



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Organisation
des Nations Unies
pour l'éducation,
la science et la culture

World Heritage

41 COM

WHC/17/41.COM/11

Paris, 2 June 2017

Original: English

**UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Forty-first session

**Krakow, Poland
2 – 12 July 2017**

Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda: Revision of the *Operational Guidelines*

11. Revision of the *Operational Guidelines*

SUMMARY

This document presents the two items of the *Operational Guidelines* for which revised proposals are to be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 41st session, further to previous Committee decisions, namely Paragraph 68 (Tentative Lists) and Chapter V and Annex 7 (Periodic Reporting).

Draft Decision: 41 COM 11, see Point II.

I. REVISION TO THE *OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES* REQUESTED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

A. Paragraph 68

1. The Committee, at its 40th session, took note of the results of the Working Group on the Revision of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* established as a Consultative Body and adopted a revision to the *Operational Guidelines* in its Decision **40 COM 11** (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016).
2. However, as it was not possible to find a consensus within the *Operational Guidelines* Working Group concerning the revision of Paragraph 68 and its Annexes, the Committee decided that there was a need to further reflect on this question.
3. Therefore, in its Decision **40 COM 11**, the Committee decided “to include Paragraph 68 of the *Operational Guidelines* and its Annexes to the mandate of the ad hoc Working Group” established at the 38th session (Doha, 2014), to be convened by Poland.
4. During the months between the end of the 40th session and the preparation of this document, the ad hoc working group met several times. The Secretariat was invited to participate in the meetings and closely followed the work of the group. The outcomes of the discussions held by the ad hoc working group and its recommendations, including a proposal concerning Paragraph 68, are presented in Document WHC/17/41.COM/12A which will be available after the last meeting of the ad hoc working group in the beginning of June 2017.

B. Chapter V and Annex 7

5. The Committee, by Decision **39 COM 10B.5**, decided to launch a reflection on the Periodic Reporting process. It also requested the Secretariat to present, at its 41st session in 2017, a proposal of a revised version of Chapter V of the *Operational Guidelines* (Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*) and Annex 7 (Format for the Periodic Reporting of the application of the *World Heritage Convention*). This request was reiterated in Decision **40 COM 10A**, in conjunction with the progress report on the reflection period presented to the Committee at its 40th session.
6. The proposal of a revised version of Chapter V of the *Operational Guidelines* (Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*) and Annex 7 (Format for the Periodic Reporting of the application of the *World Heritage Convention*) is included in Annex 4 to working document WHC/17/41.COM/10A which presents the outcomes of the Periodic Reporting Reflection.

II. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 41 COM 11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Documents WHC/17/41.COM/11, WHC/17/41.COM/10A and WHC/17/41.COM/12A,*
2. *Recalling Decisions **39 COM 10B.5, 39 COM 11, 40 COM 10A and 40 COM 11** adopted at its 39th (Bonn, 2015) and 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) sessions respectively,*
3. *Taking into account the deliberations of the Consultative Body established at the beginning of the session under Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure,*
4. *Adopts the proposed revision of Paragraph 68 of the Operational Guidelines, as presented in Document WHC/17/41.COM/12A;*
5. *Also adopts the proposed revision of Chapter V and Annex 7 of the Operational Guidelines as presented in Annex 4 of Document WHC/17/41.COM/10A.*