

AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

Agenda Item	Progress report on the implementation of the World Heritage-related activities for Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) including the Operational Strategy for the SIDS 2023-2029 in the context of World Heritage
Draft Decision	47 COM 5E
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TEXT

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/25/47.COM/5E,
2. Recalling Decision 46 COM 14, adopted at the 46th session (New Delhi, 2024),
3. Expresses its appreciation for the activities of the World Heritage Centre with UNESCO Field Offices, Advisory Bodies, and other partners in building capacities, providing technical assistance, and advancing sustainable development and resilience, in and around World Heritage properties in the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS);
4. Thanks the governments of Australia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea and the Sultanate of Oman for their financial support in implementing activities in and around World Heritage properties in the SIDS;
5. Encourages States Parties and other partners to continue supporting the World Heritage Programme for SIDS and the implementation of the World Heritage activities in SIDS by providing financial support and/or reinforcing the human resources of the institutions involved;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre, together with the Advisory Bodies, to continue pursuing, within the available resources, the development of activities for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention at national and sub-regional levels including advancing sustainable development and climate resilience in line with the Policy for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective in World Heritage Processes (2015) and the Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage (2023);

7. Calls upon the World Heritage Centre to consider whether the No Go Commitment could focus on the corporate sector involved in maritime operations in the future;
8. Welcomes the development of the World Heritage Strategy for the SIDS and requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report on the implementation of the World Heritage-related activities for SIDS, including the World Heritage Strategy for the SIDS, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 48th session.