CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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

8C. Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger

Summary

Following the examination of Items 7A and 7B (state of conservation reports) and 8B (nominations), the Committee is asked to confirm decisions to inscribe, maintain or remove properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

This document also contains statistical data concerning decisions taken on nominations and the State of Conservation of properties inscribed on the List.

Draft Decisions: 45 COM 8C.1, 45 COM 8C.2, 45 COM 8C.3
I. UPDATE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

1. The World Heritage Committee at its extended 45th session (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 10-25 September 2023) inscribed 42 new properties on the World Heritage List, 9 natural and 33 cultural, and approved the extension of 5 properties already inscribed on the List. Among the successful nominations, there are 5 new cultural landscapes and with these additions we have now 126 properties officially recognized as such on the World Heritage List which represents 10.5% of the List.

Breakdown by region of the new 42 properties inscribed and the 5 extensions approved at the extended 45th session:

- Africa: 7 properties
- Arab States: 3 properties
- Asia-Pacific: 13 properties
- Europe/North-America: 21 properties
- Latin America/Caribbean: 3 properties

2. The new overall figures of the World Heritage List are now 1199 properties of which 933 are cultural, 227 natural and 39 mixed.

Breakdown by region of the World Heritage List:

- Africa: 103 properties
- Arab States: 93 properties
- Asia-Pacific: 288 properties
- Europe/North-America: 566 properties
- Latin America/Caribbean: 149 properties

The trans-regional properties are counted in only one region.

3. Out of the 50 nominations examined, 14 (that is 28%) are situated on the territory of current World Heritage Committee members. Following the debates on Item 8B, no nominations were referred and 3 were deferred. At this session, in 17 cases the Committee did not follow the Advisory Body recommendation which was presented in the Draft Decision.

- 9 Referrals became Inscriptions
- 7 Deferrals became Inscriptions
- 1 Non-Inscription became Deferral

4. As a result of the decisions relating to the Status of Conservations of properties inscribed on the List and the decisions on nominations of properties to the World Heritage List, at this session, the Committee decided to inscribe 2 properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
• Ukraine, Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra
• Ukraine, L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre

5. At the same time, 1 property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
• Uganda, Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi

6. According to these decisions, there are now 56 properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

7. At this session, in 5 cases, the World Heritage Committee did not follow the recommendation presented in the Draft Decisions relating to the List of World Heritage in Danger.

- 5 properties recommended to be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger were not inscribed on it.
Draft Decision: 45 COM 8C.1

The World Heritage Committee,


2. Decides to inscribe the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   - Ukraine, Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (Decision 45 COM 7B.59)
   - Ukraine, L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre (Decision 45 COM 7B.60)

Draft Decision: 45 COM 8C.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/23/45.COM/7A, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.2, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.3, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.4),

2. Decides to retain the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   - Afghanistan, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Decision 45 COM 7A.51)
   - Afghanistan, Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Decision 45 COM 7A.52)
   - Austria, Historic Centre of Vienna (Decision 45 COM 7A.55)
   - Bolivia (Plurinational State of), City of Potosi (Decision 45 COM 7A.18)
   - Central African Republic, Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Decision 45 COM 7A.3)
   - Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea, Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Decision 45 COM 7A.4)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Garamba National Park (Decision 45 COM 7A.5)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Decision 45 COM 7A.6)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Decision 45 COM 7A.7)
   - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Virunga National Park (Decision 45 COM 7A.8)
   - Egypt, Abu Mena (Decision 45 COM 7A.26)
   - Honduras, Rio Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Decision 45 COM 7A.1)
   - Indonesia, Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (Decision 45 COM 7A.15)
   - Iraq, Ashur (Qal‘at Sherqat) (Decision 45 COM 7A.27)
• Iraq, Hatra (Decision 45 COM 7A.28)
• Iraq, Samarra Archaeological City (Decision 45 COM 7A.29)
• Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (site proposed by Jordan) (Decision 45 COM 7A.31)
• Kenya, Lake Turkana National Parks (Decision 45 COM 7A.10)
• Libya, Archaeological Site of Cyrene (Decision 45 COM 7A.33)
• Libya, Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna (Decision 45 COM 7A.34)
• Libya, Archaeological Site of Sabratha (Decision 45 COM 7A.35)
• Libya, Old Town of Ghadamès (Decision 45 COM 7A.36)
• Libya, Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus (Decision 45 COM 7A.37)
• Madagascar, Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Decision 45 COM 7A.11)
• Mali, Old Towns of Djenné (Decision 45 COM 7A.22)
• Mali, Timbuktu (Decision 45 COM 7A.23)
• Mali, Tomb of Askia (Decision 45 COM 7A.24)
• Mexico, Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California (Decision 45 COM 7A.2)
• Micronesia (Federated States of), Nan Madol: Ceremonial Centre of Eastern Micronesia (Decision 45 COM 7A.53)
• Niger, Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Decision 45 COM 7A.12)
• Palestine, Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (Decision 45 COM 7A.39)
• Palestine, Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town (Decision 45 COM 7A.38)
• Panama, Fortifications on the Caribbean Side of Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo (Decision 45 COM 7A.19)
• Peru, Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Decision 45 COM 7A.20)
• Romania, Roșia Montană Mining Landscape (Decision 45 COM 7A.56)
• Senegal, Niokolo-Koba National Park (Decision 45 COM 7A.13)
• Serbia, Medieval Monuments in Kosovo (Decision 45 COM 7A.57)
• Solomon Islands, East Rennell (Decision 45 COM 7A.16)
• Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Aleppo (Decision 45 COM 7A.40)
• Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Bosra (Decision 45 COM 7A.41)
• Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Damascus (Decision 45 COM 7A.42)
• Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient Villages of Northern Syria (Decision 45 COM 7A.43)
• Syrian Arab Republic, Crac des Chevaliers and Qal’at Salah El-Din (Decision 45COM 7A.44)
• Syrian Arab Republic, Site of Palmyra (Decision 45 COM 7A.45)
• United Republic of Tanzania, Selous Game Reserve (Decision 45 COM 7A.14)
• United States of America, Everglades National Park (Decision 45 COM 7A.17)
• Uzbekistan, Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (Decision 45 COM 7A.54)
• Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Coro and its Port (Decision 45 COM 7A.21)
• Yemen, Historic Town of Zabid (Decision 45 COM 7A.47)
• Yemen, Old City of Sana’a (Decision 45 COM 7A.49)
• Yemen, Old Walled City of Shibam (Decision 45 COM 7A.50)

3. Recalls that the following properties were inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 18th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2023):
   • Lebanon, Rachid Karami International Fair-Tripoli (Decision 18 EXT.COM 5.1)
   • Ukraine, The Historic Centre of Odesa (Decision 18 EXT.COM 5.2)
   • Yemen, Landmarks of the Ancient Kingdom of Saba, Marib (Decision 18 EXT.COM 5.3)

**Draft Decision: 45 COM 8C.3**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/23/45.COM/7A, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.2, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.3, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.4),

2. Decides to remove the following property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   • Uganda, Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Decision 45 COM 7A.25)