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1- Executive Summary:

Referring to the Decisions of the WHC on Memphis and its Necropolis–Decision 41 COM 7B.78 of the 41st Session (Krakow, Poland, July 2017), and Decision 40 COM 7B.22, adopted at the 40th Session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016).

The Committee requested that the Arab Republic of Egypt clarify some points about the status of the management plan of the site, and there were a few recommendations concerning the property, including the necessity of establishing a mechanism and plan for the management of the property, providing detailed information about the planning and design of the planned Ring Road project on the property, developing a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed Ring Road Tunnel, developing three technical reports on traffic management, archaeology and design details, and submitting these to the World Heritage Center, for review by the Advisory Bodies, and working on the archaeological remote sensing survey and research of the area potentially impacted by the proposed tunnel.

There are further requests for the State Party to strengthen the protection and management of the property such as finalizing a single enforceable Management Plan for the property as a priority, based on the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, reinforce the overall coordination and management of the World Heritage property, reinforce the management and conservation of the property by the Ministry of Antiquities, investigate national legislation specific to World Heritage properties, define a buffer zone and submit a Minor Boundary Modification request accordingly.

The last report on the site, Memphis and its Necropolis, was sent to the World Heritage Committee in 2017, as a response to the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee at its 40th Session held in Istanbul in 2016.

The report included details about the development projects at the Site and the institutions/national and international organizations that cooperated with the Egyptian Government in them, as well as the current coordination between the Ministry of Antiquities and several agencies inside and outside Egypt to complete the conservation and restoration projects at the site.

A draft management plan was sent to the World Heritage Center in 2017. There is ongoing coordination with the stakeholders to refine and further develop this management plan.