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AMENDMENT

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TEXT

33. Kathmandu Valley (Nepal) (C 121bis)

Draft Decision: 44 COM 7B.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined* Document WHC/21/44.COM/7B.Add,
2. *Recalling* Decisions **39 COM 7B.69**, **40 COM 7B.41**, **41 COM 7B.95**, **42 COM 7B.12** and **43 COM 7B.70** adopted at its 39th (Bonn, 2015), 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016), 41st (Krakow, 2017), 42nd (Manama, 2018) and 43rd (Baku, 2019) sessions respectively,
3. Noting that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the current 44th extended session of the World Heritage Committee takes place online;
- ~~34.~~ *Welcomes* the commitment made by the Government of Nepal and by national and international organizations towards the recovery of the property, as well as the progress made in response to the major challenges arising from the 2015 earthquake, including repair of monuments within the seven monument zones;
- ~~45.~~ *Appreciates* the State Party to expedite the revision of the Integrated Management Framework (IMF) and updating as per the requirements according to the context of sites and national legislative provisions. *Also appreciates* the process of formulation of New Master Plan for Pashupati Protected Monument Zone and prepared HIA Procedures which is on the process of government approval;
- ~~56.~~ *Requests* the state party to implement fully which has already declared in the Six Year Plan and complete its all rehabilitation works within 2022 and reports

- ~~to the world heritage committee; Urges the updating of the Recovery Master Plan (RMP), including revisions to the six-year plan and timetable, reiterates its requests that the State Party integrate the updated RMP within the overall socio-economic revitalization programme for urban communities, and requests that these revised plans, as well as the proposed single Master Plan for the Monument Zones, be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies;~~
5. ~~Also urges the State Party to expedite the establishment of the International Scientific Committee (ISC) to assist with the development of structures and resources to guide the recovery of the property and its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), and also requests the State Party to submit the ISC's Terms of Reference and membership to the World Heritage Centre;~~
67. Noting the conclusions and recommendations of the 2019 joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM Reactive Monitoring mission, expresses **serious** concern at the mission's findings regarding the adverse effect on the authenticity of the property, ~~the continuing poor condition of some monuments, including the Hanuman Dhoka Durbar and Bhaktapur Durbar Palaces, the Changuarayan complex and Vishwarupa Temple (Pashupati),~~ and the focus on monuments at the expense of other attributes, with resulting ramifications for traditional urban housing and ancient settlements, and therefore further requests the State Party to fully implement the mission recommendations, in particular:
- a) The establishment of a Recovery Master Plan for each Protective Monument Zone of the property, and
 - b) The immediate cessation of proposed changes to the LalBaithak wing of the National Art Museum, Bhaktapur, pending the submission of further documentation and a thorough technical review by ICOMOS to consider the potential impacts of the proposed project on the OUV of the property;
78. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to integrate the RMPs for each Protective Monument Zone of the property with the overall socio-economic revitalization programme for urban communities;
89. Notes that the recommendations from the April 2019 ICOMOS Technical Review of the Patan Durbar Square Monument Zone sewer project are being implemented and requests furthermore that the State Party submit the resulting documentation to the World Heritage Centre,
9. ~~Also notes the State Party's confirmation that the proposed New Master Plan for the Pashupati Protected Monument Zone has been withdrawn, and requests moreover that the State Party prepare Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) for all proposed major new urban infrastructure projects within the Monument Zones and buffer zones, including the proposed ring roads expansion of Swayambunath, in accordance with the ICOMOS Guidance on HIAs for Cultural World Heritage Properties, and submit them to the World Heritage Centre, in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, for review by the Advisory Bodies before any decision is made that would be difficult to reverse;~~
10. Calls upon the international community to continue supporting the State Party's recovery work through financial, technical or expert assistance, including support for local communities and their housing and social needs, and in particular to continue to support capacity building, which will facilitate:

- a. Workshops and research focused on technical issues such as structural assessment of traditional load-bearing structures, and materials dating and testing,
 - b. Further development of a secure centralized and accessible digital database for management of all documents pertinent to the property,
 - c. Values-based heritage assessment and conservation management planning for the property, its Monument Zones and monument complexes,
 - d. Master Planning utilizing the approach of the 2011 UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) to manage urban development within the property and its buffer zones, and
 - e. Disaster Risk Management Planning for each Monument Zone and for graded monuments;
- ~~11. *Considers that the potential and ascertained threats to the OUV of the property are so considerable that the recovery process needs to be further improved, and that inscribing the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger will assist the recovery process to focus on projects that sustain the attributes that sustain the OUV, particularly the distinctive building structures and materials, in order to avoid problematic reconstruction, conservation and development activities that may damage the property's authenticity;*~~
- ~~12. *Decides therefore, in conformity with Paragraph 179 of the Operational Guidelines, to inscribe Kathmandu Valley (Nepal) on the List of World Heritage in Danger;*~~
- ~~13. *Requests as well the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to refine and finalize the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR) and the corrective measures identified during the 2017 and 2019 Reactive Monitoring missions, along with the timeframe for their implementation, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 45th session;*~~
- 4411. Finally requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2022**, 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 45th session in 2022.**