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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Progress on the Series of World Heritage Resource Manuals

Progress on the Series of World Heritage Resource Manuals

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I. BACKGROUND

1. The World Heritage Committee by its Decisions **31 COM 21B**, **32 COM 18** and **33 COM 10B** endorsed the preparation of the first set of titles in the World Heritage Resource Manuals Series and allocated corresponding budgets in the 2008/2009 and 2010/2011 biennia for their preparation, publication and dissemination. The Resource Manuals aim to consolidate guidance on specific heritage issues, linking it to the requirements of the *Convention* and the *Operational Guidelines*, and make this guidance available in an accessible manner for practitioners and policy-makers alike.
2. An Editorial Board for the Series was established in January 2008 consisting of representatives of the three Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre. It meets regularly in conjunction with Advisory Bodies meetings to plan and discuss the development of the publications within the Series. For each Manual, the Editorial Board agreed on appointing one of the Advisory Bodies or the World Heritage Centre (depending on the theme) as the lead agency responsible for coordinating the drafting process and leading the field-testing prior to finalization. The World Heritage Centre is in charge of the translation and production of each manual in the Series.
3. In order to maximize the funds available, the Editorial Board decided to focus on preparing print-ready online PDF versions of the manuals rather than printed publications. Nevertheless, printed versions of the titles are aimed for as soon as possible in order that countries/sites without internet access are not left out.
4. The World Heritage Committee encouraged States Parties to contribute extra-budgetary funding to support the publication of titles within the Series.

II. PROGRESS CONCERNING THE RESOURCE MANUALS UNDER PREPARATION

5. As requested by the World Heritage Committee Decisions **31 COM 21B**, **32 COM 18** the following titles are currently in preparation:

(a) *Preparing World Heritage Nominations*. A joint ICOMOS/IUCN draft has been circulated at the 33rd session of the Committee. It is currently being field-tested and the finalization is planned for end 2009.

(b) *Managing Natural World Heritage Properties*. A first draft for field-testing will be prepared by IUCN by end February 2010 with the aim to finalize the Manual by mid 2010.

(c) *Managing Cultural World Heritage Properties*. ICCROM, as the lead agency for the preparation of this Manual, aims to have a draft ready for field-testing by the end of the year.

(d) *Disaster Risk Reduction*. A draft text has been prepared by ICCROM as lead agency and field-testing and consolidation of received comments is currently being undertaken. The finalization of the Manual is planned for early autumn 2009.

III. FUTURE TITLES

6. The World Heritage Committee by its Decision **33 COM 10B** requested the preparation of two titles in the Resource Manuals Series:

(a) Assessing and monitoring impacts of proposed developments and tourism/public use activities on the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage Properties

and

(b) Establishment of Tentative Lists as a component of the Preparing World Heritage Nominations Manual.

The preparation and publication of these two titles is planned for 2010/2011.

IV. DRAFT RESOLUTION

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The General Assembly,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC-09/17.GA/8,*
- 2. Takes note of the information provided in the above-mentioned document;*
- 3. Welcomes the preparation and dissemination of the publications planned within the Series of World Heritage Resource Manual;*
- 4. Encourages States Parties to contribute extra-budgetary funding to support the publication of titles within the Series.*