

**Open-ended Working Group
in relation to Decision 45 COM 11**

Written amendments on the additional new recommendation proposals

Submitted by:

AUSTRALIA

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY AUSTRALIA

[US] (as revised by the author)

- Request the World Heritage Centre in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies and Category 2 Centres to explore options for States Parties to update statements of Outstanding Universal Value to reflect the narratives of Indigenous People, and present a proposal to its 47th session.

Australia would also like to make a small amendment to our own recommendation as set out in red below:

[Australia]

- Recognising the challenges faced by Indigenous People when navigating the World Heritage system, request that the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and States Parties work together with Indigenous People to identify opportunities to better reflect their **heritage** values and enhance their participation under the Convention **and present a proposal to the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.**

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AUSTRIA



Draft recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group in relation to Decision 45 COM 11

The Open-ended Working Group recommends to the Committee at its 46th session to:

1. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Request the Advisory Bodies to undertake a review and an update of the 2004 Gap Analyses, including a consultative process, pending necessary financial support, to report about the progress including a roadmap to the 47th session and to submit the updated Gap Analyses, including an action plan for implementation to its 48th session.
2. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Request the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies and C2Cs, to review existing and proposed new capacity building programmes and propose a mechanism to strengthen their funding and coordination including sustainability of results, focusing on Africa and SIDS, as well as under-represented and non-represented States Parties for the preparation of the Tentative Lists, nominations and long-term conservation, and ensure more awareness raising of stakeholders and decision makers on the processes and requirements of the Convention, and invite the States Parties to contribute financially to this end.
3. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Strongly encourage States Parties to regularly revise their Tentative Lists to include under-represented categories of sites and recalling paragraph 73 of the Operational Guidelines, also encourage State Party dialogue at regional, sub-regional and inter-regional level.
4. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Request the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, in consultation with C2Cs, to present a proposal for the revision and simplification of the Nomination Format, and the corresponding revisions in the Operational Guidelines, also exploring options for developing an online platform for the submission of nomination dossiers, at the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.
5. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Request the World Heritage Centre in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies to update the Manual for Preparing Nominations pending necessary financial support and to submit it to its 48th session.
6. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Recalling the “Declaration of principles to promote international solidarity and cooperation to preserve World Heritage”, endorsed by the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention in 2021, strongly encourage Committee Members to refrain from having nominations examined during their mandate.
7. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) To explore the funding possibilities, including through the World Heritage Fund, to support the implementation of the above-mentioned programme and activities.
8. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Extend the mandate of the Open-ended Working Group until the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Recommendations submitted in the room but not discussed:

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[Kuwait, France, Czechia; Austria: delete] [Brazil, South Africa] Request the World Heritage Centre in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies to explore ways, taking into account **[Czechia]** discussions held at the OEWG, **[Czechia: delete]** for example the possibility of creation of a fast track for the evaluation of natural sites and other non-represented categories from under-represented States Parties.

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[Brazil, Argentine, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, Uruguay, Venezuela] Request the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to reflect on options to facilitate the prioritization of nominations of natural sites identified in gap studies, and located in non-represented and underrepresented countries, including possible synergies with the evaluation of sites already belonging to the UNESCO Global Geoparks and Biosphere Reserve networks, and to bring a report and proposals for consideration of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.

[Ukraine] (as revised by the author) Invite the World Heritage Centre in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies to analyze the situations related to the needs for the sites to be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger caused by external threats to those sites.

Commented [FM1]: Außerhalb des Mandates der OEWG

[France, China, Italy, India: delete] [Kuwait, Lebanon, St. Vincent, Switzerland; Austria: keep] Postpone to the following session the examination of a nomination whenever a State Party has three complete nominations entering the evaluation process in three consecutive cycles.

[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines] (as revised by the author) In line with the Resolution **12 GA 30-48** adopted by the 12th General Assembly of States Parties and Paragraph 59 of the Operational Guidelines, request the States Parties with successful World Heritage nominations, namely those with 20 or more properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, to link each of their nominations, with one nomination presented by a State Party whose heritage is under or non-represented. This entails full support for the whole process of the preparation of the nomination file, until the submission of both nominations at the same cycle of evaluation.

Additional recommendations received:

[Czechia; Austria] Submit the recommendations to the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention at its 25th session for adoption.

[Australia] Recognising the challenges faced by Indigenous People when navigating the World Heritage system, request that the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and States Parties work together with Indigenous People to identify opportunities to better reflect their values and enhance their participation under the Convention.

[Germany; Austria] Reaffirming that the conservation of cultural and natural heritage is at the core of the Convention, and equal attention needs to be given to inscription, protection and conservation, and management;

Also reaffirming the need to enhance representativity of the World Heritage List to include all the heritage in the world with Outstanding Universal Value and to support the aspirations of non-represented and under-represented States Parties on the World Heritage List

Call on the States Parties to explore possibilities for activities including mentoring, twinning and cooperation with educational institutions, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, to share knowledge related to nominations, conservation and management, in particular with underrepresented and non-represented States Parties, and request the World Heritage Centre to provide a document with good examples.

[Belgium] Explore and develop coordinated actions on World Heritage and related sectors (e.g. biodiversity), also with a view to mobilizing additional dedicated funding (e.g. GEF-funding to support the inscription of prioritized natural World Heritage proposals in line with target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework).

[India] Request the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to define terminologies such as Well-represented, Under-represented and Over-represented, and also define benchmarks for achieving equitable/adequate representation in terms of themes, categories and geographic regions, and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee;

Recalling Decision **43 COM 11A**, request the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to evaluate the impact of Decision **40 COM 11** at the Committee's 46th session in 2024;

Urge the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to review the evaluation process/procedures adopted by the Advisory Bodies with a view to make them more transparent and consultative, and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee;

Strongly request the World Heritage Centre to explore means to strengthen the three Advisory Bodies to find innovative solutions to provide additional budget, to explore the possibility of involving Category 2 Centres as regional experts to decentralise the evaluation process and engage additional service providers, if necessary, on need basis depending on the nature of nomination dossiers to be evaluated;

[delete] that Preliminary Assessment (PA) remains voluntary till issues related to the financial implications of this step are resolved, in order to prevent additional financial burden on States Parties, and to continue with the existing timeline, thus allowing more States Parties to submit their nomination dossiers.

[Invite] Urge the World Heritage Centre to devise **[explore possible]** solutions for utilizing the brand value of the World Heritage tag for revenue maximization and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.

[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada] Invite the Director General to strengthen the ability and the independence of the World Heritage Centre to fully conduct its work as secretariat, notably by enabling it to undertake fundraising activities to increase voluntary funding from the private sector, civil society, multilateral funds and institutions.

[United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Austria] Request the mandate for the Open-ended Working Group be extended to ensure that, building on the positive progress made in relation to the reflection on nominations, yet noting the significant increase in properties under reactive monitoring, equal reflection is undertaken on the core purpose of the Convention - the 'permanent protection' of cultural and natural properties that are of Outstanding Universal Value - recognising that we list in order to conserve and protect.

[Kenya, Comoros, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Togo, Zambia; Austria] Encourage an equal representation of experts from all regions within the Advisory Bodies, including their inclusion in all stages of the evaluation and advisory processes, and the increased engagement of regional experts and Category 2 Centres for sustainable capacity building activities.

Recommend the development of a Declaration on the criteria and authenticity of African cultural, natural, and intangible heritage for adoption by the relevant culture conventions.

Recommend the establishment of an AFRICA 2035 programme similar to the AFRICA 2009 programme, with strategic objectives, inter alia, to reinforce the achievements of the Africa 2009 Programme, train young Africans on the dynamics of the inscription of files on the World Heritage List, and to strengthen site management and conservation systems in the face of climate change.

In view of the extended timelines within the Preliminary Assessment process, and recalling the Global Strategy to enhance the balance on the World Heritage List and facilitate inscriptions by non-represented and underrepresented States Parties, request the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies to explore the possibility of an affirmative action mechanism within the Preliminary Assessment in favour of non-represented and underrepresented States Parties, notably for the Africa region and SIDS, with a reduced timeframe in all stages of the Preliminary Assessment to facilitate an early decision from the Advisory Bodies and subsequent submission of nominations by the concerned States Parties, and to report to the World Heritage Committee on this possibility at its 47th session.

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BELGIUM

Recommendations – Belgium

14 June 2024

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Additional recommendations received:

[Czechia] Submit the recommendations to the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention at its 25th session for adoption.

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Call on the States Parties to explore possibilities for activities including mentoring, twinning and cooperation with educational institutions, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, **[Belgium] advisory bodies and C2C's**, to share knowledge related to nominations, conservation and management, in particular with underrepresented and non-represented States Parties, and request the World Heritage Centre to provide **[Belgium:] and regularly update a [Belgium]document section on the website** with good examples.

[Belgium] Request the World Heritage Centre and other relevant departments of Unesco, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to explore and develop coordinated actions on World Heritage and related sectors (e.g. biodiversity), also with a view to mobilizing additional dedicated funding (e.g. GEF-funding **and Natural Facility-funding**) to support the inscription of prioritized natural World Heritage proposals, in line with target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework **and with decision 44COM7.2**).

~~**[Belgium: delete] [India] Request the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to define terminologies such as Well-represented, Under-represented and Over-represented, and also define benchmarks for achieving equitable/adequate representation in terms of themes, categories and geographic regions, and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee;**~~

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Strongly request the World Heritage Centre to explore means to strengthen the three Advisory Bodies **[Belgium], both looking at the World heritage Fund as well as** ~~to find~~ innovative solutions to provide additional budget,

[Belgium] Also request the World Heritage centre to explore the possibility of involving Category 2 Centres as regional experts to decentralise the evaluation process.

[Belgium] Recommends that Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre ~~and~~ engage additional service providers, if necessary, on need basis depending on the nature of nomination dossiers to be evaluated;

Insist that Preliminary Assessment (PA) remains voluntary till issues related to the financial implications of this step are resolved, in order to prevent additional financial burden on States Parties, and to continue with the existing timeline, thus allowing more States Parties to submit their nomination dossiers.

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[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada] Invite the Director General to strengthen the ability and the independence of the World Heritage Centre to fully conduct its work

as secretariat, notably by **[Belgium]** allocating more Unesco-resources on a structural basis and by enabling [Belgium]it-the World Heritage Centre to undertake fundraising activities to increase voluntary funding from the private sector, civil society, multilateral funds and institutions.

[United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland] Request the mandate for the Open-ended Working Group be extended to ensure that, building on the positive progress made in relation to the reflection on nominations, yet noting the significant increase in properties under reactive monitoring, equal reflection is undertaken on the core purpose of the Convention - the 'permanent protection' of cultural and natural properties that are of Outstanding Universal Value - recognising that we list in order to conserve and protect.

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BRAZIL



Permanent Delegation of Brazil to UNESCO

N° 55 /2024

The Permanent Delegation of Brazil to UNESCO presents its compliments to the World Heritage Centre and has the honour to present the following item for a possible inclusion in the list of recommendations to be presented to the World Heritage Committee on occasion of its 46th session, by the Open-Ended Working Group (*cf. Decision 45 COM 11*):

Item proposal

“Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to reflect on options to facilitate the prioritization of nominations of natural sites identified in gap studies, and located in non-represented and underrepresented countries, including possible synergies with the evaluation of sites already belonging to the Unesco Global Geoparks and Biosphere Reserve networks, and to bring a report and proposals for consideration of the 47th session of the WH Committee”.

The Permanent Delegation of Brazil wishes to highlight that the above-mentioned item proposal already counts with the support of the following countries: Argentine, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis and Venezuela.

The Permanent Delegation of Brazil also emphasizes that the item proposal takes into account the concerns presented by certain States Parties at the meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group held on May 23rd, and was revised in consultation with the IUCN.

The Permanent Delegation of Brazil to UNESCO avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Heritage Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.



Paris, May 24th 2024

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CZECHIA

GERMANY



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[Germany] Chapeau

Commented [A1]: Czechia supports.

Recalling Decision 45 COM 11 adopted at its 45th session (Riyadh 2023)

Having examined the Background document prepared by the UNESCO World Heritage Center (April 2024)

Notes that the open-ended working group of State Parties to the World Heritage Convention has met 5 times to discuss the mandate;

Reaffirming that the conservation of cultural and natural heritage is at the core of the Convention, and equal attention needs to be given to inscription, protection and conservation, and management;

Also reaffirming the need to enhance representativity of the World Heritage List to include all the heritage in the world with OUV and to support the aspirations of non-represented and under-represented States Parties on the World Heritage List

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Commented [A2]: Czechia supports.

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Commented [A3]: Czechia, SVG, Germany, Grenada not in favour.

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Commented [A5]: CZ: supports

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Commented [A6]: Proposal Germany, Czechia supports.

Commented [A7]: Proposal Germany, supported by Czechia.

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Commented [A8]: Proposal edited by author (Czechia), supported by SVT, Germany, Grenada.

[Australia]

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Commented [A11]: Czechia, Germany not in favour.

Strongly request the World Heritage Centre to explore means to strengthen the three Advisory Bodies, to find innovative solutions to provide additional budget **for capacity building activities and additional studies**, and **[Germany]** to explore the possibility of involving Category 2 Centres as regional experts, ~~to decentralise the evaluation process and engage additional service providers, if necessary, on need basis depending on the nature of nomination dossiers to be evaluated;~~

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[Germany: delete] Urge the World Heritage Centre to devise solutions for utilizing the brand value of the World Heritage tag for revenue maximization and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Commented [A14]: Czechia supports.

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Commented [A15]: Czechia, Germany, SVG, Grenada support.

[United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland] Request the mandate for the Open-ended Working Group be extended to ensure that, building on the positive progress made in relation to the reflection on nominations, yet noting the significant increase in properties under reactive monitoring, equal reflection is undertaken on the core purpose of the Convention - the 'permanent protection' of cultural and natural properties that are of Outstanding Universal Value - recognising that we list in order to conserve and protect.

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Commented [A16]: Germany, Czechia, SVG, SVG supports.

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Submitted by:

FRANCE

Projet de recommandations du groupe de travail à composition non limitée en relation avec la Décision 45 COM 11

Le groupe de travail à composition non limitée recommande au Comité, lors de sa 46^e session, de :

1. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander aux Organisations consultatives d'entreprendre un examen et la mise à jour des analyses des lacunes de 2004, y compris un processus consultatif, sous réserve du soutien financier nécessaire, de faire un rapport des progrès accomplis, y compris une feuille de route à la 47^e session et de soumettre l'analyse des lacunes mise à jour avec un plan d'action pour sa mise en œuvre à sa 48^e session.
2. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en coopération avec les Organisations consultatives et les Centres de catégorie 2, d'examiner les programmes de renforcement des capacités existants ainsi que les nouveaux proposés, et proposer un mécanisme pour renforcer leur financement et leur coordination, y compris concernant la durabilité des résultats, centré sur l'Afrique et les PEID, ainsi que les États parties sous-représentés et non représentés, pour la préparation de Listes indicatives, de propositions d'inscription et la conservation à long terme, et d'assurer une plus grande sensibilisation des parties prenantes et des preneurs de décision aux processus et aux exigences de la Convention, et inviter les États parties à contribuer financièrement à cette fin.
3. **[Adoptée en salle]** Encourager fortement les États parties à réviser régulièrement leurs Listes indicatives pour inclure les catégories de sites sous-représentées et, rappelant le paragraphe 73 des Orientations, encourager également un dialogue entre les États parties au niveau régional, sous-régional et interrégional.
4. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial et aux Organisations consultatives, en consultation avec les Centres de catégorie 2, de présenter une proposition de révision et de simplification du format de proposition d'inscription et les révisions correspondantes dans les Orientations, en explorant également les options pour développer une plateforme en ligne pour la soumission des propositions d'inscription, à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.
5. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, de mettre à jour le Manuel de préparation des propositions d'inscription sous réserve du soutien financier nécessaire et de le soumettre à sa 48^e session.
6. **[Adoptée en salle]** Rappelant la « Déclaration de principes afin de promouvoir la solidarité internationale et la coopération pour préserver le patrimoine mondial », approuvée par l'Assemblée générale des États parties à la Convention en 2021, encourager fortement les membres du Comité à s'abstenir de faire examiner leurs propositions d'inscription pendant leur mandat.

7. [\[Adoptée en salle\]](#) Explorer les possibilités de financement, y compris à travers le Fonds du patrimoine mondial, afin de soutenir la mise en œuvre du programme et des activités susmentionnés.
8. [\[Adoptée en salle\]](#) Prolonger le mandat du Groupe de travail à composition non limitée jusqu'à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.

Recommandations présentées dans la salle mais non discutées :

Commentaire général : tant que ne seront pas définis ce qu'est le patrimoine sous-représenté ou ce qu'est un Etat sur-représenté, il est difficile de pouvoir appréhender les conséquences de ces recommandations.

Le plus important pour rééquilibrer la Liste est d'aider les Etats qui le demandent, par la coopération, à élaborer des dossiers d'inscription. Le Centre PM et les OC pourraient être un appui pour identifier les projets.

Il est primordial de recenser toutes les aides, fonds et mécanismes existants pour l'assistance à la préparation d'une proposition d'inscription.

[Koweït, France, Tchéquie : supprimer] [Brésil, Afrique du Sud] Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, d'explorer des manières, en tenant compte **[Tchéquie]** des discussions qui ont eu lieu dans le groupe de travail à composition non limitée, **[Tchéquie : supprimer]** par exemple, de la possibilité de créer un processus accéléré pour l'évaluation des sites naturels et autres catégories non représentées émanant d'États parties sous-représentés.

[Brésil, Argentine, Bolivie, Colombie, République dominicaine, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Pérou, Afrique du Sud, Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis, Uruguay, Venezuela] Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial et aux Organisations consultatives de réfléchir à des options pour faciliter la priorisation des propositions d'inscription de sites naturels **ou mixtes** identifiés dans les études de lacunes, et situés dans des pays non représentés et sous-représentés, y compris les synergies possibles avec l'évaluation des sites appartenant déjà aux réseaux mondiaux de Géoparc et de réserves de biosphère de l'UNESCO, et de présenter un rapport et des propositions pour considération à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.

[France, Chine, Italie, Inde : supprimer] [Koweït, Liban, Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, Suisse : garder] Reporter à la session suivante l'examen d'une proposition d'inscription lorsqu'un État partie a trois propositions d'inscription complètes entrant dans le processus d'évaluation au cours de trois cycles consécutifs.

[Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines] (telle que révisée par l'auteur) Conformément à la résolution **12 GA 30-48** adoptée par la 12^e Assemblée générale des États parties et au

paragraphe 59 des Orientations, demander aux États parties avec des propositions d'inscription au patrimoine mondial réussies, à savoir ceux qui ont 20 biens ou plus inscrits sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial, de lier chacune de leurs propositions d'inscription à une proposition d'inscription présentée par un État partie dont le patrimoine est sous-représenté ou non représenté. Cela implique un soutien total à l'ensemble du processus de préparation du dossier de proposition d'inscription, jusqu'à la soumission des deux propositions d'inscription au même cycle d'évaluation.

Proposition d'une nouvelle rédaction : Inciter les États parties à développer une véritable coopération pour réduire le déséquilibre de la Liste, en accompagnant un État qui le demande dans le processus de préparation d'un dossier d'inscription.

Recommandations additionnelles reçues :

[Allemagne] Réaffirmant que la conservation du patrimoine culturel et naturel est au cœur de la Convention et qu'une attention égale doit être accordée à l'inscription, à la protection et à la conservation, ainsi qu'à la gestion ;

Réaffirmant également la nécessité d'améliorer la représentativité de la Liste du patrimoine mondial afin d'inclure tout le patrimoine du monde ayant une valeur universelle exceptionnelle et de soutenir les aspirations des États parties non représentés et sous-représentés sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial ;

Appeler les États parties à explorer les possibilités d'activités incluant le mentorat, le jumelage et la coopération avec les institutions éducatives, en consultation avec le Centre du patrimoine mondial **et les centres de catégorie II**, afin de partager les connaissances relatives aux propositions d'inscription, à la conservation et à la gestion, en particulier avec les États parties sous-représentés et non représentés, et demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial de fournir un document avec de bons exemples.

[Belgique] Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial d'explorer et de développer des actions coordonnées sur le patrimoine mondial et les secteurs connexes (par exemple la biodiversité), également en vue de mobiliser des fonds supplémentaires spécifiques (par exemple le financement du FEM pour soutenir l'inscription de propositions prioritaires du patrimoine mondial naturel **et mixte** conformément à l'objectif 3 du cadre mondial pour la biodiversité).

[Inde] Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, de définir des terminologies telles **que patrimoine et/ou État** « bien représenté », « sous-représenté » et « sur-représenté », ainsi que des critères de référence pour parvenir à une représentation équitable/adéquate en termes de thèmes, de catégories et de régions géographiques, et de présenter ses recommandations à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial ;

Rappelant la décision **43 COM 11A**, demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, d'évaluer l'impact de la décision **40 COM 11** à la 46^e session du Comité en 2024 ;

Prier instamment le Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, de revoir les processus/procédures d'évaluation ~~adoptés~~ **mis en place** par les Organisations consultatives afin de les rendre plus transparents et consultatifs, et de présenter ses recommandations à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial ;

Demander fortement au Centre du patrimoine mondial d'explorer les moyens de renforcer les trois Organisations consultatives, de trouver des solutions innovantes pour fournir un budget supplémentaire, d'explorer la possibilité d'impliquer les Centres de catégorie 2 en tant qu'experts régionaux pour décentraliser le processus d'évaluation et d'engager des prestataires de services supplémentaires, si nécessaire, en fonction des besoins et de la nature des dossiers de proposition d'inscription à évaluer ;

Insister pour que l'analyse préliminaire reste volontaire jusqu'à ce que les questions liées aux implications financières de cette étape soient résolues, afin d'éviter une charge financière supplémentaire pour les États parties **et les organisations consultatives**, et de poursuivre le calendrier existant, permettant ainsi à un plus grand nombre d'États parties de soumettre leurs dossiers de proposition d'inscription.

Demander instamment au Centre du patrimoine mondial de concevoir des solutions pour utiliser la valeur de la marque du patrimoine mondial afin de maximiser les revenus et de présenter ses recommandations à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.

[Kenya, Afrique du Sud, Comores, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, Togo, Zambie]
Encourager une représentation égale des experts de toutes les régions au sein des Organisations consultatives, y compris leur inclusion dans toutes les étapes des processus d'évaluation et de consultation, et l'engagement accru des experts régionaux et des Centres de catégorie 2 pour des activités de renforcement des capacités durables.

Recommander l'élaboration d'une déclaration sur les critères et l'authenticité du patrimoine culturel, naturel et immatériel africain en vue de son adoption par les conventions culturelles pertinentes.

Recommander la mise en place d'un programme Afrique 2035 similaire au programme Afrique 2009, avec pour objectifs stratégiques, entre autres, de renforcer les acquis du programme Afrique 2009, de former les jeunes africains sur la dynamique de l'inscription des dossiers sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial, et de renforcer les systèmes de gestion et de conservation des sites face au changement climatique.

~~Compte tenu des délais prolongés du processus d'analyse préliminaire, et rappelant la Stratégie globale pour améliorer l'équilibre de la Liste du patrimoine mondial et faciliter les inscriptions des États parties non représentés et sous-représentés, demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial et aux Organisations consultatives d'étudier la possibilité d'un mécanisme d'action positive dans le cadre de l'analyse préliminaire en faveur des États parties non représentés et sous-représentés, notamment pour la région Afrique et les PEID, avec un délai réduit à toutes les étapes de l'analyse préliminaire pour faciliter une décision rapide des Organisations consultatives et la soumission ultérieure de propositions d'inscription par les États parties concernés, et de faire un rapport au~~

~~Comité du patrimoine mondial sur cette possibilité lors de sa 47^e session. (France Supprimer)~~

Commentaire : Ce qui est long c'est l'élaboration d'un dossier de candidature. L'analyse préliminaire fait partie de ce temps et permet un échange avec les OC et le Centre du patrimoine mondial afin d'affiner le dossier pour qu'il réponde aux exigences de la Convention et être inscrit sans difficulté sur la Liste.

Toutefois, si la proposition indienne (ci-dessus) était retenue (analyse préliminaire de façon volontaire), alors ce paragraphe n'aura plus lieu d'être.

L'objectif est plutôt d'aider les Etats qui le demande à identifier leur patrimoine et les accompagner dans le montage d'un dossier d'inscription.

**Open-ended Working Group
in relation to Decision 45 COM 11**

Written amendments on the additional new recommendation proposals

Submitted by:

States Parties from

GROUP Va

**namely Comoros, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria,
Rwanda, South Africa, Togo and Zambia**



Draft recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group in relation to Decision 45 COM 11

[Kenya, Comoros, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Togo, Zambia]
Encourage an equal geographic representation of experts from all regions in the Advisory Bodies, including their inclusion in all stages of the evaluation and advisory processes, and an increased engagement of regional experts and Category 2 Centres for sustainable capacity building activities.

Recommend an in-depth reflection on heritage in Africa on the understanding and application of authenticity as inspired by the Nara Declaration and the 1965 Charter of Venice, to reinforce the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Recommend the establishment of an AFRICA 2035 programme similar to the AFRICA 2009 programme, with strategic objectives, *inter alia*, to reinforce the achievements of the Africa 2009 Programme, train young Africans on the dynamics of the inscription of files on the World Heritage List, and to strengthen site management and conservation systems in the face of climate change.

In view of the extended timelines of the Preliminary Assessment process and recalling the Global Strategy to reduce the imbalance on the World Heritage List for inscriptions by non-represented and underrepresented States Parties, requests the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies to explore the possibility to reduce the waiting period within the Preliminary Assessment for potential nominations with a favourable outcome, from non-represented and underrepresented States Parties, and to report to the World Heritage Committee on this possibility at its 47th session.

**Open-ended Working Group
in relation to Decision 45 COM 11**

Written amendments on the additional new recommendation proposals

Submitted by:

SWITZERLAND



Projet de recommandations du groupe de travail à composition non limitée en relation avec la Décision 45 COM 11

Le groupe de travail à composition non limitée recommande au Comité, lors de sa 46^e session, de :

1. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander aux Organisations consultatives d'entreprendre un examen et la mise à jour des analyses des lacunes de 2004, y compris un processus consultatif, sous réserve du soutien financier nécessaire, de faire un rapport des progrès accomplis, y compris une feuille de route à la 47^e session et de soumettre l'analyse des lacunes mise à jour avec un plan d'action pour sa mise en œuvre à sa 48^e session.
2. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en coopération avec les Organisations consultatives et les Centres de catégorie 2, d'examiner les programmes de renforcement des capacités existants ainsi que les nouveaux proposés, et proposer un mécanisme pour renforcer leur financement et leur coordination, y compris concernant la durabilité des résultats, centré sur l'Afrique et les PEID, ainsi que les États parties sous-représentés et non représentés, pour la préparation de Listes indicatives, de propositions d'inscription et la conservation à long terme, et d'assurer une plus grande sensibilisation des parties prenantes et des preneurs de décision aux processus et aux exigences de la Convention, et inviter les États parties à contribuer financièrement à cette fin.
3. **[Adoptée en salle]** Encourager fortement les États parties à réviser régulièrement leurs Listes indicatives pour inclure les catégories de sites sous-représentées et, rappelant le paragraphe 73 des Orientations, encourager également un dialogue entre les États parties au niveau régional, sous-régional et interrégional.
4. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial et aux Organisations consultatives, en consultation avec les Centres de catégorie 2, de présenter une proposition de révision et de simplification du format de proposition d'inscription et les révisions correspondantes dans les Orientations, en explorant également les options pour développer une plateforme en ligne pour la soumission des propositions d'inscription, à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.
5. **[Adoptée en salle]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, de mettre à jour le Manuel de préparation des propositions d'inscription sous réserve du soutien financier nécessaire et de le soumettre à sa 48^e session.
6. **[Adoptée en salle]** Rappelant la « Déclaration de principes afin de promouvoir la solidarité internationale et la coopération pour préserver le patrimoine mondial », approuvée par l'Assemblée générale des États parties à la Convention en 2021, encourager fortement les membres du Comité à s'abstenir de faire examiner leurs propositions d'inscription pendant leur mandat.

7. [\[Adoptée en salle\]](#) Explorer les possibilités de financement, y compris à travers le Fonds du patrimoine mondial, afin de soutenir la mise en œuvre du programme et des activités susmentionnés.
8. [\[Adoptée en salle\]](#) Prolonger le mandat du Groupe de travail à composition non limitée jusqu'à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.

Recommandations présentées dans la salle mais non discutées :

~~**[États-Unis d'Amérique] (telle que révisée par l'auteur)** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en coopération avec les Organisations consultatives et les Centres de catégorie 2, d'étudier les possibilités pour les États parties de mettre à jour les déclarations de valeur universelle exceptionnelle afin de refléter le récit des peuples autochtones, et de présenter une proposition à sa 47^e session.~~

~~**[Australie, Suisse]** Reconnaissant les difficultés rencontrées par les peuples autochtones lorsqu'elles naviguent dans le système du patrimoine mondial, demander que le Centre du patrimoine mondial, les Organisations consultatives et les États parties travaillent ensemble avec les peuples autochtones pour identifier les possibilités de mieux refléter leurs valeurs et de renforcer leur participation dans le cadre de la Convention.~~

~~**[Koweït, France, Tchéquie : supprimer] [Brésil, Afrique du Sud]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, d'explorer des manières, en tenant compte **[Tchéquie]** des discussions qui ont eu lieu dans le groupe de travail à composition non limitée, **[Tchéquie, Suisse : supprimer]** ~~par exemple, de la possibilité de créer un processus accéléré pour **[Suisse]** de prioriser l'évaluation des sites naturels et autres catégories non représentées émanant d'États parties sous-représentés.~~~~

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~~**[Suisse : supprimer, parce que contenu dans le para précédent][Brésil, Argentine, Bolivie, Colombie, République dominicaine, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Pérou, Afrique du Sud, Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis, Uruguay, Venezuela]** Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial et aux Organisations consultatives de réfléchir à des options pour faciliter la priorisation des propositions d'inscription de sites naturels identifiés dans les études de lacunes, et situés dans des pays non représentés et sous-représentés, y compris les synergies possibles avec l'évaluation des sites appartenant déjà aux réseaux mondiaux de Géoparcs et de réserves de biosphère de l'UNESCO, et de présenter un rapport et des propositions pour considération à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.~~

[Ukraine] (telle que révisée par l'auteur) Inviter le Centre du patrimoine mondial, en coopération avec les Organisations consultatives, à analyser les situations liées aux besoins des sites d'être inscrits sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial en péril en raison des menaces extérieures qui pèsent sur ces sites.

[France, Chine, Italie, Inde : supprimer] [Koweït, Liban, Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, Suisse : garder] Reporter à la session suivante l'examen d'une proposition d'inscription lorsqu'un État partie a trois propositions d'inscription complètes entrant dans le processus d'évaluation au cours de trois cycles consécutifs.

[Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines] (telle que révisée par l'auteur) Conformément à la résolution **12 GA 30-48** adoptée par la 12e Assemblée générale des États parties et au paragraphe 59 des Orientations, demander aux États parties avec des propositions d'inscription au patrimoine mondial réussies, à savoir ceux qui ont 20 biens ou plus inscrits sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial, de lier chacune de leurs propositions d'inscription à une proposition d'inscription présentée par un État partie dont le patrimoine est sous-représenté ou non représenté. Cela implique un soutien total à l'ensemble du processus de préparation du dossier de proposition d'inscription ~~[Suisse : supprimer], jusqu'à la soumission des deux propositions d'inscription au même cycle d'évaluation.~~

Recommandations additionnelles reçues :

[Tchéquie, Suisse] Soumettre les recommandations à l'Assemblée générale des États parties à la Convention du patrimoine mondial à sa 25^e session pour adoption.

[Australie, Suisse] Reconnaissant les difficultés rencontrées par les peuples autochtones lorsqu'elles naviguent dans le système du patrimoine mondial, demander que le Centre du patrimoine mondial, les Organisations consultatives et les États parties travaillent ensemble avec les peuples autochtones pour identifier les possibilités de mieux refléter leurs valeurs et de renforcer leur participation dans le cadre de la Convention.

[Allemagne] Réaffirmant que la conservation du patrimoine culturel et naturel est au cœur de la Convention et qu'une attention égale doit être accordée à l'inscription, à la protection et à la conservation, ainsi qu'à la gestion ;

Réaffirmant également la nécessité d'améliorer la représentativité de la Liste du patrimoine mondial afin d'inclure tout le patrimoine du monde ayant une valeur universelle exceptionnelle et de soutenir les aspirations des États parties non représentés et sous-représentés sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial ;

Appeler les États parties à explorer les possibilités d'activités incluant le mentorat, le jumelage et la coopération avec les institutions éducatives, en consultation avec le Centre du patrimoine mondial, afin de partager les connaissances relatives aux propositions d'inscription, à la conservation et à la gestion, en particulier avec les États parties sous-représentés et non représentés, et demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial de fournir un document avec de bons exemples.

[BelgiqueBelgique, Suisse] Explorer et développer des actions coordonnées sur le patrimoine mondial et les secteurs connexes (par exemple la biodiversité), également en vue de mobiliser des fonds supplémentaires spécifiques (par exemple le financement du FEM pour soutenir l'inscription de propositions prioritaires du patrimoine mondial naturel conformément à l'objectif 3 du cadre mondial pour la biodiversité).

[Inde] Demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, de définir des terminologies telles que « bien représenté », « sous-représenté » et « sur-représenté », ainsi que des critères de référence pour parvenir à une représentation équitable/adéquate en termes de thèmes, de catégories et de régions géographiques, et de présenter ses recommandations à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial ;

Rappelant la décision **43 COM 11A**, demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, d'évaluer l'impact de la décision **40 COM 11** à la 46^e session du Comité en 2024 ;

~~[Suisse : supprimer]Prier instamment le Centre du patrimoine mondial, en collaboration avec les Organisations consultatives, de revoir les processus/procédures d'évaluation adoptés par les Organisations consultatives afin de les rendre plus transparents et consultatifs, et de présenter ses recommandations à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial;~~

Demander fortement au Centre du patrimoine mondial d'explorer les moyens de renforcer les trois Organisations consultatives, de trouver des solutions innovantes pour fournir un budget supplémentaire, ~~[Suisse : supprimer] d'explorer la possibilité d'impliquer les Centres de catégorie 2 en tant qu'experts régionaux pour décentraliser le processus d'évaluation et d'engager des prestataires de services supplémentaires, si nécessaire, en fonction des besoins et de la nature des dossiers de proposition d'inscription à évaluer ;~~

~~[Suisse : supprimer]Insister pour que l'analyse préliminaire reste volontaire jusqu'à ce que les questions liées aux implications financières de cette étape soient résolues, afin d'éviter une charge financière supplémentaire pour les États parties, et de poursuivre le calendrier existant, permettant ainsi à un plus grand nombre d'États parties de soumettre leurs dossiers de proposition d'inscription.~~

Demander instamment au Centre du patrimoine mondial de concevoir des solutions pour utiliser la valeur de la marque du patrimoine mondial afin de maximiser les revenus et de présenter ses recommandations à la 47^e session du Comité du patrimoine mondial.

[Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, Grenade, Suisse] Inviter le Directeur général à renforcer la capacité et l'indépendance du Centre du patrimoine mondial pour qu'il puisse s'acquitter pleinement de son travail de Secrétariat, notamment en lui permettant d'entreprendre des activités de collecte de fonds pour accroître le financement volontaire provenant du secteur privé, de la société civile, des fonds multilatéraux et des institutions.

[Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord] Demander que le mandat du groupe de travail à composition non limitée soit étendu afin de garantir que, sur la

base des progrès positifs réalisés en ce qui concerne la réflexion sur les propositions d'inscription, tout en notant l'augmentation significative des biens faisant l'objet d'un suivi réactif, une réflexion équivalente soit entreprise sur l'objectif principal de la Convention - la « protection permanente » des biens culturels et naturels qui ont une valeur universelle exceptionnelle - reconnaissant que nous établissons des listes afin de conserver et de protéger.

[Kenya, Afrique du Sud, Comores, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, Togo, Zambie]
Encourager une représentation égale des experts de toutes les régions au sein des Organisations consultatives, y compris leur inclusion dans toutes les étapes des processus d'évaluation et de consultation, et l'engagement accru des experts régionaux et des Centres de catégorie 2 pour des activités de renforcement des capacités durables.

~~[Suisse : supprimer] Recommander l'élaboration d'une déclaration sur les critères et l'authenticité du patrimoine culturel, naturel et immatériel africain en vue de son adoption par les conventions culturelles pertinentes.~~

Recommander la mise en place d'un programme Afrique 2035 similaire au programme Afrique 2009, avec pour objectifs stratégiques, entre autres, de renforcer les acquis du programme Afrique 2009, de former les jeunes africains sur la dynamique de l'inscription des dossiers sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial, et de renforcer les systèmes de gestion et de conservation des sites face au changement climatique.

Compte tenu des délais prolongés du processus d'analyse préliminaire, et rappelant la Stratégie globale pour améliorer l'équilibre de la Liste du patrimoine mondial et faciliter les inscriptions des États parties non représentés et sous-représentés, demander au Centre du patrimoine mondial et aux Organisations consultatives d'étudier la possibilité d'un mécanisme d'action positive dans le cadre de l'analyse préliminaire en faveur des États parties non représentés et sous-représentés, notamment pour la région Afrique et les PEID, avec un délai réduit à toutes les étapes de l'analyse préliminaire pour faciliter une décision rapide des Organisations consultatives et la soumission ultérieure de propositions d'inscription par les États parties concernés, et de faire un rapport au Comité du patrimoine mondial sur cette possibilité lors de sa 47^e session.

**Open-ended Working Group
in relation to Decision 45 COM 11**

Written amendments on the additional new recommendation proposals

Submitted by:

GRENADA

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



Draft recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group in relation to Decision 45 COM 11

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2. [\[Adopted in the room\]](#) Request the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies and C2Cs, to review existing and proposed new capacity building programmes and propose a mechanism to strengthen their funding and coordination including sustainability of results, focusing on Africa and SIDS, as well as under-represented and non-represented States Parties for the preparation of the Tentative Lists, nominations and long-term conservation, and ensure more awareness raising of stakeholders and decision makers on the processes and requirements of the Convention, and invite the States Parties to contribute financially to this end.
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Recommendations submitted in the room but not discussed:

[US] (as revised by the author) Request the World Heritage Centre in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies and Category 2 Centres to explore options for States Parties to update statements of Outstanding Universal Value to reflect the narrative of indigenous people *to include the narrative of indigenous people in the statements of Outstanding Universal Value* without affecting the justification for inscription **[Germany]**, and present a proposal to its 47th session.

Commented [A1]: Czechia supports.

~~**[Kuwait, France, Czechia: delete] [Brazil, South Africa]** Request the World Heritage Centre in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies to explore ways, taking into account **[Czechia]** discussions held at the OEWG, **[Czechia: delete]** for example the possibility of creation of a fast track for the evaluation of natural sites and other non-represented categories from under-represented States Parties.~~

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~~**[Brazil, Argentine, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, Uruguay, Venezuela]** Request the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to reflect on options to facilitate the prioritization of nominations of natural sites identified in gap studies, and located in non-represented and underrepresented countries, including possible synergies with the evaluation of sites already belonging to the UNESCO Global Geoparks and Biosphere Reserve networks, and to bring a report and proposals for consideration of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.~~

Commented [A2]: Czechia, SVG, Germany, Grenada not in favour.

~~**[Ukraine] (as revised by the author)** Invite the World Heritage Centre in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies to analyze the situations related to the needs for the sites to be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger caused by external threats to those sites.~~

Commented [A3]: Czechia, Germany, SVG not in favour.

~~**[France, China, Italy, India: delete] [Kuwait, Lebanon, St. Vincent, Switzerland: keep]** Postpone to the following session the examination of a nomination whenever a State Party has three complete nominations entering the evaluation process in three consecutive cycles.~~

Commented [A4]: CZ: supports

[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines] (as revised by the author) supported by Grenada In line with the Resolution 12 GA 30-48 (paragraph 38b) adopted by the 12th General Assembly of States Parties and Paragraph 59 c) of the Operational Guidelines, ~~request~~ **strongly encourages** the States Parties with successful World Heritage nominations, ~~namely those with 20 or more properties inscribed on the World Heritage List~~ ~~**[Germany: delete]**~~, to link each of their nominations, with one nomination presented by a State Party whose heritage is under or non-represented. This entails full support for the whole process of the preparation of the nomination file, until the submission of both nominations **(Germany) preferably** at the same cycle of evaluation.

Commented [A5]: Proposal Germany, Czechia, support.

Commented [A6]: Proposal Germany, supported by Czechia.

Additional recommendations received:

[Czechia] Submit the recommendations to the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention at its 25th session for ~~adoption~~ **endorsement**.

Commented [A7]: Proposal by Czechia, supported by SVG, Germany, Grenada.

[Australia]

Recognising the challenges faced by Indigenous People when navigating the World Heritage system, request that the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and States Parties work together with Indigenous People to identify opportunities to better reflect their heritage values and enhance their participation under the Convention and present a proposal to its 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Commented [A8]: Czechia, SVG, Germany, Grenada support.

[Germany] Reaffirming that the conservation of cultural and natural heritage is at the core of the Convention, and equal attention needs to be given to inscription, protection and conservation, and management;

Also reaffirming the need to enhance representativity of the World Heritage List to include all the heritage in the world with Outstanding Universal Value and to support the aspirations of non-represented and under-represented States Parties on the World Heritage List

[Germany] Call on the States Parties to explore possibilities for activities including mentoring, twinning and cooperation with educational institutions, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, to share knowledge related to nominations, conservation and management, in particular with under-represented and non-represented States Parties, and request the World Heritage Centre to provide a document with good examples.

~~**[Belgium]** Explore and develop coordinated actions on World Heritage and related sectors (e.g. biodiversity), also with a view to mobilizing additional dedicated funding (e.g. GEF-funding to support the inscription of prioritized natural World Heritage proposals and conservation activities (St Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada) in line with target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework) and with decision 44COM7.2.~~

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~~**[India]** Request the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to define terminologies such as Well-represented, Under-represented and Over-represented, and also define benchmarks for achieving equitable/adequate representation in terms of themes, categories and geographic regions, and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee;~~

Commented [A9]: Czechia, Germany, SVG not in favour.

Recalling Decision **43 COM 11A**, request the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to evaluate the impact of Decision **40 COM 11** at the Committee's 46th session in 2024;

~~Urge the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to review the evaluation process/procedures adopted by the Advisory Bodies with a view to make~~

~~them more transparent and consultative, and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee;~~

Commented [A10]: Czechia, Germany not in favour.

Strongly request the World Heritage Centre to explore means to strengthen the three Advisory Bodies, to find innovative solutions to provide additional budget for capacity building activities and additional studies, and **[Germany]** to explore the possibility of involving Category 2 Centres as regional experts, ~~to decentralise the evaluation process and engage additional service providers, if necessary, on need basis depending on the nature of nomination dossiers to be evaluated;~~

Commented [A11]: Czechia, SVG, Germany not in favour on the decentralisation.

~~Insist that Preliminary Assessment (PA) remains voluntary till issues related to the financial implications of this step are resolved, in order to prevent additional financial burden on States Parties, and to continue with the existing timeline, thus allowing more States Parties to submit their nomination dossiers.~~

Commented [A12]: Czechia, SVG, Grenada not in favour.

[Germany: delete] Urge the World Heritage Centre to devise solutions for utilizing the brand value of the World Heritage tag for revenue maximization and present its recommendations in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Commented [A13]: Czechia supports.

~~**[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada] as amended by the author** Invite the Director General to strengthen the ability and the independence autonomy of the World Heritage Centre to fully conduct its work as secretariat, notably by **(Belgium) allocating more Unesco-financial and human resources and by enabling [Belgium] #the World Heritage Centre to undertake fundraising activities to increase voluntary funding from the private sector, civil society, multilateral funds and institutions, in line with UNESCO financial rules and regulations.**~~

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[United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland] Request the mandate for the Open-ended Working Group be extended to ensure that, building on the positive progress made in relation to the reflection on nominations, yet noting the significant increase in properties under reactive monitoring, equal reflection is undertaken on the core purpose of the Convention - the 'permanent protection' of cultural and natural properties that are of Outstanding Universal Value - recognising that we list in order to conserve and protect.

Commented [A15]: SVG, Grenada In favor

[Kenya, Comoros, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Togo, Zambia] Encourage an equal representation of experts from all regions within the Advisory Bodies, including their inclusion in all stages of the evaluation and advisory processes, and the increased engagement of regional experts and Category 2 Centres for sustainable capacity building activities.

~~Recommend the World Heritage Center and the Advisory Bodies to develop a development of a Declaration- a Guidance document on the criteria and authenticity of African cultural, natural, and intangible heritage- to enhance the understanding in the processes/procedures under the relevant culture conventions-~~

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Commented [A16]: Germany, Czechia, SVG, Grenada supports.

Commented [A17]: German, Czechia not in favour.

**Open-ended Working Group
in relation to Decision 45 COM 11**

Written amendments on the additional new recommendation proposals

Submitted by:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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