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21.The risks associated with climate change depend, among other factors, on the magnitude and rate of warming, geographic location, levels of adaptive capacity that all together determine specific conditions of climate vulnerability. Moreover, for many natural and cultural systems, adaptation in the face of these risks is expected to be more challenging at 2°C of global warming than at 1.5°C, especially in developing countries. In view of this, the implementation by all States Parties of pathways limiting the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot, consistent with commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, **BR adds:** **taking into account the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC)**,is the most effective approach for the protection, conservation and management of the cultural and natural heritage..

22. **Anticipate, avoid and minimise harm to protect the heritage of Outstanding Universal Value.** Considering that climate change threatens both World Heritage properties and the future well-being of people through harmful and negative consequences, some of which are potentially irreversible, States Parties to the Convention and all World Heritage stakeholders and rights holders are urged to take appropriate measures, within their powers, to anticipate, avoid and minimise harm, consistent with their obligations under the World Heritage Convention **BR adds:** **and** relevant multilateral **environmental agreements**, to protect the world's natural and cultural heritage considered to be of Outstanding Universal Value.

26. The vision of the Policy Document is that each State Party understands the current and future potential impacts of climate change on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage properties situated on their territory, and undertakes climate action in an effective, ambitious, cooperative and active way. This is undertaken consistent with States Parties’ obligations under the World Heritage Convention **BR add:** **and** relevant multilateral  **environmental agreements**, to ensure the protection, conservation and management of theircultural and natural heritage to the utmost of its own capacities and resources and, where appropriate, with international assistance and co-operation.

27. The Policy Document establishes the following set of World Heritage Climate Action Goals towards 2030, to guide how World Heritage processes can effectively contribute to the transformative change needed to halt and reverse the negative trends associated with climate change causes and effects, through enhanced and improved collaboration, and effective and synergistic implementation of local, national and international climate policy instruments. **BR adds:** **These goals should be viewed in light of national circumstances and of the available technical and financial capacities of each State Party. In this regard, attention must be drawn to the urgent need for the mobilization of the means of implementation for the achievement of these goals in developing countries, taking into account the common but differenciated responsabilities broadly recognized.**