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AMENDMENT

Item of the Agenda	<u>Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi (Kazakhstan) (C 1103)</u>
Amended Draft Decision	44 COM 7B.31
Amendment submitted by the Delegation of....	Kyrgyz Republic Australia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China, Ethiopia, Hungary, Mali, Nigeria, Oman, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, Uganda.
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TEXT

Draft Decision: 44 COM 7B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/21/44.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **43 COM 7B.67**, adopted at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019),
3. Acknowledges the progress accomplished with research and technical work on the Mausoleum, notes that structural movement and humidity levels need to be continuously monitored to evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented measures, and encourages the State Party to continue its work in this regard, to ensure the sound conservation of the property's Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), including historic monuments in the buffer zone, and to establish a formal visitor management plan for the property and its surroundings to address the important increase in visitor numbers;
4. Welcomes the creation of a special advisory "Scientific-Methodological Council" in September 2019;
5. Commends the State Party's efforts towards public engagement, and also encourages continued actions in this regard, notably the development of a holistic interpretation strategy for the property and the Archaeological Park;
6. ~~Notes with concern that seven of the Phase 1 Turkestan Spiritual and Cultural Centre projects appear to have been undertaken on the basis of the original Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs), with no modification in response to the concerns expressed by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, and expresses concern that the high-rise Amphitheatre building, together with the Khoja Ahmed Yasawi Museum, compete visually~~

~~with the Mausoleum, a sacred symbol of Turkestan and of a vast region of the Turkic-speaking world, and have an adverse impact on the OUV of the property;~~

~~7. Also notes with concern that details and HIAs for three major projects for the second phase of development (Kazakh Drama Theatre, Eastern Market (Caravanserai) and Hampton Hotel) were submitted in March 2020 after construction had started, which did not allow consideration to be given to the recommendations of an ICOMOS technical review, and that the large Caravanserai tourism centre project was officially opened in March 2021; and further notes that the scale, height and form of the Kazakh Drama Theatre and the 20-ha Caravanserai will conflict with the nature and spirit of the surroundings of the Mausoleum, adding to the existing negative impacts of the Phase 1 projects;~~

~~8. Also expresses concern that the current system does not allow any possibility for ICOMOS to consider large-scale development projects, especially in relation to mitigation measures, or for the Committee to express its views on such projects;~~

~~9. Further expresses concern that extensive major urban development is underway in advance of the new Master Plan being completed, reviewed or finalized;~~

~~6.10. Urges Requests the State Party to submit relevant sections of this the Master Plan to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies before its formal approval, rather than after as suggested by the State Party, and to ensure that the Master Plan:~~

~~a) Recognises the OUV of the property,~~

~~b) Includes a new draft the View Axis Protection Area that prohibits any new development within the area from exceeding the 7m height limit, along with the State Party's commitment to respect these views;~~

~~c) Sets out guidelines for development, which give preference to more restrained projects that should respect the OUV of the property and should ensure its dominant visual and spatial role in the city;~~

~~744. Also welcomes the analysis of development undertaken by a group of national and international experts, following concerns over the height of new constructions and the way permits had been authorised, also acknowledges their call for future developments to respect the OUV of the property, and that the expert group and the Scientific-Methodological Council have unanimously recommended that new projects must respect both national legislation and the requirements of the World Heritage Convention, and that no construction within the buffer zone, View Axis Protection Area and the Turkestan Spiritual and Cultural Center should be undertaken without notification to the World Heritage Centre and a Heritage Impact Assessment following paras. 118 bis and 172 of the Operational Guidelines, prior consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, and also urges the State Party to address these recommendations;~~

~~842. Further welcomes the submission of an updated Management Plan by the State Party and, as the Plan focuses mainly on the Mausoleum and does not address the buffer zone or wider setting, further encourages the State Party to augment the Plan by extending its scope and including principles and operationalization measures for future development, as well as a clear articulation of the attributes of OUV that need to be protected and managed;~~

~~13. Considering that current major development impacts adversely on the property's OUV and is taking place before the Master Plan is finalized, in the absence of a Management Plan that addresses future development and without a structure in place that allows the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies or the Committee to comment on emerging projects, requests the State Party to invite, as a matter of urgency, a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to the property to consider how future development might support rather than endanger the property and its OUV, as envisaged by the Scientific-Methodological Council, with new construction being subject to prior consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;~~

~~944. 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.~~