The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/21/44.COM/8,
2. Recalling Decisions 35 COM9A, 40 COM 11,42 COM 5A, 42 COM 8, 42 COM 8B.24, 43COM 8 and 43 COM 12 adopted at its 35th (UNESCO Headquarters, 2011), 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO Headquarters, 2016), 42nd (Manama, 2018) and 43rd (Baku, 2019) sessions respectively, as well as Resolutions 18 GA 8 and 22 GA 9 adopted by the General Assembly at its 18th (UNESCO, 2011) and 22nd (UNESCO, 2019) sessions respectively,
3. Expresses its appreciation for the work of experts from all regions that participated in the Meeting in Paris, to the experts that have prepared the independent study, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre for their work on the reflection on sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories (Uganda, S. Africa);
4. (Uganda, S. Africa) Takes note that some properties associated with memories of recent conflicts have been
previously inscribed on the World Heritage List on an exceptional basis and (Uganda, S.Africa) also takes note full account of the outcomes of the detailed reflection process in which (Uganda, S. Africa) some experts considered that sites associated with recent conflicts (Uganda, S. Africa) and other negative and divisive memories do not relate to the purpose and scope of the World Heritage Convention and its Operational Guidelines;

5. (Uganda, S. Africa) Takes note of the meeting of the African experts and the Inter-Ministerial meeting hosted by South Africa, 6-9 April 2021, which reviewed the reports and the recommendations of the experts meeting of the sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories, (Paris, 4-6 December 2019), the ICOMOS updated paper on sites associated with memories of recent conflicts and the World Heritage Convention (ICOMOS 2020) and the study on sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories (Beazley and Cameron, 2020), concluded that sites associated with memories of recent conflicts do relate to the purpose and scope of the World Heritage Convention and its Operational Guidelines;

4-6. (Uganda, S. Africa) Further takes note of the experts’ also suggested that sites associated with memories of recent conflict which may not demonstrate the Outstanding Universal Value could be considered by other international fora could be suitable and encouraged States Parties to explore potential solutions towards this end;

7. (Uganda, S. Africa) Acknowledging the persistent divergent views among experts, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre regarding how sites associated with memories of recent conflicts relate to the purpose and
The scope of the World Heritage Convention and its Operational Guidelines;

5.8. [BRAZIL] Considering that it pertains to the States Parties, by means of the statutory bodies of the Convention, to express themselves on the definition of possible eligibility criteria for certain typologies of sites, such as sites associated with memories of recent conflicts (Uganda, S. Africa) and other negative and divisive memories;

9. Requests the Decides to establish an ad-hoc open-ended working group of States Parties to the Convention, in order to broaden the scope of the reflections on sites of memories of recent conflicts, in order to accommodating other views not currently reflected in the existing report;

10. (Brazil) Requests this open-ended working group of States Parties to incorporate the outcomes of all the reflections in their final report, to be presented for (Uganda, S. Africa) for consideration by the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee;

11. (Uganda, S. Africa, Brazil) Finally, calls on States Parties to the Convention to contribute to the work of this open-ended working group, including through voluntary contributions.