

**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION
OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in Danger

8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List

Summary

This addendum document presents one nomination to be processed on an emergency basis for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 46th session in compliance with paragraphs 161 and 162 of the Operational Guidelines.

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I. NOMINATION TO BE PROCESSED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS

Property	Saint Hilarion Monastery/ Tell Umm Amer
ID. N°	1749
State Party	State of Palestine
Criteria proposed by State Party	(ii)(iii)(vi)

Technical note

On 24 June 2024 the State of Palestine submitted to the World Heritage Centre the nomination of “Saint Hilarion Monastery/ Tell Umm Amer” with the request to process it on an emergency basis.

On 24 June 2024, the nomination was transmitted to ICOMOS for evaluation.

On 28 June 2024, the World Heritage Centre informed all States Parties about the submission of the nomination and added the electronic version of the nomination file in the list of those to be examined by the Committee at its 46th session.

On 5 July 2024, ICOMOS requested information through the World Heritage Centre regarding the current or recent state of conservation of the cultural heritage in the Gaza Strip, as well as any relevant documentation concerning the "provisional enhanced protection" granted to the nominated property on 14 December 2023 by the UNESCO Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, within the framework of the 1954 Hague Convention and its Second Protocol.

On 8 and 12 July 2024, UNESCO addressed the replies providing to ICOMOS the information requested above.

On 15 July 2024, ICOMOS addressed a request for additional information to the State Party.

On 18 July 2024, ICOMOS notified the World Heritage Centre regarding the emergency aspect and informed on steps taken to evaluate the nomination.

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Documents WHC/24/46.COM/8B.Add.2 and WHC/24/46.COM/INF.8B1.Add.2,*
2. *Taking note that on 24 June 2024 the World Heritage Centre received a request from the State of Palestine to process the nomination of **Saint Hilarion Monastery/ Tell Umm Amer** on an emergency basis at its present session,*
3. *Also taking note of the provisions under Paragraph 161 of the Operational Guidelines concerning nominations to be processed on an emergency basis, which are to “constitute an emergency situation for which an immediate decision by the Committee is necessary*

to ensure their safeguarding” and to “unquestionably justify Outstanding Universal Value”,

4. *Further taking note that, ICOMOS asserts that the nominated property is facing serious and specific dangers from natural events or human activities, which would constitute an emergency situation for which an immediate decision by the Committee is necessary to ensure its safeguarding,*
5. *Acknowledging that, given the short timeframe between the submission of the nomination of **Saint Hilarion Monastery/ Tell Umm Amer** to be processed on an emergency basis and the 46th session of the Committee, ICOMOS has not been able to assess the qualities of the property which may justify its Outstanding Universal Value,*
6. *Decides...*