

## AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods and outcomes of the ad-hoc working group
<b>Draft Decision</b>	<b>45 COM / 11</b>
<b>Submitted by the Delegation of....</b>	<u>Saudi</u> Belgium <u>(revised by India)</u>
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### TEXT

**Additions to the amendment proposed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in yellow**  
**Editions by India are highlighted in Green**

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, considering the aspirations of the global south*
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, considering the aspirations of the global south*
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 continue contributing to the creative discussions in order to, to be composed of members of the Committee and up to two non-members per Electoral Group, giving consideration to out-going members of the Committee in 2023, to:*

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.

e) Consider the aspirations of the global south for increased representation on the WH list, capacity building, and training programmes.

f) Seek ways to reduce the cost of evaluation per dossier;

g) Consider human resources issues of the WHC in lieu of increased representation on the WH list and seeks ways to improve it by generation of additional funding;

h) Consider increasing funding to the advisory bodies to be able to cope up with increased demand and to explore ways to increase participation of national chapters of the Advisory Bodies into the evaluation process.

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~~ and consider Brand value actualization of the WHC for maximization of revenue generation to aid the Convention achieve its objective.:-