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

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Fourteenth Extraordinary session

Online meeting

2 November 2020

12.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee
during its 14th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2020).**

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee

No decision required.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Decision: 14 EXT.COM 2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/20/14EXT.COM/2,
2. Adopts the Agenda included in the above-mentioned Document.

3. Suspension of Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee

Decision: 14 EXT.COM 3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to suspend Rule 2.1 of its Rules of Procedure.

4. Dates of the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee

Decision: 14 EXT.COM 4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/20/14.EXT.COM/4,
2. Recalling the extreme exceptional circumstances that prevailed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide,
3. Also recalling Decision **44.COM/BUR.1.3** by which the Bureau of the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee, taking into account the prevailing sanitary situation worldwide, including travel restrictions, considered that the conditions for a session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020 were not met,
4. Decides to hold an extended 44th session in June/July 2021 in Fuzhou (China);
5. Also decides that all items and sub-items that were foreseen for examination in 2020 and 2021 by its previous decisions, be examined at its extended 44th session in 2021;
6. Requests the Advisory Bodies to propose an exceptional extension of the deadlines in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines* and without creating a precedent for the completion of pending Evaluation missions for nominations to be presented for examination by the World Heritage Committee in the year 2021, so as to allow the largest number of files, from the broadest geographical base, to be examined at its extended 44th session;
7. Further decides that nominations presented for examination of the World Heritage Committee in the year 2021 that could not be examined at its extended 44th session be examined at its 45th session, without prejudice to the nominations presented for examination of the World Heritage Committee in 2022, in accordance with the timeframe

foreseen in Paragraph 168 of the *Operational Guidelines* for the Implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*;

8. Further recalling Decision **43 COM 17** by which it adopted the Provisional Agenda of its 44th session that should have been held in 2020, adopts the following amended Provisional Agenda for its extended 44th session to be held in 2021 [*amendments in bold*]:

Provisional Agenda of the extended 44th session in 2021:

Opening session

1. Opening session
2. Admission of Observers
- 3A. Adoption of the Agenda
- 3B. Adoption of the Timetable

Reports

4. Report of the Rapporteur of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, 2019)
- 5A. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's decisions
- 5B. Reports of the Advisory Bodies
- 5C. Progress report on Priority Africa, Sustainable Development and World Heritage
- 5D. World Heritage Convention and Sustainable Development**
6. Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related category 2 centres

Examination of the state of conservation

7. State of conservation of World Heritage properties
- 7A. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
- 7B. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List
- 7C. Draft Updated Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties

Establishment of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in Danger

8. Nomination process
- 8A. Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties
- 8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List
- 8C. Update of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger
- 8D. Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties
- 8E. Review and approval of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value
- Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List
- 9A. Upstream Process

Periodic Reports

- 10A. Report on the results of the Third cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Arab States

- 10B. Report on the results of the Third cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Africa**
- 10C. Progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan(s) for the 2nd Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the other regions**
- 10D. Progress report on the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the other regions
- Working methods and tools
11. Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods and outcomes of the ad-hoc working group
12. Revision of the Operational Guidelines
- Financial and administrative matters
13. International Assistance
14. Presentation of the final accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2018-2019, Report on the execution of the budget for the biennium 2020-2021, **Budget proposal of the World Heritage Fund under the biennium 2022-2023** and follow-up to Decision 43 COM 14
15. Other business
- Closing session
16. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee
17. Provisional Agenda of the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee
18. Adoption of Decisions
19. Closing session
9. Takes note of the invitation by the Russian Federation to host the World Heritage Committee session in 2022.