Modernist Kaunas
(Lithuania)
No 1661
Criteria proposed by the State party (ii)(iv)

**Draft Decision: 45 COM 8B.19**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. Having examined Documents WHC/23/45.COM/8B and WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B1,
2. Defers the examination of Refers the nomination of Modernist Kaunas: Architecture of Optimism, 1919-1939, Lithuania, in order to allow back to the State Party, with the advice of ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, if requested, in order to:

   a) Define Highlight the model of modernisation developed within Eastern and Central Europe and stipulate its key features in relation to Western modernity in order to situate emphasize the specific contribution of interwar Kaunas within this framework, and deepen the comparative
analysis to demonstrate the exceptionality of the nominated property and its attributes defining the Outstanding Universal Value,

b) Explore the possibility of proposing a new justification of Outstanding Universal Value under criterion (iv) based on a comprehensive analysis of interwar Kaunas’ contribution to the project of modernity as produced and experienced by the countries in the Eastern and Central European geo-cultural region,

c) Define the attributes of the nominated property that express the new proposed Outstanding Universal Value under criterion (iv) based on the analysis of Kaunas’ model of modernisation and its position within Eastern and Central European modernity,

d) Deepen the comparative analysis to demonstrate the exceptionality of the nominated property within this conceptual framework,

e) b) Revise the boundaries accordingly, so they reflect the proposed justification of Outstanding Universal Value and include Clearly demonstrate that all the necessary attributes that have a bearing on the integrity and authenticity of the nominated property, and contributing to the potential Outstanding Universal Value are included within the boundaries of the nominated property,

f) c) Expand the Prepare an inventory of all the buildings and structures from the 1919-1939 period within the nominated property, with details on their state of conservation and brief restoration history, to be able to identify reinforce the attributes of the nominated property and effectively manage and protect the interwar modern heritage of Kaunas,

g) d) Design new Improve the Management Plan so that it includes management mechanisms that will ensure protection of the full range of attributes that express the potential Outstanding Universal Value and not just the sites and buildings listed in the National Register for Cultural Heritage, and sets out the conditions for the Heritage Impact Assessment of new development projects and activities that are planned for implementation within or around the nominated property,

h) e) Prepare an integrated conservation plan plans that considers the nominated property as a whole and ensures the conservation of all attributes that support the potential Outstanding Universal Value, including modernist wooden architecture,

i) Ensure the proper protection and conservation of modernist wooden architecture, given its importance for the nominated property,
j) Ensure that Heritage Impact Assessments are undertaken as a pre-requisite for any development projects and activities that are planned for implementation within or around the nominated property, as is required under paragraph 118bis of the Operational Guidelines;

k) Propose a different name for the nominated property that will reflect the reconceptualization of the nomination;

3. Considers that any revised nomination would need to be considered by an expert mission to the site; Recommends the States Party to consider inviting an ICOMOS advisory mission to the site, if needed;

4. Also Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
   
   a) Strengthening management instruments to protect privately-owned buildings and structures within the nominated property and support the owners in maintaining their properties,
   
   b) Raising Continue raising awareness among the local community about the values of the nominated property and creating procedures for public participation in the management of the nominated property to ensure its long-term protection,
   
   c) Developing a Complete the monitoring system that encompasses to include indicators related to all the attributes of the proposed Outstanding Universal Value and takes into account the main factors affecting the nominated property.