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## AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

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| Agenda Item                        | Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods and outcomes of the ad-hoc working group |
| Draft Decision                     | 45 COM / 11  |
| Submitted by the Delegation of.... | Belgium  |
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### TEXT

Additions to the amendment proposed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in yellow

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/23/45.COM/11.Rev,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Ad-hoc Working Group for its *efforts* work and recommendations;
3. ~~Endorses the recommendations as presented by the Ad-hoc Working Group;~~
4. Recalling Decisions 40 COM 11, 42 COM 12A, 43 COM 8, 43 COM 12, 44 COM 8, 44 COM 11 and 44 COM 12 adopted at its 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016), 42nd (Manama, 2018), 43rd (Baku, 2019) and extended 44th (Fuzhou/online, 2021) sessions respectively,
5. Taking into account the heavy budget constraints of the World Heritage Fund and the need for an effective management of the increasing size of the List and the call for a more balanced World Heritage List,
6. Also taking note of the global strategy adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 18th session to provide a broad framework for an analysis and action program to reduce the gap in regional representation to achieve a balanced and credible World Heritage List.
7. Decides to create an open-ended Working Group of States Parties to the Convention and transfer ~~extend the~~ mandate of the Ad-hoc Working Group to it and allow all States Parties to the convention to contribute to the creative discussions to, ~~to be composed of members of the Committee and up to two non-members per Electoral Group, giving consideration to outgoing members of the Committee in 2023, to:~~

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- a) Consider the necessary improvement aiming at reducing the gap of the representation of state parties on the World Heritage List and enhancing the balance of the list.
- b) Propose solutions to the technical evaluation requirements including improving capacity building activities.
- c) Propose sustainable solutions to the financial requirements of the nomination process to implement the above including the Preliminary Assessment

d) Consider the mandate and working methods for an extension of this open-ended working group beyond the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, with a view to starting a fundamental reflection on the operation of the World Heritage Convention.

- ~~a) Identify sustainable solutions for financing the nomination process including the Preliminary Assessment;~~
- ~~b) Explore options to improve the geographical balance, with particular reference to capacity building activities;~~
- ~~c) Explore the possibility of using additional service providers;~~
- ~~d) Discuss concrete proposals to enhance the dialogue between States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies in the context of the reactive monitoring process;~~
- ~~e) Continue dialogue regarding feasible procedures related to Article 11.3 of the World Heritage Convention.~~

8. Further decides that the **open-ended working group** Ad-hoc Working Group shall work in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies and, as appropriate, relevant stakeholders, and submit its report and recommendations to the 46th session of the Committee

9. **Calls upon State Parties to the convention to voluntarily contribute to the creation of this Open-ended Working group through voluntary contributions.**