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**Nominations General Discussion**

Draft Decision: 42 COM 8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Recalling** the constructive debates and strategic decisions on cross-cutting issues relating to state of conservation of World Heritage Properties under item 7,

2. **Notes** that due to their impact on the work of the World Heritage Committee, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, the complexities related to nominations and the nomination process could also benefit from strategic discussions under item 8 as a whole

3. **Also recalls** that all its decisions, including those on nominations, should be consistent with the Convention and its Operational Guidelines;

4. **Decides** to include in the draft agenda of its 43rd session a general item 8, and to address, in particular:
   - Principles for referral and deferral of nominations
   - Nomination cycle length
   - Opportunities in the nomination and evaluation process to improve dialogue between States Parties and the Advisory Bodies
   - Role of additional information in the nomination cycle
   - Nomination dossier format and size
   - Due dates and timelines

5. **Notes with appreciation** the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc Working Group which met in Paris in the first half of 2018 on the Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods;

6. **Requests** the World Heritage Centre to prepare a report, drawing on expert advice, to assist consideration of this issue by the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee,
subject to the availability of resources and with a view, if necessary, to amend the Operational Guidelines in 2019.