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TEXT

Report of the Advisory Bodies

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The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC/23/45.COM/5B;*
- 2. Recalling Decision 44 COM 5B, adopted at its extended 44th session (Fuzhou/online, 2021);*
- 3. Mindful of the efforts undertaken by the Advisory Bodies (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN) to respond to the exceptional situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the efforts of ICOMOS to improve the geographical balance of its evaluation panels;*
- 4. (ADD) Reiterating the importance of transparency and publishing principles and criteria for selection of experts to missions; evaluations and panels, as well as strengthening efforts to enhance dialogue and provision of early advice to State Parties; and to achieve better regional representation and take into consideration the divergence of the expertise views based on profession; geographical and cultural perspectives*
- 54. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Advisory Bodies on their activities;*
- 65. Also takes note with appreciation of the continued contributions of Advisory Bodies, including financial and in-kind contribution, to ensure the proper implementation of the decisions of the World Heritage Committee as well as the proper implementation of the World Heritage Convention,*
- 76. Further takes note of the progress made as well as of the challenges and gaps identified by the Advisory Bodies in the framework of the implementation of the Convention, and the range of issues reported by the Advisory Bodies that continue to require action and attention.*

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