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OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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8D. Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

Summary

This document presents a Draft Decision concerning 26 “boundary clarifications”, i.e., clarifications of the delimitations of properties at the time of their inscription on the World Heritage List by States Parties.

The boundary clarifications have been prepared in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory of nomination dossiers of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Draft Decision: 46 COM 8D, see point III

I. RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

1. The Retrospective Inventory, an in-depth examination of the nomination dossiers available at the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN, was initiated in 2004 and endorsed by the World Heritage Committee at its 7th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.1**.
2. The objective of the Retrospective Inventory is the identification and collection of data such as information on boundaries, serial component parts and areas of World Heritage properties where the required information is missing or is not adequate. This data plays a key role in different statutory processes, such as reactive monitoring, modification of boundaries, Periodic Reporting and, above all, this data is essential for the effective conservation of World Heritage properties.
3. Through the first phase of the Retrospective Inventory project all documentation on World Heritage properties inscribed between 1978 and 2004 available in the archives of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN was analysed and inventoried. In this first phase the Retrospective Inventory project has dealt with more than 600 properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and the Committee took note of more than 300 clarifications.
4. In the second phase of this project and in parallel to the third cycle of Periodic Reporting, all World Heritage properties were analysed, and maps and geographic information provided in the nomination dossiers and in the evaluation reports of the Advisory Bodies were examined to check whether they included clearly defined boundaries of World Heritage properties as inscribed. Cases where the cartographic information provided in the nomination dossier at the time of their inscription could be improved to fulfil the current technical requirements as established in Paragraph 132 and Section 1.e of Annex 5 of the Operational Guidelines, or is still missing, were communicated to the States Parties concerned in order for them to provide the up-to-date cartographic information.
5. Out of the properties analysed (all properties inscribed until 2022), 557 were determined to be subject to clarification. 52% of the properties inscribed have adequate maps with clearly defined boundaries. The remaining 48% of properties are in need of a clarification, and out of these, 5% do not have cartographic information from the time of their inscription.
6. In the Arab States, 7 States Parties were asked to provide technically improved maps and up-to-date geographic information for 22 properties. In Africa, 24 States Parties for 53 properties, in Asia and the Pacific, 28 States Parties for 135 properties, in Latin America and the Caribbean, 15 States Parties for 73 properties, and in Europe and North America, 45 States Parties for 294 properties.
7. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has received responses for 64% of properties for which up-to-date cartographic information was requested. These responses have been thoroughly analysed and those accepted presented to the Committee for noting. Out of the 557 properties subject to clarification, 36% are still to be submitted.
8. This document presents information related to maps and geographic information of properties reviewed and accepted through the Retrospective Inventory project since the last Committee session.

II. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN 2024

9. Boundary clarifications are considered satisfactory only if: a) they are consistent with the information provided in the nomination dossier, with the evaluation report of the

concerned Advisory Body(ies) and with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription; b) they meet the current technical requirements, i.e.:

- are provided on topographic or cadastral maps at the smallest available scale (the choice between a topographic or cadastral map depends on the size as well as the type of the property);
 - are provided on maps that:
 - a) show a clearly labelled coordinate grid (or coordinate references of at least four points on the map),
 - b) include a scale bar,
 - c) display a legend in English or French clearly referring to the “boundaries of the World Heritage property” and/or to the “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”, if applicable.
10. At its extended 45th session (Riyadh, 2023), the World Heritage Committee requested States Parties concerned to submit all requested boundary clarifications by **1 December 2023** (Decision **45 COM 8D**). Out of the 143 received boundary clarifications, 26 were considered satisfactory.
11. The satisfactory clarifications are presented to the Committee in the Annex of this document. The clarifications are presented in alphabetical order by region and by State Party and provide the following detailed information for each concerned property:
- a table indicating the name of the property, its date of inscription, its identification number and its area in hectares as well as the area in hectares of its buffer zone, whenever applicable;
 - for serial properties, a table listing the serial component parts and the areas in hectares as well as the area in hectares of their buffer zone(s), whenever applicable;
 - a technical summary providing further details and explanations;
 - the maps are available at the following website <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM/documents/#map>.

III. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 46 COM 8D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC/24/46.COM/8D,*
2. *Recalling Decision **45 COM 8D** adopted at its extended 45th session (Riyadh, 2023),*
3. *Also recalling that out of the 557 World Heritage properties subject to clarification, 36% are still to be submitted by the concerned States Parties;*
4. *Acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by States Parties in the clarification of the boundaries of their World Heritage properties and commends them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;*
5. *Recalls that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitations of such properties as inscribed remain unclear;*

6. Takes note of the clarifications of boundaries and areas provided by States Parties for the following properties, as presented in the Annex of Document WHC/24/46.COM/8D:

ARAB STATES

- Mauritania, Banc d'Arguin National Park

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

- Austria, Historic Centre of Vienna
 - Austria, Semmering Railway
 - Bulgaria, Boyana Church
 - Bulgaria, Madara Rider
 - Bulgaria, Rila Monastery
 - Bulgaria, Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo
 - Bulgaria, Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak
 - Czechia, Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc
 - Czechia, Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč
 - Germany, Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch
 - Germany, Castles of Augustusburg and Falkenlust at Brühl
 - Germany, Margravial Opera House Bayreuth
 - Germany, Pilgrimage Church of Wies
 - Germany, Wartburg Castle
 - Greece, Archaeological Site of Olympia
 - Greece, Delos
 - Italy, Historic Centre of the City of Pienza
 - Latvia, Historic Centre of Riga
 - Russian Federation, Kizhi Pogost
 - Spain, Doñana National Park
 - Spain, Tower of Hercules
 - Sweden, Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland
 - Switzerland, Old City of Berne
 - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, City of Bath
 - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Tower of London;
7. Requests the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to continue the identification and collection of geographic and cartographic information of World Heritage properties in nominations where the required information is not available or not adequate;
8. Also requests the States Parties which have not yet answered the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, to provide all clarifications and documentation as soon as possible, and by **1 December 2024**, for their subsequent examination, if the technical requirements are met, at its 47th session;

9. *Noting that the budget allocated to this activity may not be sufficient to cover the costs foreseen for the current biennium, invites States Parties to contribute financially to this end.*

ANNEX

The boundary clarification maps for the concerned properties can be found at: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM/documents/#map>. All the maps presented are consistent with the Decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription, and/or the evaluation report of the relevant Advisory Body(ies) and/or the nomination dossier.

ARAB STATES

MAURITANIA

Property	Banc d'Arguin National Park
Identification number	506
Date of inscription	1989
Area of the inscribed property	1,200,000 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

AUSTRIA

Property	Historic Centre of Vienna
Identification number	1033
Date of inscription	2001
Area of the inscribed property	371 ha
Area of the buffer zone	462 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

AUSTRIA

Property	Semmering Railway
Identification number	785
Date of inscription	1998
Area of the inscribed property	156.18 ha
Area of the buffer zone	8,580.91 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

BULGARIA

Property	Boyana Church
Identification number	42
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	0.68 ha
Area of the buffer zone	13.55 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

BULGARIA

Property	Madara Rider
Identification number	43
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	1.2 ha
Area of the buffer zone	501.7 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

BULGARIA

Property	Rila Monastery
Identification number	216
Date of inscription	1983
Area of the inscribed property	10.7 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1,289.7 ha

Serial ID	Name of component part	Area (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
216-001	Rila Monastery Complex	8.7	1,289.7
216-002	Orlitsa Convent Complex	0.3	
216-003	"Pchelino Convent" Complex	1.2	
216-004	"St. Luke Hermitage" Complex	0.4	
216-005	"Grave of St. Ivan Rilski" Complex	0.1	
TOTAL		10.7	1,289.7

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of all the inscribed component parts and the buffer zone.

BULGARIA

Property	Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo
Identification number	45
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	171.9 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

BULGARIA

Property	Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak
Identification number	44
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	0.0155 ha
Area of the buffer zone	7.09 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

CZECHIA

Property	Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc
Identification number	859 Rev
Date of inscription	2000
Area of the inscribed property	0.05 ha
Area of the buffer zone	87.78 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

CZECHIA

Property	Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč
Identification number	1078 Bis
Date of inscription	2003, 2018
Area of the inscribed property	6.55 ha
Area of the buffer zone	136.9 ha

Serial ID	Name of component part	Area (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
1078-001	The Jewish Quarter	4.34	136.9
1078-002	The Jewish Cemetery	1.13	
1078-003	St Procopius' Basilic	1.08	
TOTAL		6.55	136.9

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of all the inscribed component parts and the buffer zone.

GERMANY

Property	Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch
Identification number	515 Bis
Date of inscription	1991, 2011
Area of the inscribed property	3.34 ha
Area of the buffer zone	29.6 ha

Serial ID	Name of component part	Area (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
515bis-001	Kloster Lorsch	3.11	29.6
515bis-002	Ruine Altenmuster	0.23	
TOTAL		3.34	29.6

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of all the inscribed component parts and the buffer zone.

GERMANY

Property	Castles of Augustusburg and Falkenlust at Brühl
Identification number	288
Date of inscription	1984
Area of the inscribed property	89 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

GERMANY

Property	Margravia Opera House Bayreuth
Identification number	1379
Date of inscription	2012
Area of the inscribed property	0.19 ha
Area of the buffer zone	4.42 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

GERMANY

Property	Pilgrimage Church of Wies
Identification number	271 Bis
Date of inscription	1983, 2011
Area of the inscribed property	0.10 ha
Area of the buffer zone	8.40 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

GERMANY

Property	Wartburg Castle
Identification number	897
Date of inscription	1999
Area of the inscribed property	27.3 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

GREECE

Property	Archaeological Site of Olympia
Identification number	517
Date of inscription	1989
Area of the inscribed property	105.608 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1,458.187 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

GREECE

Property	Delos
Identification number	530
Date of inscription	1990
Area of the inscribed property	350.1323 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

ITALY

Property	Historic Centre of the City of Pienza
Identification number	789
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	4.47 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

LATVIA

Property	Historic Centre of Riga
Identification number	852
Date of inscription	1997
Area of the inscribed property	430.17 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1,562.55 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Property	Kizhi Pogost
Identification number	544
Date of inscription	1990
Area of the inscribed property	0.57 ha
Area of the buffer zone	9,990 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

SPAIN

Property	Doñana National Park
Identification number	685 Bis
Date of inscription	1994, 2005
Area of the inscribed property	54,251.65 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

SPAIN

Property	Tower of Hercules
Identification number	1312
Date of inscription	2009
Area of the inscribed property	86.12 ha
Area of the buffer zone	228.77 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

SWEDEN

Property	Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland
Identification number	968
Date of inscription	2000
Area of the inscribed property	56,286 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Property	Tower of London
Identification number	488
Date of inscription	1988
Area of the inscribed property	7.5 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

SWITZERLAND

Property	Old City of Berne
Identification number	267
Date of inscription	1983
Area of the inscribed property	91.86 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Property	City of Bath
Identification number	428
Date of inscription	1987
Area of the inscribed property	2,870 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.