



AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

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The implementation of the Operational Strategy for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (2023-2029) in the World Heritage context

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Recalling 42 C/Resolution 22 by which the UNESCO Operational Strategy for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (2023-2029) was adopted in November 2023;*
- 2. Also recalling the World Heritage Small Island Developing States Thematic Programme adopted in 2005;*
- 3. Considering the growing threats of climate change to the islands and to their world heritage properties inscribed on the list or on the tentative lists;*
- 4. Notes the efforts made by the States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory bodies in the implementation of the World Heritage Small Island Developing States Thematic Programme and UNESCO SIDS Operational Strategy, notably through its Accelerator Programme 3;*

5. Thanks the donors and appreciates the cooperative efforts in assisting the Small Island Developing States in the protection of the tangible heritage;
 6. Calls upon the Member States, including the Group of Friends of Small Island Developing States in UNESCO as well as the private-public sector, the multilateral funds and institutions, to provide support to the SIDS in the implementation of the Strategy, by assisting Small Island Developing States non represented and under-represented in the preparation of their indicative list and nomination files, by ensuring capacity building in conservation and protection of the world heritage properties as well as of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape and on actions and preparedness in the context of climate change ;
 7. Requests all stakeholders to continue strengthening the implementation of the World Heritage Small Island Developing States Thematic Programme;
 8. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to regularly present to the World Heritage Committee, starting from its 47th session, under a separate item, a progress report on the implementation of the UNESCO SIDS Operational Strategy, notably its Accelerator Programme 3 and also in the context of the World Heritage, in line with the Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2029 and Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 for examination.
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