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AMENDMENT

Item of the Agenda	Policy Document on climate action for World Heritage
Amended Draft Decision	23 GA ____ 11 ____
Amendment submitted by the Delegation of....	Australia, Chile, Hungary, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Africa and Uganda
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TEXT

Draft Resolution: 23 GA 11

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/21/23.GA/11 and WHC/21/23.GA/INF.11,
2. Recalling Decisions **40 COM 7**, **41 COM 7**, **42 COM 7**, **43 COM 7.2** and **44 COM 7C**, adopted respectively at the 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016), 41st (Krakow, 2017), 42nd (Manama, 2018), 43rd (Baku, 2019) and extended 44th (Fuzhou/online, 2021) sessions of the World Heritage Committee,
3. Thanking the State Party of the Netherlands for having funded the project to update the 2007 Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties, and expressing its gratitude to all stakeholders of the World Heritage Convention who contributed to this process,
4. Noting the debate on this item that took place during the extended 44th session of the World Heritage Committee (Fuzhou/online, 2021), as well as the comments expressed by the Committee members on this draft through a written consultation process,
5. Noting that the World Heritage Committee has endorsed the draft "Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage", as presented in Annex 1 of Document WHC/21/44.COM/7C, at its 44th session (Fuzhou/online, 2021),
6. Adopts the revised "Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage", contained in Document WHC/21/23.GA/INF.11;
7. Encourages the States Parties, the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres to disseminate widely the "Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage" through appropriate means to the World Heritage community and the broader public, including in local languages, and to promote its implementation;
8. Recalls the World Heritage Committee's request to the World Heritage Centre, jointly with the Advisory Bodies to, within the available resources:

- a) *Elaborate proposals for specific changes to the Operational Guidelines **necessary that would be required** to translate the principles of this Policy Document into actual operational procedures **including in relation to the questions raised in paragraph 36 of the Policy Document**, and to develop education and capacity-building initiatives to enable a wide implementation of this Policy Document,*
- b) *Consider preparing a Guidance Document to facilitate effective implementation of, and support for, the actions, goals and targets of this Policy Document, which could include indicators and benchmarking tools for measuring and reporting progress towards achieving the World Heritage Climate Action Goals;*
- 9.** ***Without prejudicing the immediate application of the policy to guide site-based based management, decides to establish an open-ended working group to consider the proposals for specific changes to the Operational Guidelines developed by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies per paragraph 8 (a) and (b) above, and the outcomes of the expert group established to consider the questions raised in paragraph 36 of the Policy Document, to report back to the General Assembly at its 24th session, noting the desirability of avoiding decisions which would otherwise pre-empt the outcomes of that consideration;***
- ~~9.10.~~ *Calls on States Parties to support the above-mentioned activities through extrabudgetary funding;*
- ~~10.11.~~ *Recommends that States Parties and all stakeholders of the Convention to integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation actions in risk preparedness policies and action plans, in order to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of all World Heritage properties, in line with the "Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage";*
- ~~11.12.~~ *Also recommends that World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres and UNESCO Chairs prioritize issues related to the implementation of the "Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage" within their capacity-building and research initiatives;*
- ~~12.13.~~ *Requests the World Heritage Centre to present to the General Assembly, at its 25th session, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Policy Document and the above provisions.*