

Amendments to the text proposed by the Russian Federation

Para 5

~~Refrain from~~ Ensure that credibility, balance and representativity [Russian Federation] of the World Heritage List is guaranteed, and consider avoiding presenting nominations for the examination of the Committee during their tenure on the Committee, keeping in mind paragraph 61(c) of the Operational Guidelines which states that a priority of examination will be applied to “*nominations of States Parties, former Members of the Committee, who accepted on a voluntary basis not to have a nomination reviewed by the Committee during their mandate. This priority will be applied for 4 years after the end of their mandate on the Committee*”.

The States parties Members of the Committee presenting nominations shall refrain from taking part in the debate in conformity with the Rules of Procedure (art. 22.7).

~~to ensure impartial and objective decision making, and to avoid conflict of interest.~~

Para 6

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Avoid to ~~Not~~ accept invitations of the States Parties to visit sites on their territory proposed for inscription to the World Heritage List during their tenure on the Committee, neither to sites on the World Heritage List currently in the process of Reactive Monitoring (*Operational Guidelines*, Paragraph 169) in order to ensure impartial and objective decision making and the equal treatment of all World Heritage properties.

7. ~~Provide~~ Contribute with truthful, credible and timely information for any case on their territory to be considered by the Committee in line with the provisions of the Operational Guidelines, and refrain from lobbying contributing for any decision that ~~many~~ may threaten the Outstanding Universal Value or that is in violation of the Operational Guidelines and Rules of Procedure.

8. Strictly observe the Rule 23.3 of *Rules of Procedure*, that ~~any~~ new draft decisions, proposals or amendments should whenever possible be submitted at least 24 hours before the discussion of the agenda item concerned (~~Rules of Procedure, Rule 23.3~~).

9. In the interest of recognising global cultural diversity and equitable representation, encourage interventions from observers including local communities’ and indigenous peoples’ representatives in items concerning such groups ~~or interests~~ with the prior consent of the Chairperson before decisions are made by the Committee (*Rules of Procedure*, Rules 6, 7, 22.4).

10. [Paragraph as proposed by Australia] ~~In its decision making concerning new nominations, a~~ Avoid making a decision that is moving more than one step from the draft decision as recommended in the Advisory Body technical evaluation when making decisions on new nominations. ~~This should only be done where there is clear technical and objective evidence in support of such a decision. For example, this may include decisions that move from a recommendation of ‘not to inscribe’ to a deferral, or a recommendation for a referral to inscription.~~ To uphold the integrity and credibility of the nomination process and the World Heritage List, decisions that move from between a recommendation of ‘not to inscribe’ to refer/ inscribe, or ‘defer’ to refer/inscribe [Russian Federation] ~~must~~ shall be avoided.