

Changes to the *Operational Guidelines*

Adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session



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Decision 37COM 12II

- The WH Committee approved revisions for paragraphs 127, 128, 132, 150, 161, 162 and 240
- These revisions were based on discussions held in June 2013 by the *Operational Guidelines Working Group*
- The group's mandate was to revise the specific points outlined in working document WHC-13/37.COM/12



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Paragraph 150

- Issue
 - Simplifying the procedure for submitting and evaluating “factual error” letters
- Amendment
 - **The letters shall be made available as an annex to the documents for the relevant agenda item**
- Objectives
 - Facilitate the submission of State Party comments
 - Assure complete transparency
 - Reduce the amount of work



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Paragraphs 161 & 162

- Issue
 - Procedure for emergency inscriptions
- Amendments
 - **Clarification of « emergency situation »**
 - **Emphasis on urgency**
 - need for **immediate decision** by the Committee (justified by Advisory Body)
 - examination of nominations to be **included in agenda** of next Committee session



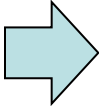
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Paragraph 240

- Issue
 - International assistance
- Amendment
 - **Minor change (for coherence) to time-frame for the Chairperson or WH Committee to review the balance in the allocation of resources**

~~“during the last 3 months”~~  “during the second year of each biennium”



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Paragraph 132

- Issue
 - Criteria for a nomination to be “**complete**”
- Amendment
 - **Precisions made to map requirements (especially in Explanatory Notes of Annex 5)**
 - **printed version** needed
 - inclusion of **buffer zones**
 - adequate **scale** choice
 - Map of zones of special legal protection to be included under protection and management section



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Paragraph 127

- Issue
 - Submission of draft nominations
- Amendment
 - **Precision to deadline**
 - States Parties are **strongly encouraged**, instead of obligated, to submit draft nominations before 30th of september for review
 - **Precision to format**
 - Electronic or printed ;Inclusion of maps and cover letter



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Proposals for future amendments

- Issues to be further discussed
 - **Reducing the number of nominations to be processed per year (budgetary constraints)**
 - **Global strategy for a more balanced WH List**
 - **International meetings**
 - **Reinforcing synergy between the two Conventions**
 - **Long term strategy, processes and future of the Convention**
- Suggestions from States Parties
 - **Revisions for paragraphs 177, 175, 174, 112, 68**

Rules of Procedure

Item 22.7

- Issue

Does a State Party presenting a nomination have the right to comment on their specific nomination?

- Amendment

Representatives of a State Party may be invited by the Chairperson to:

- present their views after the Advisory Bodies have presented their evaluation
- present a report on the state of conservation of a property on their territory
- support the approval of an assistance request submitted by that State