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**Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List  
and of the List of World Heritage in Danger**

**8D: Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties**

## SUMMARY

This document presents a Draft Decision concerning the adoption of seven "boundary clarifications", i.e. clarifications of the delimitations of properties at the time of their inscription on the World Heritage List by the States Parties.

The boundary clarifications have been prepared in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory of nomination dossiers of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978-1998, as well as for properties inscribed after 1998 in the framework of the Periodic Reporting.

**Draft Decision: 43 COM 8D, see point IV.**

## **I. RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY**

1. The Retrospective Inventory, an in-depth examination of the nomination dossiers available at the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN, was initiated in 2004 and endorsed by the World Heritage Committee at its 7th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.1**.
2. The objective of the Retrospective Inventory is the identification and collection of data such as information on boundaries, serial components and areas of properties for early inscribed World Heritage properties where the available information is missing or not adequate. This data plays a key role in different statutory processes, such as reactive monitoring, modification of boundaries and Periodic Reporting of World Heritage properties.
3. Thus, through the Retrospective Inventory all documentation on properties inscribed from 1978 until 1998 available in the archives of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN was analysed and inventoried.

## **II. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY AND PERIODIC REPORTING**

4. In the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, all maps provided in the nomination dossiers and in the evaluations of the Advisory Bodies were examined to check whether they included the delimitations of the World Heritage property as inscribed. Cases where the delimitations were not included or were not clear, were communicated to the States Parties concerned in order for them to provide the missing information on the delimitation of the properties at the time of their inscription.
5. Since 2004, the Retrospective Inventory process has dealt with more than four hundred properties inscribed on the World Heritage List during the period 1978-1998.
6. In parallel, in the course of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting and in reply to Question 1.4 (Maps) of the questionnaire (Section II), some States Parties have also provided technically improved maps of inscribed properties. These maps were submitted by States Parties in cases where the cartographic information provided in the nomination dossier at the time of their inscription did not fulfil the current technical requirements as established in paragraph 132 and Section 1.e of Annex 5 of the *Operational Guidelines*.
7. Consequently, the present document presents information related to maps of properties inscribed before 1998, and which fall within the Retrospective Inventory process, as well as properties inscribed after 1998, as a result of the Periodic Reporting exercise.

## **III. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN 2019**

8. Boundary clarifications are considered satisfactory only if: a) they are consistent with the information provided in the nomination dossier, with the evaluation of the concerned Advisory Body(ies) and with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription; b) they meet the current technical requirements, i.e.:
  - are provided on topographic or cadastral maps at the largest available scale (the choice between a topographic or cadastral map depends on the size as well as the type of the property);
  - are provided on maps that:

- a) show a clearly labelled coordinate grid (or coordinate references of at least four points on the map);
  - b) include a bar scale;
  - c) display a legend in English or French clearly referring to the “boundaries of the World Heritage property” and/or to the “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”, if applicable.
9. At its 42nd session (Manama, 2018), the World Heritage Committee requested States Parties concerned to submit all requested boundary clarifications by **1 December 2018** (Decision **42 COM 8D**). Out of the received boundary clarifications, 7 were considered satisfactory. They are presented to the World Heritage Committee in the Annex of this document. They are presented in alphabetical order by region and by State Party.
10. The list of the World Heritage properties concerned is included in Paragraph 11. The Annex of this document presents detailed information on boundary clarifications for each concerned property and provides the following elements:
- a table indicating the name of the property, its date of inscription, its identification number and its area in hectares as well as the area in hectares of its buffer zone, whenever applicable;
  - a technical summary providing further details and explanations;
  - for serial properties, a table listing the serial components and the areas in hectares as well as the area in hectares of their buffer zone(s), whenever applicable;
  - the maps are available at the following website <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/43COM/documents/>.
11. Boundary clarifications for the following properties are presented:
- ARAB STATES**
- Jordan, Quseir Amra
- ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**
- Kazakhstan, Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi
- EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA**
- Germany, Maulbronn Monastery Complex
  - Italy, Venice and its Lagoon
  - Russian Federation, Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent
- LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**
- Bolivia, City of Potosí
  - Ecuador, City of Quito

## IV. DRAFT DECISION

### **Draft Decision: 43 COM 8D**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/19/43.COM/8D,
2. Recalling Decision **42 COM 8D**, adopted at its 42nd session (Manama, 2018),
3. Acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by States Parties in the clarification of the boundaries of their World Heritage properties and commends them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;
4. Recalls that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitations of such properties as inscribed remain unclear;
5. Takes note of the clarifications of property boundaries and areas provided by the States Parties as presented in the Annex of Document WHC/19/43.COM/8D:

#### ARAB STATES

- Jordan, Quseir Amra

#### ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

- Kazakhstan, Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi

#### EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

- Germany, Maulbronn Monastery Complex
- Italy, Venice and its Lagoon
- Russian Federation, Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent

#### LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

- Bolivia, City of Potosí
- Ecuador, City of Quito;

6. Requests the States Parties which have not yet answered the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all clarifications and documentation as soon as possible, and by **1 December 2019** at the latest, for their subsequent examination, if the technical requirements are met, by the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020.

## ANNEX

The boundary clarification maps for the concerned properties can be found at: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/43COM/documents/>. All the maps presented are consistent with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription, and/or the evaluation of the relevant Advisory Body(ies) and/or the nomination dossier.

### ARAB STATES

#### JORDAN

Property	Quseir Amra
Identification number	327
Date of inscription	1985
Area of the inscribed property	0.044497 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

### ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

#### KAZAKHSTAN

Property	Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi
Identification number	1103
Date of inscription	2003
Area of the inscribed property	0.55 ha
Area of the buffer zone	79.36 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

### EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

#### GERMANY

Property	Maulbronn Monastery Complex
Identification number	546 Rev
Date of inscription	1993
Area of the inscribed property	69.95 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of all the inscribed components.

#### ITALY

Property	Venice and its Lagoon
Identification number	394
Date of inscription	1987
Area of the inscribed property	70176.40 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

#### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Property	Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent
Identification number	1070
Date of inscription	2003
Area of the inscribed property	37.658 ha
Area of the buffer zone	451.554 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### BOLIVIA

Property	City of Potosí
Identification number	420
Date of inscription	1987
Area of the inscribed property	2211 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

### ECUADOR

Property	City of Quito
Identification number	2
Date of inscription	1978
Area of the inscribed property	70.43 ha
Area of the buffer zone	375.25 ha

#### Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.