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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 the nomination of The Cultural Landscape of Masouleh, Islamic Republic of Iran, in order to allow the State Party, with the advice of ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, if requested, to reconsider the scope of the nomination and bring into focus the potential themes that might support a robust case for demonstrating potential outstanding universal value, including where needed through the reconfiguration of the nominated property;

3. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
   a) Involve communities in the management of the nominated property, including the monitoring, conservation and decision-making processes,
   b) Present a clear socio-economic development strategy to ensure that tourism does not erode the current socio-economic fabric of the nominated property and further benefit local communities;

4. Encourages the State Party to invite an Advisory Mission to support the State Party in reconfiguring the proposed nomination.