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Amended Draft Decision	42 COM 7B.72
Amendment submitted by the Delegation of	Azerbaijan, Cuba, Burkina-Faso, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zimbabwe, China, Tanzania, Brazil, Tunis, Kuwait, Angola
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TEXT

Draft Decision: 42 COM 7B.72

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/18/42.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **40 COM 7B.93**, adopted at its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016),
3. Notes that the new Management Plan for the property could not yet be finalized due to Court proceedings ~~regarding the procedure for the and welcomes the recent ruling of the Supreme Administrative Court of Bulgaria to reject the decision of the Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW) not to undertake a full~~ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) ~~for the new Management Plan~~;
4. Noting the amendments to the current Management Plan for Pirin National Park adopted in December 2017 ~~providing for which now do not prohibit~~ the construction of water catchment facilities within the property, requests the State Party to provide more detailed information on their potential extent, impacts and their relation to potential developments in the property's buffer zone;
5. Notes with concern that the amendments to the current Management Plan ~~would provide which now do not prohibit~~ for replacement and increase in capacity of skiing infrastructure in the buffer zone of the property ~~and requests the State party to ensure that such developments will not impact on the OUV of the property.~~

6. Reiterates that any future developments within the buffer zone of the property need to be guided through strategic planning, and also requests the State Party to:

a) ~~Confirm its response to Implement~~ the Supreme Administrative Court's *Final* Decision regarding the SEA procedure for the new Management Plan of the property,

b) Ensure that, ~~a full~~ upon the spatial development planning based on the December 2017 amendments to the current management plan, a SEA will be ~~for the new Management Plan for the property is~~ undertaken ~~as a matter of priority~~, which should include a specific assessment of potential impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property, including from potential development in areas located within the property and its buffer zone, and submit a copy of the ~~results from the~~ SEA to the World Heritage Centre for review by IUCN, once ~~it~~ ~~they~~ becomes available;

c) ~~Not implement the December 2017 amendments to the current Management Plan and~~ Refrain from introducing any new amendments, until the ~~procedure for~~ SEA of the draft new Management Plan has been completed,

d) Once the results of the ~~decision of the Supreme Administrative Court, concerning the~~ SEA are available, ensure that the new Management Plan comprehensively addresses all potential threats to the OUV of the property and clearly outlines how the management objectives, zoning and land use within Pirin National Park will contribute to enhancing the OUV of the property and preventing any degradation of its integrity, and to take into account the ~~relevant~~ recommendations of the IUCN 2018 Advisory mission in the above process;

7. Strongly encourages the State Party to develop a clear and comprehensive long-term vision for socio-economic development in the buffer zone of the property and the broader region, which would be in line with the goal of long-term protection of the property's OUV, ensuring that all relevant stakeholders are appropriately involved in the process, facilitated by external mediation, if necessary;

8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2019**, ~~a progress report with an update on the Supreme Administrative Court's ruling and by 1 December 2019~~, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its ~~43rd~~ **44th** session in ~~2019~~ **2020**.