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TEXT

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/19/43.COM/5D,

*2. Recalling Decisions **36 COM 5C**, **38 COM 5D**, and **39 COM 5D**, and **40 COM 5C**, and **41 COM 5C**, and **42 COM 17** adopted respectively at its 36th (Saint Petersburg, 2012), 38th (Doha, 2014) and 39th (Bonn, 2015) and 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) sessions and 41st session (Krakow, 2017) and 42nd session (Manama, 2018), as well as Resolution **20 GA 13**, adopted by the General Assembly at its 20th session (UNESCO, 2015),*

*3. **Takes note of** ~~Gratefully appreciating~~ the African States Parties for their rich and unique biodiversity **and richness**, and their immense wealth of cultural heritage and local knowledge that have come down to humanity so far; and that must be conserved and passed on to future generations;*

4. Welcomes with appreciation the activities of the World Heritage Centre along with Field Offices, the Advisory Bodies, the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and other partners in raising awareness and building capacities around various issues related to World Heritage and sustainable development in Africa as well as the efforts towards developing policy and assessment tools and requests that these efforts be pursued;

*5. **Recognizes the specifically delicate task of balancing WH-SD by the least developed nations, notably of the African region, given that it is faced with a disproportionately higher level of poverty globally.***

6. Further recognizes the need to employ innovative and transformative solutions for reconciling WH and SD that will take into account the nature, complexity and specificity of socio-economic constraints that these less developed countries continue to face.

7. Takes note of the Position Paper on World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa adopted in October 2018 by the African Union through resolution STC/YCS-3/ MIN/Report 67, as acknowledged in paragraph 20 d) of the Document WHC/19/43.COM/6 and requests the World Heritage Centre in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund to take into account its context with regard to implementation of the WH-SD policy.

5. 8. Reiterates the need to integrate the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of World Heritage properties with inclusive and sustainable development needs through the effective implementation of the World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy (WH-SDP) aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

6. 9. Recalls its Decision 37 COM 7 (Part III) which urges all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention and the leading industry stakeholders, to respect the International Council on Mining & Metals (ICMM) “No-go” commitment by not permitting extractives activities within World Heritage properties, and by making every effort to ensure that extractives companies located in their territory cause no damage to World Heritage properties, in line with Article 6 of the Convention;

7. 10. Calls upon the African States Parties to strengthen governance of World Heritage properties and mainstream the WH-SDP principles in national and local conservation and management activities in and around World Heritage properties and processes related to World Heritage in Africa; and to mainstream them in national and local plans for development;

8. 11. Further calls upon African States Parties to focus their development efforts to benefit local communities, including them in the decision-making, and building on their knowledge and needs with progressive and proactive conservation of the natural and cultural heritage; and to create enabling environments for innovative solutions inclusive green and blue economies while progressing towards other SDGs;

9. 12. Calls upon all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention as well as international agencies and development partners, international finance institutions, industries, private sector, and other partners including multi and bi-lateral partners to join in ensuring policy coherence and harness synergies in multilateral agreements, investments, and protocols. These include the UN 2030 Agenda, and the “Africa 2063” as well as the WH-SDP to deliver multiple benefits, with inclusive governance mechanisms that bring all around benefits to the local communities in and around World Heritage properties;

10. 13. Thanks the States Parties and partners who have generously contributed to strengthening sustainable development in Africa and invites all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention to support, financially and through other means, awareness-raising and capacity-reinforcement programmes at various levels as well as activities aimed at developing guidance, innovative solutions, tools, mechanisms, and strategies for integrating heritage conservation into sustainable development policies and programmes and mainstreaming the sustainable development approach in conservation and management activities in Africa;

11. 14. Invites the Secretariat and Advisory Bodies, in collaboration with African States Parties to spearhead research into innovative solutions for sustainable development, providing measures at the operational level, that to guide and coordinate the efforts of the African States Parties to the World Heritage Convention to apply innovative local solutions that would further enhance for the conservation of OUV in World Heritage properties, both cultural and natural, and their contribution to the sustainable development of local communities in particular; and also and to establish a platform of good practices in integrating heritage conservation with sustainable development for African World Heritage properties.