

**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF  
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**Seventeenth Extraordinary Session  
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters  
12 December 2022, 10.00am – 11.00am**

**Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda:  
Suspension of Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure  
of the World Heritage Committee**

**SUMMARY**

This Document is presented in view of the discussions to be held during the 17th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee.

**Draft Decision: 17 EXT.COM 3, see Point II.**

## I. BACKGROUND

1. Following their unanimous decision in April 2022 to postpone the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee, the members of the Bureau of the 45th session have been holding two meetings to discuss the modalities of the 45th session.
2. A first meeting was held on 8 of July 2022 during which it decided to pursue ongoing consultations with a view to reach a consensus on modalities of the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee. Subsequently, the Bureau decided to meet in the week of 18 July.
3. A second meeting of the Bureau was held on 20 July 2022. At the issue of this second meeting, the Bureau took note that no consensus could be reached at this stage on the modalities of the 45th session and decided to pursue ongoing consultations.
4. By letter dated 22 November 2022, Mr Alexander Kuznetsov informed the members of the Committee that his mission as Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Russian Federation to UNESCO, has come to an end and that he was unable to complete his mandate as Chairperson of the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee from that date. Consequently, and in conformity with Rule 15.2 of the Rules of Procedure, Saudi Arabia has designated H.H. Princess Haifa Al Mogrin, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO, to act as Chairperson until the election of a new Bureau which is foreseen at the end of the 45th session of the Committee.

## II. **Draft Decision: 17 EXT.COM 3**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. Having examined Document WHC/22/17.EXT.COM/3,
2. Recalling that the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee, initially scheduled from 19 to 30 June 2022, was postponed by the Bureau on 21 April 2022,
3. Considers that the conditions to hold its 45th session in 2022, as foreseen in Decision **44 COM 16**, are not met;
4. Decides to suspend Rule 2.1 of its Rules of Procedure.