the World Heritage Fund to this end;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre to develop, in close consultation with ICOMOS and the Venezuelan authorities, a programme of action, including assistance in changing the current political scope into a more technical one, in

creating awareness of the cultural-historic importance of the property, in establishing a community-based participatory conservation process, and in seeking additional funding for conservation activities, and to undertake, in co-operation with the State Party, a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to the site to assess whether the property meets the criteria for inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger;

5. Requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress made in the implementation of recommendations, which together with the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring report will be considered by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Jesuit Missions of the Guaranies: San Ignacio Mini, Santa Ana, Nuestra Senora de Loreto and Santa Maria Mayor (Argentina), Ruins of Sao Miguel das Missoes (Brazil)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.107 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁵,

1. Takes note of the report on the implementation and results of the sub-regional capacity building programme for the conservation, management and sustainable development of the Jesuit Missions of the Guaranies (2003- 2005) (Decision **27 COM 7B.84**).

Brasilia (Brazil)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.108 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁶,

1. Taking note of the reports transmitted by the State Party containing information on the design and elaboration of the Master Plan for the protected area of Brasilia (Decision **27 COM 7B.85**),
2. Encourages a continued and strengthened co-operation between *Instituto do Patrimônio Histórico e Artístico Nacional* (IPHAN) and *Federal District Government* (GDF);
3. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on the further elaboration of Brasilia's Master Plan.

⁵⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

⁵⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

Historic Centre of the Town of Goiás (Brazil)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.109 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁷,

1. Taking note of the reports transmitted by the State Party and ICOMOS (Decision **27 COM 7B.86**),
2. Commending the Brazilian authorities for their concerted effort in restoring and revitalizing the Historic Centre of the Town of Goiás and for inviting the ICOMOS monitoring mission,
3. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on the outcome of the judicial process regarding the construction of the avenue as part of the integrated preservation scheme.

Historic Town of Ouro Preto (Brazil)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.110 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁸,

1. Taking note of the report transmitted by the State Party containing information on the delimitation and description of Core and Buffer Zones to be included in a revised version of the 1996 Master Plan for Ouro Preto (Decision **27 COM 7B.87**),
2. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on the finalization, approval and implementation of the revised Master Plan.

Churches of Chiloé (Chile)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.111 The World Heritage Committee⁵⁹,

1. Taking note of the progress reports transmitted by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.88**),
2. Commends the authorities for their comprehensive programme of restoration and training activities, on-going as well as foreseen, and for having generated significant additional funding to the Emergency Assistance, which was provided under the World Heritage Fund;
3. Thanks the World Monuments Fund and the Fundación Amigos de las Iglesias

⁵⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

⁵⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

⁵⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

de Chiloé for their contribution to the implementation of the restoration activities.

Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena (Colombia)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.112 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁰,

1. Taking note of the reports provided by the State Party and ICOMOS on the state of conservation of the property (Decision **27 COM 7B.89**),
2. Congratulates the authorities for thoroughly implementing the recommendations of the UNESCO-ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission of 2003.

Colonial City of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.113 The World Heritage Committee⁶¹,

1. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the requested report on the progress made in the adoption of the new law on monumental heritage (Decision **27 COM 7B.90**);
2. Reiterates its request to the State Party to provide the above-mentioned report by 1 February 2005 for consideration of the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Antigua Guatemala (Guatemala)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.114 The World Heritage Committee⁶²,

1. Taking note of the reports provided by the State Party and ICOMOS concerning the process of revision and updating of legislation for the protection of Antigua Guatemala and the reconstruction and revitalization projects of the Cathedral and the Third Cloister of the Compañía de Jesús, which have not negatively affected the values of the property (Decision **27 COM 7B.92**),
2. Thanking the Spanish Agency for International Co-operation (AECI) for their valuable contribution to revitalizing Antigua Guatemala, while respecting its

⁶⁰ Decision adopted without discussion

⁶¹ Decision adopted without discussion

⁶² Decision adopted without discussion

cultural heritage,

3. Invites the State Party to further cooperate with the Spanish Agency for International Co-operation (AECI) as well as with ICOMOS to finalize and implement a Master Plan for Antigua, including clear delimitation of the property's buffer zone, detailed management plan, risk preparedness programmes, traffic regulation studies and tourism revenue policy for conservation;
4. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on further developments with regard to the Master Plan for Antigua Guatemala.

Maya Site of Copán (Honduras)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.115 The World Heritage Committee⁶³,

1. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the requested report on the state of conservation of the property with particular reference to its decision concerning the development of a commercial airport to operate at the archaeological site of Copán (Decision **27 COM 7B.93**);
2. Reiterates its request to the State Party to provide the above-mentioned report by 1 February 2005 for consideration of the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Centre of Puebla (Mexico)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.116 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁴,

1. Taking note of the information transmitted by the State Party and the ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring report concerning the construction of underground parking facilities in the World Heritage core and buffer zones of Puebla (Decision **27 COM 7B.94**),
2. Commending the State Party for having taken the proper measures to stop the construction activities,

⁶³ Decision adopted without discussion

⁶⁴ Decision adopted without discussion

3. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on the implementation of the ICOMOS recommendations as well as on the finalization of the Integral Plan for the Rehabilitation of the Historic Centre of Puebla.

Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco (Mexico)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.117 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁵,

1. Taking note of the UNESCO Mexico Office report concerning the Project for the Participatory Identification of an Integral Rehabilitation Plan for the Cultural Heritage of Xochimilco,
2. Congratulates all parties involved in the preparation of the Project and invites the State Party to consult ICOMOS and IUCN in the process of the elaboration and implementation of the Rehabilitation Plan and the eventual Master Plan;
3. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on the further elaboration of the Project for the Participatory Identification of an Integral Rehabilitation Plan for the Cultural Heritage of Xochimilco.

Fortifications on the Caribbean side of Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo (Panama)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.118 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁶,

1. Taking note of the information on the meeting on Fortifications in the Americas, which took place in March 2004 in Campeche (Mexico), which discussed the poor state of conservation of the property of Portobelo-San Lorenzo,
2. Thanking the World Monuments Fund and American Express, once again, for their support in the follow-up of the restoration project in San Jeronimo and Santiago Fortresses,
3. Invites the State Party to submit a request for International Assistance to further support conservation works at the property;
4. Requests the State Party to submit by 1 February 2005 a progress report on the state of conservation of the property to the World Heritage Committee for examination of at its 29th session in 2005.

⁶⁵ Decision adopted without discussion

⁶⁶ Decision adopted without discussion

City of Cuzco (Peru)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.119 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁷,

1. Taking note of the progress report transmitted by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.98**),
2. Commending the State Party for the report on the Emergency Evaluation of Buildings in the Historic Centre and recommending immediate implementation of its recommendations,
3. Requests the State Party to finalize the Master Plan and to create provisions for it to be put into action with specific regulations for a risk-preparedness programme, traffic restriction studies and regulations for construction materials prohibiting the use of reinforced concrete;
4. Invites the State Party to consider the possibility of nominating the archaeological site of Sacsahuaman as an extension of the Cuzco property that is already inscribed;
5. Further requests the State Party to submit by 1 February 2005 a report on the progress made in the above recommendations for consideration of the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

Historic Centre of Lima (Peru)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.120 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁸,

1. Taking note of the reports transmitted by the State Party (Decision **27 COM 7B.99**),
2. Requests the State Party to formalize the current procedures to set up a Management Coordination Unit to implement the Strategic Plan with full responsibility for implementing the projects, composed of all the relevant institutions for the protection and development of the Historical Centre of Lima;
3. Draws the attention of the State Party to the possibility of organizing an international expert meeting to improve civil participation and private investment in the management project;
4. Further requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed of the further implementation of the Strategic Plan and Management Plan for the Historical

⁶⁷ Decision adopted without discussion

⁶⁸ Decision adopted without discussion

Centre of Lima.

Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa (Peru)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/15B

28 COM 15B.121 The World Heritage Committee⁶⁹,

1. Taking note of the progress report submitted by the State Party with information on the implementation of the Master Plan (Decision **27 COM 7B.100**),
2. Commending the State Party for the outline programme for Emergencies and Reduction of Disasters, which is under preparation, and thanking the Spanish Agency for International Co-operation for the support provided,
3. Requests information on the demolition of the immovable heritage in the Historical Centre of Arequipa by the Resolution 073-2003-INC-DA, adopted by the *Regional Directorate of Arequipa* ;
4. Further requests the State Party to submit, by 1 February 2005, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Emergency and Risk Preparedness Plan, for consideration of the Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

15C UPDATE ON THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

*Documents: WHC-04/28.COM/14B Rev
WHC-04/28.COM/15A Rev
WHC-04/28.COM/15B
WHC-04/28.COM/15B Add
WHC-04/28.COM/15C*

28 COM 15C.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following examination of state of conservation reports of properties on the World Heritage List (*WHC-04/28.COM/15B* and *WHC-04/28.COM/15B Add*) and of proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (*WHC-04/28.COM/14B Rev*),
2. Decides to inscribe the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Bam and its Cultural Landscape, Islamic Republic of Iran (Decision **28 COM 14B.56**)
 - Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (United Republic of Tanzania) (Decision **28 COM 15B.41**)
 - Cologne Cathedral, Germany

⁶⁹ Decision adopted without discussion

(Decision **28 COM 15B.70**)

28 COM 15C.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following examination of state of conservation reports of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger (*WHC-04/28.COM/15A Rev*),
2. Decides to maintain the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam, Afghanistan
(Decision **28 COM 15A.21**)
 - Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley, Afghanistan
(Decision **28 COM 15A.22**)

 - Butrint, Albania
(Decision **28 COM 15A.28**)
 - Tipasa, Algeria
(Decision **28 COM 15A.16**)
 - Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower, Azerbaijan
(Decision **28 COM 15A.29**)
 - Royal Palaces of Abomey, Benin
(Decision **28 COM 15A.14**)
 - Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park, Central African Republic (Decision **28 COM 15A.1**)
 - Comoé National Park, Côte d'Ivoire
(Decision **28 COM 15A.2**)
 - Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve, Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea
(Decision **28 COM 15A.5**)
 - Okapi Wildlife Reserve, Democratic Rep. of the Congo
(Decision **28 COM 15A.3**)
 - Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Democratic Rep. of the Congo
(Decision **28 COM 15A.3**)
 - Virunga National Park, Democratic Rep. of the Congo
(Decision **28 COM 15A.3**)
 - Garamba National Park, Democratic Rep. of the Congo
(Decision **28 COM 15A.3**)
 - Salonga National Park, Democratic Rep. of the Congo
(Decision **28 COM 15A.3**)
 - Sangay National Park, Ecuador
(Decision **28 COM 15A.12**)
 - Abu Mena, Egypt
(Decision **28 COM 15A.17**)
 - Simien National Park, Ethiopia
(Decision **28 COM 15A.4**)
 - Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve, Honduras

- (Decision **28 COM 15A.13**)
- Group of Monuments at Hampi, India
(Decision **28 COM 15A.24**)
- Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, India
(Decision **28 COM 15A.10**)
- Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat), Iraq
(Decision **28 COM 15A.18**)
- Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, Jerusalem
(Decision **28 COM 15A.31**)
- Timbuktu, Mali
(Decision **28 COM 15A. 15**)
- Kathmandu Valley, Nepal
(Decision **28 COM 15A.25**)
- Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves, Niger
(Decision **28 COM 15A.6**)
- Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore, Pakistan
(Decision **28 COM 15A.26**)
- Chan Chan Archaeological Zone, Peru
(Decision **28 COM 15A.30**)
- Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras, Philippines
(Decision **28 COM 15A.27**)
- Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary, Senegal
(Decision **28 COM 15A.7**)
- Ichkeul National Park, Tunisia
(Decision **28 COM 15A.9**)
- Everglades National Park, United States of America
(Decision **28 COM 15A.11**)
- Historic Town of Zabid, Yemen
(Decision **28 COM 15A.20**)

28 COM 15C.3 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following examination of state of conservation reports of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger (*WHC-04/28.COM/15A Rev*),
2. Decides to remove the following properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Angkor, Cambodia
(Decision **28 COM 15A.23**)
 - Bahla Fort, Oman
(Decision **28 COM 15A.19**)
 - Rwenzori Mountains National Park, Uganda
(Decision **28 COM 15A.8**)

16. PRESENTATION OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARRIBEAN AND FOLLOW-UP REGIONAL PROGRAMME

Documents : WHC-04/28.COM/16
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.16

28 COM 16 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Expressing its sincere appreciation to the States Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean, the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and the regional experts involved in the periodic reporting exercise for their collaboration in the successful completion of the comprehensive report on “The State of the World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004 Periodic Report”,
2. Takes note of the periodic report and endorses its Strategic Framework for Action contained in it;
3. Also endorses the Caribbean Action Plan for World Heritage 2004-2014 contained in the periodic report, and urges the World Heritage Centre to promote the development of a similar Action Plan for Latin America – in particular, by convening a meeting of representatives of such sub-region not later than December 1st, 2004;
4. Welcomes the particular attention paid to the Caribbean sub-region that in the past has had a limited participation in the activities of the *World Heritage Convention* and the cultural and natural heritage of which is still under-represented on the World Heritage List, with recent meetings on periodic reporting in Port-au-Prince (Haiti), harmonization of Tentative Lists in Kingstown (Saint Vincent & the Grenadines) and the preparation of an action plan in favour of World Heritage in Castries (Saint Lucia);
5. Invites the Governments of the Bahamas and Trinidad & Tobago to consider ratification of the *World Heritage Convention*, so as to achieve full participation of the Caribbean sub-region in World Heritage;
6. Also welcomes the various activities in Latin America during 2002 and 2003, that have a direct impact in the periodic report, including the expert meetings related to the process of preparation of the transborder nomination of “Qhapaq Ñan – Camino Principal Andino”, the regional meeting in Santiago de Querétaro (Mexico), the sub regional workshops in Puerto Iguazú and Córdoba (Argentina) on capacity building for the management of World Heritage properties, and the regional seminar in Córdoba (Argentina) on the application of satellite technologies to World Heritage conservation;
7. Notes that the conclusions of the Querétaro meeting refer to the List of the Americas, and requests the World Heritage Centre to report on such List at its 29th session (2005) – in particular, as regards its relationship with the World Heritage List;

8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to publish, as early as possible, the periodic report in a user-friendly version in English, French and Spanish, for wide distribution in the region among all stakeholders;
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties of the region, to further develop the Caribbean and the Latin American Action Plans into operational work plans and identify partners for their implementation;
10. Recommends to the Director-General that he reviews operations and staffing in the UNESCO Offices in the region, particularly in the Caribbean sub-region, to ensure that improved services are provided in a coordinated manner with the World Heritage Centre to assist the States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean in the enhanced implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and their respective Action Plans;
11. Strongly encourages the States Parties and all other World Heritage partners and stakeholders in the region to co-operate actively and to take the necessary actions to follow-up in a concerted and concrete manner in the implementation of the Action Plans for World Heritage in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean;
12. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the follow-up of the regional periodic report – and, in particular, on the implementation of the Caribbean and Latin American Action Plans – at its 7th extraordinary session (Paris, December 2004).

17. PROGRESS REPORTS ON PERIODIC REPORTING

17A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/17A

28 COM 17A The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

17B.I FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORTING IN THE ARAB STATES

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/17B.I

28 COM 17B.I The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

17B.II PROTECTION OF PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AND NATURAL

HERITAGE

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/17B.II

28 COM 17 B.II The World Heritage Committee,

1. Takes note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the progress made in the implementation of its decisions **26 COM 6.1** and **26 COM 6.2** and further takes note of the oral report of the representative of the Director-General ;
2. Commends the Palestinian authorities and the Secretariat for the activities accomplished despite the difficult circumstances;
3. Requests the World Heritage Centre to continue assisting the concerned Palestinian institutions in developing capacity in the protection of the cultural and natural heritage and assessing its state of conservation particularly in taking steps to protect historical and archaeological sites from any damage due to "recent measures" affecting them;
4. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to allocate the US\$100,000 approved by the Committee at its 27th session in 2003 (Decision **27 COM 7A.29**);
5. Requests the Director-General to make, in consultation and co-operation with the concerned parties, appropriate arrangements concerning this matter;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a report on the progress made for consideration of the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session in 2005.

17C FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORTING IN AFRICA

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/17C

28 COM 17C The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

17D FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORTING IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/17D

28 COM 17D The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

18. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR WORLD HERITAGE PROGRAMMES

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/18

28 COM 18 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

19. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

Documents : WHC-04/28.COM/19
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.19A
WHC-04/28.COM/INF.19B

28 COM 19.1 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item, with the exception of the proposal by China, until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

28 COM 19.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling the responsibility of the States Parties under Article 5 (e) of the *World Heritage Convention* to “foster the establishment or development of national/regional centres for training in the protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage and to encourage scientific research in this field”,
2. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of China to establish a World Heritage Research and Training Institute in China and invites the State Party to report on the progress of this initiative at the 7th extraordinary session of the Committee in 2004.

20. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PARTNERSHIPS FOR WORLD HERITAGE CONSERVATION (PACT) INITIATIVE

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/20

28 COM 20 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting with satisfaction the partnership day that took place on the occasion of its 28 session,

2. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

21. PUBLICATION PLANS (INCLUDING BUDGETED PROPOSALS) FOR A COMPILATION OF WORLD HERITAGE BASIC TEXTS, GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES THAT WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE *OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES* AND A HANDBOOK ON THE *WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION*

28 COM 21 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

22. REPORT ON THE USE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE EMBLEM
(Decision **27 COM 20C.3**)

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/22

28 COM 22 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

23. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND RAPPORTEUR

Document : WHC-04/28.COM/23

28 COM 23 The World Heritage Committee

1. Recalling Decision **27 COM 3** which, on an exceptional basis, elected a Bureau whose mandate began at the end of the 27th session of the Committee until the end of the 28th session of the Committee,
2. Decides to elect, in accordance with Rule 13.1 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the Committee, a Bureau with the following composition:
 - a) Mr Themba P Wakashe (South Africa) as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of the 28th session of the Committee until the end of the 29th session of the Committee in 2005 in South Africa,
 - b) Mr Ariel Gonzalez (Argentina) as the Rapporteur of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of 28th session until the

end of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005 in South Africa,

- c) Colombia
- Lebanon
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Portugal

as Vice-Chairpersons from the end of 28th session until the end of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005 in South Africa,

3. Further decides that the Bureau of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee (June-July 2006) will be elected at the end of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee (South Africa, June-July 2005) in accordance with Rule 13.1 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the World Heritage Committee.

24 PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE, SOUTH AFRICA (JUNE - JULY 2005)

Document: WHC-04/28.COM/24

28 COM 24 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to adopt the following provisional agenda for its 29th session :

29th session of the World Heritage Committee Durban, South Africa (2005)	
Opening Session	
1.	Opening Session
1.1	Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee
1.2	Introduction by the Director-General of UNESCO or his representative
1.3	Welcome by the Host Country
2.	Requests for Observer status
3.	Adoption of the Agenda
Reports	
4.	Report of the Rapporteur of the 7th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris, 6-11 December 2004)
5.	Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and on the implementation of the Decisions of the World Heritage Committee

Administrative and Financial Matters

6. International Assistance:
 - 6A Examination of International Assistance requests
 - 6B Follow-up to the evaluation of the Emergency Assistance and evaluation of the other components of the International Assistance
7. Progress report on the execution of the Budget 2004-2005 and follow-up to the recommendations concerning the administrative and financial issues of the Audit of the World Heritage Centre undertaken in 1997
8. Presentation of the World Heritage Fund and Budget 2006 - 2007

Examination of the State of Conservation

9. Examination of the State of Conservation of World Heritage properties
 - 9A State of conservation of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
 - 9B State of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List
10. Establishment of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger
 - 10A Tentative Lists of States Parties submitted as of 15 May 2005 in conformity with the *Operational Guidelines*
 - 10B Nominations of properties to the World Heritage List

Progress Reports of Periodic Reporting

11. Presentation of the Periodic Report for North America and Part I of Europe (2005) and Follow-Up to Regional Programmes
 - 11A Presentation of the Periodic Report for North America and Part I of Europe (2005)

Progress Report on Periodic Reporting

- 11B Progress Report on the preparation of the Periodic Report for Europe Part II (2006)
- 11C Progress Report on the protection of the Palestinian Natural and Cultural Heritage

Closing Session

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| 12. | Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs |
| 13. | Provisional Agenda of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee (June - July 2006) |
| 14. | Other business |
| 15. | Adoption of Decisions |
| 16. | Closure of the session |

25 OTHER BUSINESS

New voting mechanism for the election of the Members of the World Heritage Committee

Document: WHC-04/28.COM/25

28 COM 25.1 The World Heritage Committee

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the discussion of this Item until its 7th extraordinary session to be held in Paris, (December 2004).

Provisional Agenda of the 7th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee (UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 6 - 11 December 2004)

28 COM 25.2 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to hold its 7th Extraordinary session in December 2004 and to adopt the following provisional agenda for the session :

<p>7th Extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee December 2004</p>

Opening Session

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee • Introduction by the Director-General of UNESCO or his representative 2. Requests for Observer status 3. Adoption of the Agenda and provisional Timetable |
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Reports

- 4A. Progress Report and discussion on the Revised Operational Guidelines
- 4B. Working methods of the World Heritage Committee
- 5. Progress Reports of Periodic Reporting
 - 5A Progress report on the preparation of the Periodic Report for Europe and North America
 - 5B Follow-up to the Periodic Report in the Arab States
 - 5C Follow-up to the Periodic Report in Africa
 - 5D Follow-up to the Periodic Report in Asia and Pacific
 - 5E Follow up to the Periodic Report in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Action Plan for Latin America
 - 5F Progress report on the proposal for the inscription of Qhapaq Ñan - Main Andean Road on the World Heritage List (Decision 28 COM 13.2 paragraph 11)

Administrative and Financial Matters

- 6. Examination of International Assistance requests
- 7. Adjustments to the Budget 2004-2005
- 8. Proposals concerning the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget 2006 - 2007 (Draft 33C/5) and the 34C/4

Implementation of the World Heritage Strategic Objectives: Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building and Communication

- 9. Co-operation and coordination between UNESCO Conventions concerning heritage
- 10. Performance indicators for the World Heritage Programmes
- 11. Progress report on the Global Training Strategy
- 12. Progress Report on the Partnerships for *World Heritage Convention* (PACT) initiative
- 13. Publication Plans (including budgeted proposals) for a compilation of World Heritage Basic Texts, Guidance documents for the protection of World Heritage properties that would supplement the *Operational Guidelines* and a Handbook on the *World Heritage Convention*
- 14. Report on the use of the World Heritage Emblem
- 15. New voting mechanism for the election of the members of the World Heritage Committee

Closing Session

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| <p>16. Review of the Provisional Agenda of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee (Durban, South Africa, 2005)</p> <p>17. Adoption of Decisions</p> <p>18. Closure of the session</p> |
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26. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

Documents : WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/26
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27. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

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Twenty-eighth session / Vingt-huitième session

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**RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE 28TH
SESSION OF THE BUREAU OF THE WORLD
HERITAGE COMMITTEE
(SUZHOU, 2004)**

RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS

1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE BUREAU

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28 BUR 1 The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Adopts the agenda as proposed in document *WHC-04/28.BUR/01*.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

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28 BUR 2 The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Recommends examining Item 14 (Establishment of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger) before Item 13 (Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible, and World Heritage List);
2. Recommends that Item 21 (Publication plans -including budgeted proposals- for a compilation of World Heritage Basic Texts, Guidance documents for the protection of World Heritage properties that would supplement the *Operational Guidelines* and a Handbook on the *World Heritage Convention*) not be postponed as proposed by the World Heritage Committee, but be discussed during the current session of the Committee;
3. Recommends that the Cairns Decision be discussed within the framework of the Item 13 as previously foreseen;
4. Recommends for adoption by the Committee the Provisional Agenda of the 28th session of the World Heritage Committee as amended above.

3. REQUEST OF FILMING AUTHORIZATION BY TV COMPANIES

28 BUR 3 The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Recommends to the World Heritage Committee not to admit the media during the working sessions of the Committee.

4. WORKING GROUP ON THE CAIRNS DECISION

(See Decision **28 BUR 2** paragraph 3)

5. NOMINATION TO BE PROCESSED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS: BAM CITADEL (ARG-E BAM) AND ITS RELATED SITES, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Document: WHC-04/28.BUR/03

28 BUR 5 The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting the catastrophic earthquake of December 2003, suffered by the city

of Bam in the Islamic Republic of Iran,

2. Recommends to the World Heritage Committee that, under exceptional circumstances, the nomination of **Bam Citadel (Arg-e Bam) and its related sites, Islamic Republic of Iran** be examined.

6. ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON, THE VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND THE RAPPOREUR OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

28 BUR 6 The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Recommends to the World Heritage Committee to consider, on the basis of regional consultations, candidates for the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur for the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee.

7. TRANSLATION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD

28 BUR 7 The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Recommends to the World Heritage Committee to maintain the current practice of producing the Summary Records of its sessions, in two separate linguistic versions (English and French).

8. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Document: WHC-04/28.BUR/02

China: International Symposium for the identification and harmonization of potential karst natural heritage properties in China

28 BUR 8.1 The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Decides to approve this preparatory assistance request for natural heritage for US\$ 20,100 under the 2004 budget.

Tajikistan: Preparation of the nomination dossier of the Tajik National Park (TNP) and preparation of the Tentative lists of natural and mixed heritage of Central Asian States Parties through regional consultation

28 BUR 8.2 The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Decides to approve this preparatory assistance request for natural heritage for US\$ 20,760 under the 2004 budget.

28 BUR 8.3 The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Noting that no funds are available in 2004 for consideration of technical cooperation requests for cultural properties;

2. Recommends that the Committee do not approve technical cooperation requests in advance on the 2005 budget;
3. Decides to approve, in principle, the request presented by **Iraq**: "Equipment for training on photogrammetry techniques for Iraqi experts", for an amount of US\$ 30,000, on the understanding that an earmarked donation shall be made from a State Party to the World Heritage Fund in 2004 to support its implementation and expressing its concern regarding the fact that it had been asked to approve a contribution to an on-going programme which it had not approved, requests that similar cases should be avoided in the future;
4. Decides that the following requests:
 - **Uganda**: "Kasubi Tombs World Heritage Property Uganda, Research Program on the thatched roofs"
 - **Morocco**: "Elaboration of a management plan for Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou"
 - **Sudan**: "Elaboration of the Management Plan for Gebel Barkal and the properties of the Napatan region"

be submitted again in 2005 for decision by the Chairperson or the Bureau, in accordance with the Operational Guidelines in force at that time, provided the relevant States Parties have paid their dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2004.

5. Recommends to the Committee that the following request:

- **Bangladesh**: "Study of the drainage problems and monitoring of the internal moisture conditions of the monuments of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur"

be submitted again in 2005 for decision by the Committee, provided the relevant State Party has paid its dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2004.

28 BUR 8.4 The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Considering that only US\$ 54,229 are available for training activities on cultural heritage under the 2004 budget, while US\$ 84,880 are available for training activities on natural heritage,
2. Taking into account that training assistance requests amounting to US\$ 175,165 have been submitted for approval, of which US\$126,520 for cultural heritage and US\$ 48,645 for mixed heritage,
3. Considering further that approving any request pertaining to the Bureau (i.e. under US\$ 30,000) would automatically imply that funding for other requests for higher amounts pertaining to the Committee would be exhausted,
4. Keeping in mind paragraphs 113 and 114 of the *Operational Guidelines* setting the order of priorities and factors governing in principle the decisions of the Committee in granting assistance under the *Convention*,

5. Having examined the merit of all training assistance requests, both under and above US\$ 30,000,

6. Recommends to the Committee to adopt the following decision:

"The World Heritage Committee,

1. Approves the request presented by **Sudan**: Conservation of the mural painting of Gebel Barkal and the properties of the Napatan Region" for an amount of US\$ 38,900;
2. Approves the request presented by **Botswana**: "International Training Workshop for decision-makers on the World Heritage from Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands, for an amount of US\$ 48,645, of which US\$ 15,329 from the cultural heritage and US\$ 33,316 from the natural heritage budget for training assistance;
3. Recommends to the State Party of Botswana, in the implementation of the above activity and in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the concerned Advisory Bodies, to give adequate consideration to natural heritage values and to adopt a methodology, which takes into consideration the concepts emerging from the current revision of the *Operational Guidelines* and the approaches to sustaining outstanding universal value on World Heritage properties, which could lead to a much wider relevance and application".

28 BUR 8.5 The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Approves the request presented by **Argentina**: "Ninth International Seminar of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage: "Heritage and Management Centre and Periphery" " for the amount of US\$ 25,000;
2. Authorizes the Secretariat to make the necessary adjustments transferring from the budgets relative to Promotional and Educational International Assistance and World Heritage Education the amounts of US\$10,000 and US\$15,000 respectively to the pertaining item.