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Executive Summary

Referring to decisions of the WHC on Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis–Decision 41 COM 7B.78 at the 41st Session (Krakow, Poland, July 2017), and decisions 37 COM 7B.48 and 39 COM 7B.49 adopted at its 37th (Phnom Penh, 2013) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) sessions respectively.

The Committee requested the Arab Republic of Egypt to clarify some points about the status of the management plan of the site, and there were recommendations concerning the property, including the necessity of establishing a proposal mechanism and plan for the management of the property as a priority based on the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and developing a tourism management plan for the property.

There are requests for the State Party to strengthen the protection and management of the property such as finalizing reports including the conservation work of the property by the Ministry of Antiquities at (Luxor, Karnak and Madamod Temples), missions and new discoveries, development projects and its impact on the OUV, security and lighting system project, implementation and design of the underground water project, documenting human resources at Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis property such as employees and different departments, define a buffer zone and submit a minor boundary modification request accordingly.

The committee encourages UNESCO Office in Cairo to establish capacity building courses to improve the management of the property, visit the property for investigating the tomb of Seti, Hatshepsut chapel and the closed tombs of the Valley of the Kings.

The last report of the site (Ancient Thebes with 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, 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.