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The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Documents WHC-06/30.COM/4 and WHC-06/30.COM/INF.04,*
2. *Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Rapporteur of its 29th session (Durban, 2005).*

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**1. OPENING OF THE SESSION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

(No decision required)

2. REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Decision 29 COM 2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-04/7EXT.COM/2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.2**,
2. Taking into consideration Rule 8 (Observers) of the *Rules of Procedure* of the Committee,
3. Notes the List of Participants included in **Annex I**,
4. Authorizes the participation in the 29th session as observers of the representatives of the international governmental organizations (IGOs), international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the *Convention* and having, requested observer status at such session, who are listed in Section A of **Annex II**,
5. Confirms the participation in the 29th session as observers of all those invited by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the *Rules of Procedure* and as listed in Section B of Annex II.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

3A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Decision 29 COM 3A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/3A.Rev 3**,
2. Adopts the agenda included in the above-mentioned document.

3B. ADOPTION OF THE TIMETABLE

Decision 29 COM 3B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/3B.Rev 2**,
2. Decides that the evening session indicated in such document for the 11 July (Monday) will take place from 18:00 to 19:30;
3. Also decides that each daily session of the 29th session of the Committee will start at 9:30;
4. Adopts the timetable included in the above-mentioned document, as amended.

**4. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE 7TH EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (UNESCO,
2004)**

Decision 29 COM 4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/4** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.04**,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Rapporteur of its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004).

5. REPORT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 29 COM 5A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/5** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.5**,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 4** and **27 COM 5.1**, adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003), and Decision **28 COM 9**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with satisfaction the Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities, which contributes to an adequate implementation of the four strategic objectives of the Committee.

Decision 29 COM 5B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Annex 1 of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/5**,
2. Approves the World Heritage Programme for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the World Heritage Marine Programme;
3. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to further explore the thematic initiative “Astronomy and World Heritage” as a means to promote, in particular, nominations which recognize and celebrate achievements in science;
4. Approves a biennial budget of US\$20,000 for the World Heritage Programme for Small Island Developing States and US\$50,000 for the World Heritage Marine Programme, to be financed through the World Heritage Fund, as proposed in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/16**.

Decision 29 COM 5C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Annex 2 of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/5**,
2. Takes note of the Recommendations of the “World Heritage Forest Meeting” held in Nancy, France, on 9-11 March 2005, included in the referred Annex;
3. Encourages the World Heritage Centre to work closely with States Parties towards the implementation of such Recommendations;

4. Approves a biennial budget of US\$ 20,000 for the World Heritage Forest Programme, to be financed through the World Heritage Fund, as proposed in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/16**.

Decision 29 COM 5D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Annex 2 of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/5**,
2. Expresses its sincere appreciation to the State Party of Austria, the City of Vienna, the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM, and to the partner organizations: Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), International federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA), International Union of Architects (IUA) and International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), for their successful collaboration in the organisation of the international conference on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture - Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (Vienna, 12 -14 May 2005);
3. Takes note of the report and welcomes the Vienna Memorandum adopted at the above-mentioned international conference;
4. Encourages States Parties to integrate the notion of historic urban landscape in nomination proposals and in the elaboration of management plans of properties nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List;
5. Also encourages States Parties to integrate the principles expressed in the Vienna Memorandum into their heritage conservation policies;
6. Requests the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre to take into account the conservation of the historic urban landscape when reviewing any potential impact on the integrity of an existing World Heritage property, and during the nomination evaluation process of new sites;
7. Recommends that the General Assembly of States Parties to the *Convention* at its 15th session (UNESCO, 2005) adopt, on the basis of the Vienna Memorandum, a Declaration on the Conservation of Historic Urban Landscapes;
8. Also recommends that the General Conference of UNESCO adopt a new recommendation to complement and update the existing ones on the subject of conservation of historic urban landscapes, with special reference to the need to link contemporary architecture to the urban historic context.

6. WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES

Decision 29 COM 6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/6**,
2. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to transmit the Report included in such document, as amended, to the Secretariat of the General Conference, so that it can be submitted to the General Conference of UNESCO at its 33rd session;
3. Decides, in accordance with Rule 14.1 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the General Assembly of States Parties to the *Convention*, to reserve one seat in the World Heritage Committee to be elected by the General Assembly at its 15th session (UNESCO, 2005), for a State Party which does not have any properties on the World Heritage List.

7. EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

7A. STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

NATURAL HERITAGE

1. Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Central African Republic) (N 475)

Decision 29 COM 7A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15.1**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004), and **25 COM VIII.3**, adopted at its 25th session (Helsinki, 2001),
3. Requests the Chairperson of the Committee and the Director of the World Heritage Centre to transmit on behalf of the Committee their heartfelt condolences to the families of the game scouts who lost their lives in the anti-poaching activities to protect the values of the property;
4. Regrets that the monitoring mission to the property could not take place due to the security situation in the region and reiterates its request for the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to undertake this joint mission as soon as the security situation allows;
5. Commends the European Union for its ongoing efforts to conserve the property and the natural resources in the areas adjacent to the property, in particular the development and implementation of the anti-poaching strategy;
6. Urges IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to cooperate closely with the “Conservation et Utilisation rationnelle des écosystèmes forestières de l’Afrique centrale” (ECOFAC) programme as well as with other organisations active in the region to get more details on the state of conservation of the property and on the urgent measures to be implemented in order to ensure the recovery of the property;

7. Further urges the State Party of Central African Republic to establish a dialogue with the Governments of Sudan and Chad in order to prevent transborder poaching activities, as requested by the Committee at its 25th session, and to provide adequate means to the game scouts to combat poaching;
8. Requests the State Party to submit a report by **1 February 2006** on the state of conservation of the property, in particular indicating the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the joint 2001 UNESCO/IUCN mission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
9. **Decides to retain Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Central African Republic) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

2. Comoé National Park (Côte d'Ivoire) (N 227)

Decision 29 COM 7A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.2**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Côte d'Ivoire for providing a report on the current situation in Comoé National Park;
4. Notes with great concern that only 20% of the property is at present directly under State Party control, and urges all parties engaged in the conflict to ensure the conservation of the property;
5. Recognizes the commitment shown by local communities in the conservation of the property;
6. Regrets that the requested monitoring mission could not take place and recommends that the World Heritage Centre and IUCN undertake the joint mission as soon as the security situation allows;
7. Requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2006**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain Comoé National Park (Côte d'Ivoire) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

3. Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea) (N 155/257)

Decision 29 COM 7A.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.5**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that no report was provided by the State Party of Guinea on the state of conservation of the property and on the status of the planned mining exploration activities;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party of Guinea to report on the status of the restarting of mining activities in the mining enclave by the Euronimba consortium, including relevant information on the potential impacts of such activities to the integrity of the property;
5. Commends the State Party of Guinea, UNDP, GEF, the World Heritage Centre and Fauna and Flora International for their efforts in the development and approval of project "Conservation of the Biodiversity of the Nimba Mountains through Integrated and Participatory Management";
6. Expresses its concern that the part of the property located in Côte d'Ivoire is no longer under the control of the State Party and urges all parties engaged in the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire to ensure the conservation of the property and its effective transboundary management, as soon as the current situation allows it;
7. Requests the States Parties of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea to submit by **1 February 2006** an updated report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

4. World Heritage properties of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Decision 29 COM 7A.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29COM/7A** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7A.4.Rev***,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.3** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Reiterates its serious concern about the continuing threats to the five World Heritage properties in DRC, especially encroachment and extraction of natural resources, including mining, poaching and ivory trafficking by armed groups, *inter alia*, elements of the regular army, the national police and former rebel troops that are awaiting demobilization or integration into the national army;
4. Expresses its utmost concern about the continued poaching in the Garamba National Park, that will lead to the imminent extinction of the northern white rhino in the wild and jeopardize the outstanding universal value for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List;
5. Commends the DRC management authority, the Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature (ICCN) and especially its dedicated field staff, UNESCO and its partners in the project “Biodiversity Conservation in Regions of Armed Conflict”, as well as other organizations cooperating with ICCN, for their on-going efforts to protect the integrity and the World Heritage values of the five properties;
6. Thanks the World Heritage Centre for the organization of the international conference on the conservation of the DRC World Heritage properties in September 2004 and the Governments of Belgium, Germany, Italy, and the United States of America, the European Union, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Foundation for their support announced for the conservation of the DRC World Heritage properties, announced at such international conference;
7. Urges the State Party of the Democratic Republic of Congo to respect the clear commitment it made during the international conference on the conservation of the DRC World Heritage properties, and which was followed by the installation of an inter-ministerial follow up committee under the presidency of the Vice President;
8. Also urges the State Party to implement immediately the measures announced at the international conference to guarantee the integrity of the properties, in particular the evacuation of all armed troops from the properties;
9. Further urges the multilateral donor agencies and bilateral donor governments to honour their commitments, towards the conservation of the DRC World Heritage properties, pledged at the international conference;
10. Strongly urges the State Party to authorize the translocation of a limited number of specimens of northern white rhino to an appropriate safe location, as recommended by the IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group;
11. Requests the cooperation of the State Party of Sudan to ensure, in accordance with Art. 6.3 of the *Convention*, that the State Party does its best to prevent transborder poaching activities and that no action will be taken that threatens the value or integrity of a property located on the territory of another States Party to the *Convention*;
12. Invites the Director-General of UNESCO to contact the President of DRC to express his serious concern over the situation in Garamba National Park and to contact the Government of Sudan to seek its cooperation in addressing the poaching threat originating from its territory;

13. Also invites the Director-General of UNESCO to use his good offices to sensitize all the parties concerned about the real risk to the outstanding universal value of Garamba National Park and to engage such parties in a dialogue leading to avoid the loss of such value;
14. Strongly urges the State Party to take all necessary measures to guarantee the *in-situ* conservation of the northern white rhino and to secure the Garamba National Park, in particular by reinforcing the guard staff with an army brigade, as announced by the Government, and by providing the necessary financial support and equipment for the ICCN anti-poaching operations;
15. Regrets that the monitoring missions to Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Virunga National Park, Okapi Wildlife Reserve and Garamba National Park could not take place due to the security situation in the region and reiterates its request for the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to undertake these joint missions as soon as the security situation allows;
16. Requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2006** an updated report on the state of conservation of the properties, the status of the northern white rhino in the Garamba National Park, mitigation measures taken to prevent its extinction and progress made in securing the integrity of the DRC World Heritage properties for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
17. **Decides to retain the Garamba, Salonga, Kahuzi Biega and Virunga National Parks and the Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Democratic Republic of Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger;**
18. Considers that, if by **1 February 2006** the presence of the northern white rhino in the Garamba National Park has not been established, the property is no longer of outstanding universal value and the Committee will consider deleting it from the World Heritage List.

5. Simien National Park (Ethiopia) (N 9)

Decision 29 COM 7A.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.4**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Ethiopia and in particular the Amhara National Regional State Government for the considerable efforts undertaken to improve the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in addressing the issues requested by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);

4. Takes note of the State Party's concern that the reduction of the human population within the park is very difficult to achieve under the prevailing conditions, despite efforts to initiate a voluntary resettlement programme;
5. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to develop an alternative livelihood strategy to address this issue and invites the State Party to complete its request for international assistance from the World Heritage Fund;
6. Requests the State Party to undertake the following additional steps:
 - a) map the extent of the agricultural encroachment within the park and monitor the level of encroachment annually;
 - b) restrict use of the area by domestic livestock;
 - c) undertake a household by household census of the people living within the park;
 - d) continue the policy of zero tolerance of domestic dogs;
 - e) set up a system to continuously monitor the human population in the property; and
 - f) consider strategic extensions to the park or its buffer zone to ensure that no further increase in agriculture, livestock and human populations occur;
7. Also requests the State Party to continue to cooperate with the Canid specialist group of IUCN's Species Survival Commission as well as other organizations (such as WildCODE, the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme, the Frankfurt Zoological Society and Ethiopian Universities) to survey the population of Simien Fox at the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint mission of UNESCO and IUCN to the property to assess progress and review the possibility of removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
9. Further requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2006** a report on progress towards the achievement of the benchmarks set by the Committee for a removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger as well as on the implementation of additional recommendations by the Committee and to provide information on the development of a tourist lodge in the property;
10. **Decides to retain Simien National Park (Ethiopia) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

6. Air and Tenéré Natural Reserves (Niger) (N 573)

Decision 29 COM 7A.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7A.6.Rev***,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15A.6** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004), as well as Decision **27 COM 7A.5** adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Taking note of the report of the 2005 IUCN monitoring mission, presented by IUCN during the 29th session (Durban, 2005),
4. Notes the information in the report provided by the State Party concerning the stolen vehicles;
5. Expresses its utmost concern over the findings of the 2005 IUCN monitoring mission, in particular the continuing deterioration of the World Heritage value of the property, the on-going poaching of wildlife, land degradation as a result of significant commercial extractions of natural resources, as well as a lack of progress in the implementation of the rehabilitation plan;
6. Encourages the State Party of Niger and UNDP/GEF to expedite the approval and implementation of the project “Co-management of Natural Resources in Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves and adjacent areas” (COGERAT);
7. Urges the State Party to implement the recommendations by the 2005 IUCN monitoring mission, with a view to addressing urgent threats to the property, in particular:
 - a) re-establish physical presence of the management authority in Iférouane and provide adequate resources to the management authority in order to allow a better control of natural resource use within the property;
 - b) establish Land Commissions (Commissions foncières) in the four Municipalities and clarify respective land-use and resource access rights for local residents;
 - c) significantly improve monitoring and surveillance of the property in order to address poaching and illegal commercial natural resource extraction issues;
 - d) immediately halt all commercial collection of timber and hay from the property; and
 - e) initiate soil and vegetation stabilization actions to control soil erosion, and measures to reduce corollary destabilization of soils by motorized traffic;
8. Requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2006** a report on the state of conservation of the property and on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2005 monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);

9. **Decides to retain the Aïr and Tenéré Natural Reserves (Niger) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

7. Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal) (N 25)

Decision 29 COM 7A.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-05/29.COM/7A* and the *Draft Decision 29 COM 7A.7.Rev*,
2. Recalling Decision 28 COM 15A.7 adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the report of the joint 2005 UNESCO-IUCN monitoring mission, presented by IUCN at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
4. Commends the State Party of Senegal on the progress made regarding the control of the invasive species (*Salvinia molesta* and *Pistia stratiotes*) within the Park and on the protection of the values for which the site was inscribed;
5. Expresses serious concern over the fact that the systematic water management system which addressed regulation of water flows, hydrological monitoring, and other factors and which was put in place in the property with assistance of IUCN Senegal, is no longer operational, leading to salinization of soils, increased sedimentation and an increasing impact of invasive species;
6. Notes the other threats and issues observed by the joint 2005 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, in particular cattle grazing and hunting in the property and buffer zone, lack of a management plan and sustained funding for the management of the property and constant changes in staff, resulting in a loss of capacity to manage the property;
7. Urges the State Party to take necessary measures to restore systematic hydrological monitoring and proper water management, as well as other habitat management measures identified by the joint 2005 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission;
8. Requests the State Party to implement the other recommendations of the monitoring mission with regard to visitor management, access management, management of the buffer zone and re-organisation of the National Park Authority;
9. Invites the State Party to organize as soon as possible a multi-stakeholder workshop to discuss the implementation of the recommendations of the mission, create new partnerships with local stakeholders for the management of property and its buffer zone and update the 2002 management plan;

10. Requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2006** a report on the state of conservation of the property and on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2005 monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
11. **Decides to retain the Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ARAB STATES

8. Ichkeul National Park (Tunisia) (N 8)

Decision 29 COM 7A.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29COM 7A**,
2. Recalling its Decisions **28 COM 15A.9** and **27 COM 7(a) 8** respectively adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) and its 27th session (UNESCO, Paris, 2003),
3. Takes note of the progress achieved in the ecological restoration of the property, as detailed in the scientific monitoring report submitted by the State Party;
4. Notes that the last two hydrological years (2002-2003 and 2003-2004) have provided very favourable climatic conditions for the rehabilitation of the park, allowing an adequate release of fresh water from the dams and resulting in the beginnings of the recovery of the ecosystem;
5. Commends the State Party of Tunisia for its commitment to the rehabilitation of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to report on the status of the management plan for the park and on the process of development of an autonomous and permanent management structure which would ensure an efficient implementation of this plan for the park;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to confirm officially its commitment to an average annual release of 80 to 120 million cubic metres of freshwater into the Ichkeul National Park, in view of consideration by the Committee, based on the outcomes of a monitoring mission, of the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
8. Requests the State Party to report on progress made on the state of conservation of the property by **1 February 2006**, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
9. **Decides to retain Ichkeul National Park (Tunisia) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ASIA AND PACIFIC

9. Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (India) (N 338)

Decision 29 COM 7A.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.10**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Welcomes the cessation of conflict at this property and the positive measures undertaken by the State Party of India to improve its state of conservation, including ecotourism initiatives in Kokilabari which involve the Bodo people and the re-building of park infrastructure;
4. Notes that the impacts of the conflict still exist, in particular in relation to wildlife populations (rhino, tiger and swamp deer) and timber removal in the Panbari Range;
5. Urges the State Party of India, in view of the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, to meet the following benchmarks identified by the monitoring mission:
 - a) accelerate efforts to re-build park infrastructure;
 - b) take prompt measures to fill vacant positions within the park;
 - c) ensure timely release of funds to the park, in compliance with the recent Supreme Court ruling of the State Party; and
 - d) undertake a comprehensive wildlife survey in the park, which could act as a future baseline for monitoring recovery of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to work with the Royal Government of Bhutan to have the contiguous Royal Manas National Park inscribed on the World Heritage List as a transboundary property; and to expedite its approval of the World Heritage Biodiversity Programme of India that has provision for crucial support for conservation of the property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2006** a report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2005 monitoring mission and in particular on the results of the status survey of wildlife in the park and progress in re-building park infrastructure, including a time-table for its completion, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (India) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

10. Everglades National Park (United States of America) (N 76)

Decision 29 COM 7A.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A** and having noted the conclusions of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/11A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.11**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes the detailed report by the State Party of United States of America provided on 27 January 2005 on the progress made on the different programmes to restore and conserve this property;
4. Commends the State Party for efforts made in enhancing the state of conservation of Everglades National Park and for securing additional financial resources to address the threats to the property;
5. Requests the State Party to report by **1 February 2006**, for examination of the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), on how the threats have been met, in order to guide the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
6. **Decides to retain Everglades National Park (United States of America) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

11. Sangay National Park (Ecuador) (N 260)

Decision 29 COM 7A.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.12**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Ecuador on the progress made in addressing and minimizing the threats to the property, including mitigation of the environmental damage of the Guamote-Macas road;

4. Urges the State Party to provide an adequate and sustained budget and staffing for the management of the property;
5. Recommends that the State Party work closely with the “Enhancing Our Heritage” project and the Fundacion Natura to further implement the new management strategy and identify the necessary funding for it;
6. Requests the State Party to submit a report by **1 February 2006** on the progress in the implementation of the management strategy and measures taken to ensure adequate levels of funding and staff for the management of the property;
7. **Decides to remove Sangay National Park (Ecuador) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

12. Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve (Honduras) (N 196)

Decision 29 COM 7A.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29COM 7A** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7A.12.Rev***,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.13** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that little progress has been made towards reaching the benchmarks for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger set by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
4. Expresses its concern about the developments which affect the outstanding universal value of the property;
5. Recommends that the State Party of Honduras work closely with the “Enhancing Our Heritage” project to improve communication and cooperation;
6. Requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the implementation of the remaining recommendations made by the joint 2003 UNESCO/IUCN mission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
7. **Decides to retain the Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve (Honduras) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

CULTURAL HERITAGE

AFRICA

13. Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin) (C 323)

Decision 29 COM 7A.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15A.14**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Encourages the State Party of Benin to pursue the search for funding in order to implement all the measures defined by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
4. Invites the international community to support the State Party in its efforts towards removing the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
5. **Decides to maintain the Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

14. Timbuktu (Mali) (C 119 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7A.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15A.15**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Noting the results of the mission carried out by the World Heritage Centre, the results of the implementation of the recommendations set out in its Decision 28 COM 15A.15, the measures undertaken for the legal reinforcement of protection around the property, and the impact of the technical missions financed in the framework of the UNESCO-Italy cooperation agreement,
4. Also noting the wish of the State Party of Mali for the property to be removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger,
5. Congratulates the State Party for all the efforts that have been made to significantly improve the state of conservation of the property;

6. Recommends that the State Party make a complete inventory of the Old City of Timbuktu which would be useful for any extension proposal submitted in the future;
7. Invites international partners to support the development project for the rehabilitation of the architecture of Timbuktu;
8. **Decides to remove Timbuktu (Mali) from the List of World Heritage in Danger, on the condition that a management and rehabilitation plan to facilitate the preservation and sustainable development of the Old City of Timbuktu be completed, as recommended by the joint ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre mission;**
9. Also decides that if there is no substantial progress towards the implementation of condition set out in paragraph 8, the property will be inscribed again on the World Heritage List in Danger at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
10. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with ICOMOS, to ensure that the report regarding the state of conservation of Timbuktu (Item 14 of Document 29/COM.7A) reflects the debate of the Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005)-

15. Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (United Republic of Tanzania) (C 144)

Decision 29 COM 7A.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.41**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of United Republic of Tanzania for the efforts undertaken to establish a management and conservation plan and a Tourism Master Plan for the property, and invites the State Party to submit the final documents;
4. Notes with appreciation the continued support provided by the Governments of France and Japan to address some of the problems facing this property;
5. Encourages the State Party to implement the management plan and tourism master plan for the protection, conservation and development of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the state of conservation of the property including follow up action on the recommendations of the ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of 2004, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);

7. **Decides to retain Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (United Republic of Tanzania) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ARAB STATES

16. Tipasa (Algeria) (C 193)

Decision 29 COM 7A.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15A.16**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Algeria on the steps taken to improve the protection of the property, but considers, nonetheless, that additional and ongoing actions are necessary to ensure total protection of the property;
4. Urges the State Party to pursue its efforts for the protection of Tipasa by implementing the measures still required for the application of all of the recommendations of its Decision **28 COM 15A.16**;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint mission of the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS (or IUCN) to Tipasa in order to consider the possibility of removing the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. Invites the State Party to submit a request for international assistance in the required format, for an expert to be made available to the Ministry of Culture to participate in the examination of all phases of the plan for the protection and presentation of the property of Tipasa;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on progress achieved in the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to maintain Tipasa (Algeria) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

17. Abu Mena (Egypt) (C 90)

Decision 29 COM 7A.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM. 7A**,
2. Recalling Decision 28 COM 15A.17 taken at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note with concern of the information provided by the State Party of Egypt and expresses its concerns over the deterioration of the property caused by rising groundwater levels and other threats;
4. Invites the international community to support the State Party in its efforts towards removing the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
5. Urges the State Party to adopt long-term and sustainable measures with all the concerned national institutions, along the lines of the recommendations contained in the UNESCO Mission Report of 2002 and the Committee's Decisions **27 COM 7A.18** and **28 COM 15A.17**;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint mission of the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, within the next two months, to the property in order to:
 - a) assess the situation of the property – both in terms of the state of conservation of the archaeological remains and in terms of the hydrological issue;
 - b) evaluate the loss of outstanding universal value of the property and of its integrity;
 - c) review the proposed project;
 - d) determine the necessary steps towards the implementation of the recommendation referred in paragraph 5, including the setting up of benchmarks with a time frame for their fulfillment, the setting up of an emergency plan while the project is taking place, and the formulation of proposals for a buffer zone ; and
 - e) provide the necessary elements to orient the Committee in recommending a program of corrective measures;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the progress made in implementing the abovementioned recommendations for the examination of the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).
8. Decides to consider at its 30th session, in consultation with the State Party and on the basis of the information provided by the mission and the State Party, whether the property should be retained in the World Heritage List in Danger and the World Heritage List.
9. **Also decides to retain Abu Mena (Egypt) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

18. Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Iraq) (C 1130)

Decision 29 COM 7A.18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling Decision 28 COM 15A.18 taken at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with concern the security situation in Iraq which is causing delays in the implementation of activities for the conservation of Ashur;
4. Encourages the State Party of Iraq to establish, as early as possible, a site management coordination unit, which will be responsible for any action to be undertaken on the property;
5. Requests the State Party to prepare a conservation and management plan for the property, possibly through an international assistance request and, should the situation allow, with international expertise;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to continue assisting the responsible Iraqi authorities;
7. Further requests the State Party to report, by **1 February 2006**, on the progress made in implementing the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Iraq) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

19. Historic Town of Zabid (Yemen) (C 611)

Decision 29 COM 7A.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling Decision 28 COM 15A.20 taken at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Yemen on the progress it has made over the past year in halting illegal constructions,
4. Regrets, while appreciating the adoption of the urban development plan, that it does not integrate the urban regulations drafted for the historic core nor the conservation plan;
5. Strongly urges the State Party to complete and adopt the Conservation Plan;

6. Encourages the State Party to define, in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, an action plan for the socio-economic revitalization of the city, thus helping in the safeguarding of the heritage, in implementing the recommendations of the Stakeholders' Meeting for the safeguarding of the historic town of Zabid (Yemen, 13-15 December 2004);
7. Requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2006**, a report on progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).
8. **Decides to retain Historic Town of Zabid (Yemen) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ASIA AND PACIFIC

20. Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Afghanistan) (C 211 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7A.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-05/29.COM/7A* and the *Draft Decision 29 COM 7A.20.Rev*,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.21**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Urges the State Party to halt the on-going construction of the road;
4. Encourages the State Party to construct an alternative footbridge and a ford across the Hari River, in order to enable access of the villagers from the Bedam Valley to the Jam Valley, as well as allowing a limited number of vehicles to cross the river, following the recommendations of the UNESCO mission in February 2004;
5. Urges the State Party of Afghanistan, with assistance from UNESCO and the international community, to continue the on-going efforts for the structural consolidation of the Minaret;
6. Requests the State Party, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to elaborate a site-management plan, taking into account the relevant provisions of the *Operational Guidelines* (2005);
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the state of conservation of this property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain the Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Afghanistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

21. Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan) (C 208 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7A.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.22**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Afghanistan for its dedication towards the safeguarding of the property;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to review the preliminary comprehensive management plan prepared by the National Research Institute for Cultural Properties (NRICP) of Japan and to assist the State Party in finalizing this comprehensive management plan based on the Statement of outstanding universal value of the property and in line with the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines* (2005);
5. Invites the international community to support the State Party in its efforts towards removing the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
6. Invites the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with detailed technical information on the large-scale local museum under construction within the property and clarify its relation to the Cultural Heritage Training Centre in Bamiyan;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the state of conservation of this property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain the Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

22. Group of Monuments at Hampi (India) (C 241)

Decision 29 COM 7A.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.24**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Commends the State Party of India for the great efforts made in response to the recommendations of the various UNESCO missions and advice from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, and notably for having established a management authority for the property;
4. Requests the State Party to submit for examination of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies the required documentation for the resumption of the Anegundi Bridge, notably the traffic regulations on the bypass road and the erection of traffic barriers banning heavy vehicles within the core area of the property;
5. Invites the State Party to appropriately reassess the construction of the commercial complex while the management plan is finalized and fully operational;
6. Requests the State Party to continue the efforts to develop a management plan for the entire property, based on the Statement of the outstanding universal value and taking into account the comments from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, the final draft of the management plan together with a progress report on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. Decides to consider the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger upon evaluation of the content of the above-mentioned progress report at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006)
9. **Decides to retain Group of Monuments at Hampi (India) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

23. Bam and its Cultural Landscape (Islamic Republic of Iran) (C 1208)

Decision 29 COM 7A.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29 COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decisions **28 COM 14B.55** and **28 COM 14B.56**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Requests the State Party of Islamic Republic of Iran, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre, to address the issues identified during the workshop held in Bam in January 2005, and in particular:
 - a) to develop a management plan, reflecting the extent and values of the World Heritage property, in close coordination and integration with other existing planning frameworks and all concerned institutions and stakeholders;

- b) to prepare an up-dated version of the nomination file so as to match the perimeter and the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage property, and including the above-mentioned management plan, and submit it to the World Heritage Centre;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with ICOMOS and the State Party, to define the criteria for the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and present them in its report on the state of conservation of the property for the examination by- the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the implementation of the above recommendations, as well as on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. **Decides to retain Bam and its Cultural Landscape** (Islamic Republic of Iran) **on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

24. Kathmandu Valley (Nepal) (C 121)

Decision 29 COM 7A.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.25**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Nepal for the great efforts made towards the conservation of the property;
4. Congratulates the State Party for the work achieved on the redefinition of the boundaries, and:
 - a) requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to submit new legally redefined core and buffer zones for the seven Monuments Zones, as well as new criteria;
 - b) encourages it to request formally, before **1 February 2006**, a “minor modification” to the boundaries of the property and a modification of the name of the property according to the procedures established in the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraphs 163, 164 and 167), for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
5. Further encourages the State Party to complete the categorized inventories in the seven Monument Zones and implement swiftly the two-year action plan developed by the High Level Governmental Committee;
6. Requests the State Party, in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to:

- a) establish an integrated and comprehensive management plan for the entire property;
 - b) develop appropriate and realistic building regulations to control change of the built stock around the main monuments within the World Heritage property; and
 - c) identify the monitoring measures necessary to assess the effectiveness of the management plan and legislation, and to indicate the means and resources by which such plan and legislation will be implemented and enforced;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the progress achieved on the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain the Kathmandu Valley (Nepal) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

25. Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Pakistan) (C 171-172)

Decision 29 COM 7A.25

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
- 2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15A.26**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
- 3. Commends the State Party of Pakistan for the significant and positive steps undertaken for the safeguarding of the property, and notably for having ensured the stability of the ceiling of the Shish Mahal;
- 4. Requests the State Party, in consultation with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, to:
 - a) submit to the World Heritage Centre copies of the final Master Plans developed in the framework of the on-going Project for the safeguarding of the World Heritage property;
 - b) approve the master plans for the Shalamar Gardens and the Lahore Fort and provide the necessary regular financial and human resources for their implementation; and
 - c) develop a single, comprehensive management plan for the two sites composing the property, integrating information on the new institutional set up for their conservation, on the revised boundary and buffer zones as well as on all the activities envisaged within the framework of the Master Plans elaborated for the Shalamar Gardens and Lahore Fort;

5. Further requests the State Party to clarify the rationale and management implications (including buffer zone identification and protection in compliance with accepted standards of conservation) of the shift from federal to provincial authorities with respect to the commitment of the State Party to preserve the values for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List;
6. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint mission of the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to the property to assess its state of conservation and to report on whether corrective measures for the property have been implemented, in order to allow the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) to consider the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage List in Danger;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations and requests of clarification, and on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain the Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Pakistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

26. Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Philippines) (C 722)

Decision 29 COM 7A.26.

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7A.26.Rev***,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.27**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Philippines on the progress made in addressing concerns raised by the joint 2001 IUCN/ICOMOS mission and for the actions in involving local communities and stakeholders in every stage of the conservation and management processes;
4. Takes note with concern of the May/June 2005 UNESCO monitoring mission's findings and recommendations concerning the construction of flood control walls within the property, which appear structurally inadequate in case of severe flooding, and have a negative impact on the aesthetic value of the landscape;
5. Recommends that the State Party take steps to implement the recommendations proposed by the 2005 UNESCO monitoring mission in order to mitigate the negative impact of the flood control walls on the heritage landscape values of the property, and to prevent their collapse, taking into account the recommendations of the reactive monitoring mission of June 2005;

6. Requests the State Party to conduct, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment on major infrastructure projects being planned at the Philippine World Heritage properties, so as to ensure that impact on the outstanding universal value of the properties is minimized;
7. Strongly encourages the State Party to guarantee the long-term provision of the necessary human and financial resources to ensure a functioning and effective site management authority, which can implement the conservation master plan as quickly as possible, and foster longterm sustainability of the Rice Terraces;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN to undertake a joint reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess the steps taken by the State Party in the follow up of the 2001 and 2005 missions' recommendations and to define benchmarks for the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with ICOMOS, IUCN and the State Party, to define benchmarks for consideration by the Committee at its 30 session (Vilnius, 2006);
10. Encourages the State Party to further pursue the idea of a twinning programme recommended by the 2001 mission, in consultation with UNESCO and the Italian authorities;
11. **Decides to retain the Rice Terraces of the Philippines Cordilleras (Philippines) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

27. Butrint (Albania) (C 570 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7A.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.28**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Albania for the submission of the progress report and for the organization of the Round Table as requested;
4. Acknowledges the considerable efforts by the State Party to contribute to the improvements in the state of conservation of the property, its gradual return to normality and its legal protection;

5. Endorses the recommendations made by the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission of March 2005, and calls upon the State Party to give appropriate attention to their timely implementation;
6. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) ensure that the management and conservation plan of the property be finalized, if necessary with the assistance of the World Heritage Centre, taking into consideration the recommendations of the 2005 Round Table, as well as be approved by the relevant authorities of the State Party and submitted to the World Heritage Centre;
 - b) take all necessary measures to prevent any illegal development or inappropriate construction in the property;
 - c) ensure that strict control is exerted on the site management and that the relevant legal provisions of the 2003 Law on Cultural Heritage are applied; and
 - d) consider inviting a joint mission of UNESCO/ICOMOS/ICCROM in 2007 to assess the implementation of the Committee's decisions and submit a report on its findings;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide a detailed implementation report on the issues above as well as a copy of the updated management plan by **1 February 2006** for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to remove Butrint (Albania) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

**28. Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Azerbaijan)
(C 958)**

Decision 29 COM 7A.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.29**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the outcome of the Round Table and the change of the body responsible for the administration and management of the World Heritage property;
4. Encourages the State Party of Azerbaijan to foster coordination amongst all stakeholders and notably between the national and municipal authorities;
5. Regrets that the State Party did not provide a state of conservation report by **1 February 2005** as requested;

6. Requests the State Party to compile existing information and establish an inventory of all monuments, buildings and their infrastructures indicating the physical conditions as well as the rehabilitation methodologies within the property;
7. Strongly urges the State Party to elaborate a comprehensive management plan to address conservation issues, development control and tourism management in order to ensure the future preservation of the property;
8. Further encourages the State Party to continue to work in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and other stakeholders, in particular for the purpose of implementing the activities outlined in the action plan;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
10. **Decides to retain the Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Azerbaijan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

29. Cologne Cathedral (Germany) (C 292rev)

Decision 29 COM 7A.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.70**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes that the State Party of Germany has provided a detailed report on the current situation at the property and the visual impact study requested by the Committee;
4. Further notes the results of the Vienna Conference on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture” (May 2005) in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/5**, and refers to its decision **29 COM 5.3**;
5. Recalls paragraphs 116 and 192 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
6. Expresses its serious concern about the high rise construction project around the ICE-terminal and in particular about the architectural solutions and the height of the proposed towers;
7. Recognizes the need to develop and rehabilitate the area around the ICE-terminal to ensure economic and social development for the City of Cologne;
8. Regrets the construction of the RZVK tower and reiterates its request that the State Party reconsider current building projects around the ICE-terminal as to their visual impact on the property and that any new construction should respect the visual integrity of the property;

9. Requests the State Party to provide by **1 February 2006** detailed information demonstrating that the recommendations made by the Committee at the time of inscription and in its decision **28 COM 15B.70** have been taken into account. In case the State Party cannot provide the assurance for an acceptable solution, which conforms with the Committee's recommendation, the Committee will start the process of delisting the property in accordance with the established procedures;
10. Recalls the urgent need for a clearly designated buffer-zone that extends on both sides of the river, and takes into account the protection of the visual integrity of the property, as requested at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
11. **Decides to retain the Cologne Cathedral (Germany) on the List of World Heritage in Danger and to examine the situation at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).**

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

30. Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Peru) (C 366)

Decision 29 COM 7A.30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.30**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Noting the comprehensive information on the state of conservation provided by the State Party,
4. Commends the State Party of Peru for the actions taken to protect and preserve the World Heritage property of Chan Chan Archaeological Zone, in particular the progress made with regard to reducing the water level at the property,
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the process of resettlement of illegal occupants and farmers from the property, as well as on the results obtained within the framework of the International Assistance provided under the World Heritage Fund, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. **Decides to retain Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Peru) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

JERUSALEM

31. Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (property proposed by Jordan) (C 148rev)

Decision 29 COM 7A.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29 COM/7A.Add**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15A.31** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Referring to **171 EX/Decision 18**, taken at the 171st session of the Executive Board of UNESCO (April 2005), notably “affirming that nothing, in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem”,
4. Reiterates its concern as to the threats to the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, as stated in Decision **28 COM 15A.31**;
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the continuing efforts of the Director-General of UNESCO in pursuing a comprehensive initiative for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
6. Welcomes and supports the preparation by UNESCO of an Action Plan based on the set of guidelines provided by the International Committee of Experts, as well as proposals for its implementation, in coordination with the concerned parties;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the progress of these recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
8. **Decides to retain the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

7B. EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES: STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Documents *WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev* and *WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Add*
WHC-05/29.COM/INF.7B and *WHC-05/29.COM/INF.7B.2*

GENERAL ISSUES: THREATS TO WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Decision 29 COM 7B.a

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev* and the Draft Decision **29 COM 7B.a.Rev**,
2. Recognizing the work being undertaken within the framework of the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the need for a proper coordination of such work with the activities under the *Convention*,
3. Takes note of the four petitions seeking to have Sagarmatha National Park (Nepal), Huascarán National Park (Peru), the Great Barrier Reef (Australia) and the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (Belize) included on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
4. Appreciates the genuine concerns raised by the various organizations and individuals supporting these petitions relating to threats to natural World Heritage properties that are or may be the result of climate change;
5. Further notes that the impacts of climate change are affecting many and are likely to affect many more World Heritage properties, both natural and cultural in the years to come;
6. Encourages all States Parties to seriously consider the potential impacts of climate change within their management planning, in particular with monitoring, and risk preparedness strategies, and to take early action in response to these potential impacts;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, interested States Parties and petitioners, to establish a broad working group of experts to: a) review the nature and scale of the risks posed to World Heritage properties arising specifically from climate change; and b) jointly develop a strategy to assist States Parties to implement appropriate management responses;
8. Welcomes the offer by the State Party of the United Kingdom to host a meeting of such working group of experts;
9. Requests that the working group of experts, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and other relevant UN bodies, prepare a joint report on “Predicting and managing the effects of climate change on World Heritage”, to be examined by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);

10. Strongly encourages States Parties and the Advisory Bodies to use the network of World Heritage properties to highlight the threats posed by climate change to natural and cultural heritage, start identifying the properties under most serious threats, and also use the network to demonstrate management actions that need to be taken to meet such threats, both within the properties and in their wider context;
11. Also encourages UNESCO to do its utmost to ensure that the results about climate change affecting World Heritage properties reach the public at large, in order to mobilize political support for activities against climate change and to safeguard in this way the livelihood of the poorest people of our planet.

Decision 29 COM 7B.b

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Having taken note of the serious threat posed by disasters on the conservation of World Heritage and of the very negative impact that disasters may have on perspectives for sustainable development and poverty eradication of communities living around affected World Heritage properties;
3. Strongly encourages the States Parties to the *Convention* to act swiftly with a view to integrate concern for heritage within their overall policies and operational mechanisms for disaster mitigation, and to develop appropriate risk-sensitive Management Plans for the World Heritage properties located in their territories;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to take into account the recommendations of the Kobe Thematic Session on “Risk Management for Cultural Heritage” in the elaboration of the strategy on risk-preparedness to be examined by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
5. Strongly encourages the international donor community to provide support to programmes aimed at the strengthening of risk management at World Heritage properties.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS AND PERIODIC REPORTING

Decision 29 COM 7B.c

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,

2. Recalling Decision 7 EXT.COM 4B.1, adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), which invited the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, to submit at its 29th session proposals on ways and means of optimizing the interrelation between the results of the periodic reporting cycles and the conclusions derived from the state of conservation reports – in particular in order to ensure consistency and a better conservation of the properties,
3. Noting that discussions have taken place in this regard at a meeting of the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre (February, 2005) and at a Workshop on “Management Effectiveness, Monitoring for World Heritage Value and Statutory Reporting” (May, 2005),
4. Highlights that there are fundamental differences between the two processes of periodic reporting and reactive monitoring, as indicated in the *Operational Guidelines*;
5. Calls for better linkages between both processes in the future, for example, through the following mechanism:
 - a) the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre should carefully consider information provided in the periodic reports corresponding to the relevant States Parties, when preparing state of conservation reports - in particular, by using the information provided on threats to the properties to focus the attention of reactive monitoring;
 - b) States Parties should take into account the content and decisions of previous state of conservation reports when preparing their property-specific periodic reports; and, in particular, provide an update on threats highlighted through the reactive monitoring process and on the measures taken by the State Party to mitigate these threats; and
 - c) A database currently being developed by the World Heritage Centre on World Heritage properties should allow for cross-referencing between state of conservation and periodic reports to enhance consistency in reporting mechanisms and to ensure that follow-up action is taken as necessary;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to take this issue up at the forthcoming meetings leading to and during the “reflection year” for the periodic reporting process.

**REPORTS ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF NATURAL
PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST**

AFRICA

1. Ngorongoro Conservation Area (United Republic of Tanzania) (N 39)

Decision 29 COM 7B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.6**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of United Republic of Tanzania for positive actions undertaken for the conservation and protection of the property; particularly in redressing tourism pressure, diversifying tourist activities, improving the livelihoods of the local pastoralists and moving to restructure the organization of the NCAA, introducing a new scheme of service and improving the management of the area;
4. Requests the State Party to finalize plans in addressing the issue of the resident pastoralist population and curtailing the immigrant agricultural population, and reviewing the general management plan, the Ngorongoro ordinance and the corporate plan;
5. Further requests the State Party to provide information on progress made in controlling heavy tourist pressure within the crater, including the results of the Vehicle Congestion Assessment;
6. Reiterates its earlier request at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002) that the State Party report on efforts to control the invasive weed "Mexican poppy" - *Argemone mexicana* (*Argemona mexicana*) within the crater;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including the issues indicated above, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

2. Dja Faunal Reserve (Cameroon) (N 407)

Decision 29 COM 7B.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.2** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that the State Party of Cameroon has still not submitted a report on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by Decision **28 COM 15B.2**, adopted at 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
4. Invites the State Party to sign the ministerial order necessary to the implementation of the management plan, and to communicate to the World Heritage Centre the details of the institution in charge of the protection and the management of the World Heritage property;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to organise a joint UNESCO/IUCN mission to the property in order to assess the state of conservation of the Dja Faunal Reserve, the threats due to commercial hunting and verify the existence of industrial activities on the periphery of the World Heritage property;
6. Further requests IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to present a report on the results of the mission; by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

3. W National Park of Niger (Niger) (N 749)

Decision 29 COM 7B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.1** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Niger for its decision to forego the construction of a dam and mining activities in the W National Park;
4. Encourages Niger, Burkina Faso and Benin to finalise the proposal to extend the W Park into a transboundary property between the three countries.

4. Rwenzori Mountains National Park (Uganda) (N 684)

Decision 29 COM 7B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.8**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with thanks the report submitted by the State Party;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party of Uganda to submit to the World Heritage Centre the General Management Plan and a map of the property showing the precise surveyed and marked boundary;
5. Commends the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), one year after the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for ongoing work to improve management and conservation of the property, notably through the implementation of a ten-year management plan, as well as considerable efforts to support the sustainable development of appropriate tourism in the Park;
6. Requests the State Party to submit a report on the state of conservation by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

ARAB STATES

5. Banc d'Arguin National Park (Mauritania) (N 506)

Decision 29 COM 7B.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.7**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the intention of the State Party of Mauritania to draw up a Development and Management Plan (DPM) for the Banc d'Arguin Park (PNBA), whilst inviting the authorities concerned to set up management tools, which will be effective in the long term and form part of an initiative more centred on the "programme" approach;
4. Requests the State Party to complete, in coordination with the World Heritage Centre and all the Park's partners, the Development and Management Plan for the property, following the recommendations of the round table discussions organised by the World Heritage Centre in November 2004;

5. Urges the State Party to send to the World Heritage Centre, for its comments, all the documents concerning the Environmental Impact Assessment studies for the mining operations drawn up by all the oil companies operating in the area around the PNBA;
6. Calls upon the State Party to apply Law 2000/025 constituting the Fishing Code in Mauritania, which prohibits any use of dragnets in the Mauritanian exclusive economic zone, as well as to approve the application decree for Law 2000/45 constituting the framework law on the environment;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to sign the 1992 Conventions² allowing it to claim from the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF), as well as to submit a request to the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organisation, the specialized body responsible for the elaboration of standards aimed at improving the safety of international maritime transport and preventing pollution of the marine environment, in order to obtain for the Banc d'Arguin Park the status of "particularly sensitive sea area" (PSSA);
8. Invites the State Party to consider the creation of a biosphere reserve, including the PNBA and its Cap Blanc Satellite Reserve, as well as other adjacent territories, recognised as being of major importance in the relationship between man and natural resources;
9. Calls upon the State Party and the World Bank to integrate in the Public Sector Capacity Building Project, one of whose sections will concern the environment, a pilot project for which the PNBA would constitute a focal point;
10. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, before **1 February 2006**, a report on progress with the implementation of the above-mentioned measures, which takes due account of the measures needed to alleviate the threats to the livelihood of the local population, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

6. Arabian Oryx Sanctuary (Oman) (N 654)

Decision 29 COM 7B.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.8** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Oman for responding to its request and for submitting the management plan for the World Heritage property, as well as for its efforts to conserve the property and the recent progress reported;

² The International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, and the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992.

4. Notes the slow progress in establishing an effective management regime for the property and that the positive intent of the management plan is not being fulfilled due to lack of funding;
5. Requests the State Party to clarify the progress under the management plan and current levels of financial support, as well as on current poaching activities, threats and underlying causes and actions on steps being taken to address these issues in light of recent reports of continued poaching and illegal trade in endangered species;
6. Further requests the State Party to provide a detailed report on the issues raised in relation to the Management Plan and its implementation by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

ASIA AND PACIFIC

7. **Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas (China)** (N1083)

Decision 29 COM 7B.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.9**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
3. Reiterates its grave concern on the impacts that the proposed construction of dams could have on the outstanding universal value and integrity of this World Heritage property and downstream communities, and considers that any dam construction within the World Heritage property would provide a case for inclusion of the property in the List of World Heritage in Danger;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to organize a joint reactive monitoring mission to the property in 2006 to evaluate progress made on the conservation of the property as per in the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee at the time of its inscription in 2003;
5. Requests the State Party of China to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a comprehensive report on the examination and approval of the proposed dam projects, so that the Committee can examine the state of conservation of the property at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

8. Keoladeo National Park (India) (N 340)

Decision 29 COM 7B.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Expresses its serious concern over the current situation at the Keoladeo National Park (KNP) resulting from inadequate release of water to maintain the wetland ecosystem of the property;
3. Considers necessary that the required quantity of water is released to the KNP from the Panchana Dam between the months of July and September 2005, and regularly each year thereafter, and that essential repairs are made to the Ghana canal, which carries water from the Ajan Dam to the Park, to avoid water losses during such transmission;
4. Requests the State Party of India to submit, not later than **1 February 2006**, a comprehensive report to the World Heritage Centre on the state of conservation of the property, including in particular the steps taken to resolve the water crisis and providing information for each of the last ten years on:
 - a) the extent of the wetland ecosystem within the Park;
 - b) the species diversity and numbers of migratory birds and the resident nesting birds;
 - c) the number of feral cattle grazing inside the Park;
 - d) the number of tourists; and
 - e) any other information considered relevant for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

9. Tropical Rainforest of Sumatra (Indonesia) (N 1167)

Decision 29 COM 7B.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 14B.5**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
3. Expresses its deep sympathy to the State Party of Indonesia and the people directly affected by the natural disaster for the loss of life and damage to infrastructure caused by the Indian Ocean tsunami of 26 December 2004 and subsequent earthquakes;

4. Encourages the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to assist the State Party in preparing the emergency action plan for the property as requested by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre, IUCN and other international partners to support the recovery of basic management capacities at the property by providing appropriate international assistance in collaboration with the competent national authorities;
6. Urges the State Party to ensure that the post-tsunami rehabilitation and infrastructure building activities in Sumatra do not have negative impact on the integrity of the property;
7. Requests the State Party to invite a joint mission of the World Heritage Centre and relevant sectors of UNESCO, with the assistance of IUCN, to assess damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami and identify urgent rehabilitation needs for the property.
8. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to provide by **1 February 2006**, on behalf of the State Party, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including the impact of the tsunami and earthquakes as well as the requested emergency action plan and the existing threats for the conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

10. East Rennell (Solomon Islands) (N 854)

Decision 29 COM 7B.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.12**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the Solomon Islands National Museum for its coordination and support of the visit to the property by the joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN mission to assess the state of conservation of East Rennell;
4. Commends the local communities for conserving the property during the civil unrest in the country;
5. Expresses its concerns regarding the lack of Government support to the property;
6. Requests that the State Party of the Solomon Islands:
 - a) completes the draft World Heritage Protection Bill and passes it into legislation as soon as possible;
 - b) prepares a World Heritage management plan for the East Rennell property as soon as possible;

- c) supports customary owners in the management and conservation of the property; and
 - d) increases the public awareness of the World Heritage property through appropriate promotional, advocacy and educational opportunities;
7. Encourages the State Party to establish a single representative body within the East Rennell community for overseeing the East Rennell World Heritage Management Plan and assisting in coordinating any World Heritage projects or other related actions;
 8. Requests the State Party to ensure endorsement and support of the Management Plan; and to establish a World Heritage sub-commission within the National Commission for UNESCO to oversee the implementation of the Management Plan and its associated projects;
 9. Also requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

11. Purnululu National Park (Australia)(N 1094)

Decision 29 COM 7B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **27 COM 8C.11**, adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Commends the State Party of Australia for its continued commitment to address the conservation concerns of the property and for providing a detailed report of ongoing and planned measures;
4. Recommends that the State Party take all the necessary measures to further protect surrounding land and improve the buffer zone of the World Heritage property where the opportunity exists and consider adding the Purnululu Conservation Reserve to the National Park;
5. Further recommends that the State Party provide adequate staffing and financing levels to ensure effective management of the property and updates the management plan of the Park, including sustaining traditional Aboriginal communities in the Park, an approach to ways of sustaining intangible qualities, and an appraisal of approaches to ethnographic, sociological and oral recording of intangible and tangible cultural traditions;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2008** a report on progress made on the state of conservation of the property assessing the specific issues raised above, for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session (2008).

12. Lorentz National Park (Indonesia) (N 955)

Decision 29 COM 7B.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.10**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that the State Party of Indonesia did not respond to the specific issues requested;
4. Requests the State Party to urgently submit to the World Heritage Centre, before **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the achievements made to follow-up on the recommendations of 2004 IUCN mission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

13. Tubbataha Reef Marine Park (Philippines) (N 653)

Decision 29 COM 7B.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.18**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party of Philippines has begun plans and sought international assistance to organise a Sub-regional Workshop on Illegal Fishing in the Sulu Sea;
4. Urges the State Party to work with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to further develop and refine these plans for the Workshop and submit a reformulated international assistance request so that the Chairperson of the Committee may consider its approval at the earliest possible time;
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in Decision **28 COM 15B.18**, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

14. Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park (Vietnam) (N 951 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.19** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Noting that measures were taken by the authorities to mitigate the negative impacts of the road construction, including education and awareness-raising programmes; waste collection measures; tree planting; embankment and ditch system construction; planting of grass; maintenance of the naturally recovered vegetation; law enforcement and involvement of local people in forest protection,
4. Further noting that other positive initiatives, such as activities for possible transboundary cooperation with Lao People's Democratic Republic as well as programmes for buffer zone management and tourist management are on-going,
5. Congratulates the State Party of Vietnam on its positive response to the request of the Committee at its 28th session and for its efforts for the conservation of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to report regularly to the World Heritage Centre on the state of conservation of the property.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

15. Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Bialowieza Forest (Belarus/Poland) (N 33-627)

Decision 29 COM 7B.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.20** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the States Parties of Poland and Belarus for the preliminary efforts undertaken in attaining joint co-management of the property and inclusive consultative processes;

4. Encourages both States Parties to continue the ongoing efforts on joint cross border initiatives;
5. Urges the States Parties of Belarus and Poland to adopt open participatory processes that involve all relevant stakeholders;
6. Requests the States Parties of Belarus and Poland to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including levels of logging, trends over time, and conversion of primeval forests to plantation for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

16. Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks (Canada) (N 304 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Commends the State Party of Canada for providing a report clarifying the status of the Cheviot Mine near Jasper National Park and beetle infestation throughout the mountain ranges of British Columbia;
3. Welcomes the efforts by the State Party to enact mitigation measures against potential damage by the beetle infestation;
4. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** an updated report on the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks, including the outcome of the legal process on the Cheviot mine project, clarification on the status of the mine in particular regarding proposals for a new project covering a larger area, and the status of the beetle epidemic, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

17. Miguasha National Park (Canada) (N 225)

Decision 29 COM 7B.17.

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the Draft Decision **29 COM 7B.17.Rev**,
2. Taking note of the report presented by IUCN during the 29th session (Durban, 2005) of the IUCN monitoring mission to the property which took place on 13 June 2005 with the effective support of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Hydro-Quebec, Quebec Parks and Parks Canada,

3. Notes the following key findings of the mission:
 - a) the drilling in the buffer zone of the property was clearly an error as a result of a lack of awareness of the existence of the buffer zone and management regulations associated to it. However, once the Ministry of Natural Resources found this error it immediately ordered the suspension of drilling activities;
 - b) the exploratory drilling operation has resulted in virtually no physical or visual impacts on the integrity of the property or the values for which the property was inscribed in the World Heritage List. The operation affected only 1ha in the buffer zone of the property and the subsurface drilling does not compromise fossil values. In addition, the area affected will be restored;
 - c) the authorities in Quebec have taken corrective actions to improve communication between the government agencies involved in this problem to ensure that such transgressions do not occur in future.
4. Commends the State Party of Canada for supporting the IUCN mission and for its ongoing efforts in the conservation of the property;
5. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of progress on the status and potential impacts of the Belledune toxic waste incinerator project and measures taken to mitigate adverse impacts on the property, as well as any implications to the state of conservation of the property if oil and gas deposits are discovered and move into production.

18. Danube Delta (Romania) (N 588)

Decision 29 COM 7B. 18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**;
2. Recalling its Decision **24 COM I.21** adopted at its 24th session (Cairns, 2000);
3. Notes with concern the information on the Bystroe Canal project located in the Ukrainian part of the transboundary UNESCO Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve (Romania/Ukraine) and its potential impact for the Danube Delta ecosystem, and the World Heritage property of the Danube Delta (Romania);
4. Requests the authorities of Ukraine to fully respect the *Convention*, in particular Article 6.3 and not to take any action to threaten the values and integrity of a property located on the territory of another State Party to this *Convention*;

5. Further requests both States Parties of Romania and Ukraine to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, an updated report on the existing navigable canal systems and proposed projects in Danube Delta, covering the territory of both States Parties and dealing with the totality of the threats as well as on transboundary collaboration regarding the conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

19. Lake Baikal (Russian Federation) (N 754)

Decision 29 COM 7B.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.22** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
3. Commends the States Parties of the Russian Federation and Mongolia for their efforts in enhancing their co-operation in order to implement, as required by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) a plan to reduce sources of pollution in the Selenga River Basin;
4. Notes with serious concern new information received on the construction of the Eastern Siberia – Pacific Ocean pipeline;
5. Notes that the State Party of the Russian Federation provided an update on the status of the planned oil pipeline and on potential or given impacts to the integrity of Lake Baikal;
6. Urges the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre about the details of the pipeline construction project and requests the authorities to take measures to eliminate all direct and indirect threats to the World Heritage property;
7. Notes the serious concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed new route for the oil and gas pipeline on the outstanding universal value of the property and considers that, according to paragraph 180 b of the *Operational Guidelines*, any pipeline development crossing the watershed of Lake Baikal and main tributaries would make the case for inscription of Lake Baikal on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
8. Requests the State Party to provide, as a matter of urgency, detailed information on the construction of the Eastern Siberia-Pacific Ocean pipeline, and to invite a joint mission of the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to the property at the appropriate time;
9. Further requests, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), that :
 - a) the State Party provide a detailed report on the current situation of the property to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006**;

- b) IUCN provide a detailed report, including a sound analysis of environmental and other risks, in view of the potential threats to the outstanding universal value of the property when the pipeline crosses the watershed of Lake Baikal and main tributaries; and
 - c) the World Heritage Centre and IUCN report on the outcome of their joint mission referred to in paragraph 8;
10. Decides that, on the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 9, the Committee may consider the inscription of Lake Baikal on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

20. Volcanoes of Kamchatka (Russian Federation) (N 765 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.27** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of the Russian Federation for its updated information on the range of threats to the property and efforts to address these following the recommendations of the mission;
4. Welcomes the State Party's confirmation that there will be no further boundary changes to Bystrinsky Natural Park to avoid future mining operations and reinforces its opposition to any future mining activity being considered within the property;
5. Encourages the State Party to ensure that any pipeline construction be undertaken giving due consideration to mitigate environmental impact on the peninsula's ecology and the property upstream; measures should be implemented to maintain the integrity of rivers crossed by the pipeline for salmon spawning and environmental impacts of the project should be closely monitored;
6. Requests the State Party to respond specifically to the joint 2004 World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission recommendations regarding efforts to improve interagency cooperation on poaching; efforts to increase overall staffing levels (which have increased but remain inadequate to combat poaching); and the need to review fines and penalties for poaching;
7. Urges the State Party to address the serious concerns regarding the impacts of the Esso - Palana road on the property, raised by the 2004 mission and specifically to report on progress to implement an effective monitoring and control programme, to establish inspection stations to check poaching; to ensure that best possible standards of road construction and maintenance are applied and that no subsidiary roads are constructed from this road;

8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a report on progress towards the completion of the management plans for all components of the property by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

21. Durmitor National Park (Serbia and Montenegro) (N 100)

Decision 29 COM 7B.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**;
2. Recalling its Decisions **9 COM**, **15 COM** and **20 COM** adopted at its 9th (UNESCO, 1985), 15th (Carthage, 1991) and 20th (Merida, 1996) sessions respectively;
3. Thanks the Director-General of UNESCO for immediately dispatching an international expert team to both the State Parties of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro to review the proposed Buk Bijela dam project;
4. Notes with concern the results of the joint mission of UNESCO and IUCN to the property and the States Parties concerned and the detailed report by the mission team;
5. Urges both States Parties to fully implement all recommendations of the international expert mission;
6. Congratulates the Government of Serbia and Montenegro and the authorities of Montenegro for the immediate action taken to halt the hydropower project and requests that for any other potential project international standards for Environmental Impact Studies are applied and all measures are taken to minimize and, preferably, to eliminate any direct and indirect threats to the World Heritage property;
7. Encourages both States Parties to ratify other relevant international agreements, including the Aarhus Convention and the Danube Convention;
8. Urges both States Parties to collaborate in seeking alternative energy solutions and to fully comply with the provisions of the *Convention* and its *Operational Guidelines* in protecting the Durmitor National Park and other protected areas in the region;
9. Further requests both States Parties to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report, including any new decisions relating to the dam project or other development projects and issues, as well as transboundary collaboration, by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

22. Yellowstone (United States of America) (N 28)

Decision 29 COM 7B.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and having noted the conclusions of the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/11A**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.122** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of the United States of America for additional information provided following the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2003 and for its continued efforts in addressing key conservation and management issues in the property;
4. Requests the State Party to review the currency and relevance of the 1973 Master Plan, both as the overarching plan for Yellowstone National Park and as the framework for the numerous sub plans which are in operation;
5. Further requests the State Party to report annually on new and emerging threats and management developments, and to submit to the World Heritage Centre an updated report by **1 February 2006**, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

23. Pirin National Park (Bulgaria) (N 225)

Decision 29 COM 7B.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.21** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party of Bulgaria provided progress reports on measures taken to address the recommendations of the joint 2004 World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission for examination by the Committee and that the management plan was finally approved in August 2004;
4. Commends the State Party for its continued commitment to address the conservation concerns of the property, and for providing an updated map of the property as well as for the positive steps in expanding the size of the property;
5. Expresses concern over uncontrolled ski development within the World Heritage property;
6. Further commends the Dutch and Swiss Governments for their generous financial support to Pirin National Park;

7. Invites the State Party to bring forward a nomination that will help to better define the boundaries of the property based on its outstanding universal value and issues of integrity, notably in relation to the ski area.

24. Skocjan Caves (Slovenia) (N 390)

Decision 29 COM 7B.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.28** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that the State Party of Slovenia did not provide any reply to the Committee's request for a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the wind generator project;
4. Urges the State Party to provide these documents as soon as possible and at the latest together with the Periodic Report (Section II) for Europe.

25. Doñana National Park (Spain) (N 685)

Decision 29 COM 7B.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.27** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Spain for its report and the submission of the extension of the boundaries; and
4. Commends the State Party for the continued restoration efforts made in the framework of "Doñana 2005";
5. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on a bi-annual basis on the state of conservation of the property, including the progress made in the restoration work.

26. Henderson Island (United Kingdom) (N 487)

Decision 29 COM 7B.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **27 COM 7B.22** adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Commends the State Party of the United Kingdom for its continued commitment to address the conservation concerns of the property and for providing an updated management plan for the property;
4. Requests that the State Party continue to keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed on the progress made in the implementation of the plan; and
5. Further requests the State Party to provide a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

27. Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast (United Kingdom) (N 369)

Decision 29 COM 7B.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **27 COM 7B.21** adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Commends the State Party of the United Kingdom for the progress made in finalizing the management plan and for the initial steps taken in its implementation;
4. Expresses satisfaction that the key issues raised in the joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission of 2003 have been addressed as well as other conservation needs of the property;
5. Calls upon the State Party to expedite efforts to finalize the redevelopment of the visitor centre and report to the World Heritage Centre on progress made.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

28. Iguaçu National Park (Brazil) (N 355)

Decision 29 COM 7B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.32** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Expresses satisfaction with the progress made by the State Party of Brazil on the state of conservation of the World Heritage property and on the preservation of the values for which the property was inscribed; as well as with progress made in interagency cooperation and international cooperation with the Argentinean authorities;
4. Commends the State Party for its co-operation with the surrounding communities noting that significant progress has been made in forging meaningful partnerships with various stakeholders;
5. Notes with concern the need for sustained financing of the property especially relating to ongoing programmes with communities and encourages the State Party to seek international assistance of the World Heritage Fund and extrabudgetary funding in addressing these needs;
6. Also notes with concern the existence of plans for the development of a hydroelectric dam with significant potential impacts on the World Heritage property and urges the State Party report on its intentions with regard to the dam and hydropower projects in the region;
7. Requests that the State Party continue to provide update information on the conservation status of the property and to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

29. Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) (N 1 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Add** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.29.Rev***,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.31** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Notes with concern the on-going events in Galapagos and their potentially negative impact on the integrity of the Galapagos National Park and Marine Reserve;
4. Requests the State Party of Ecuador to ensure by 1 February 2007 the full application of the provisions of the Special Law for Galapagos of its attendant regulations, which set the legal framework under which all activities in Galapagos take place;
5. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a report for the examination of the property as requested by the Committee;
6. Encourages the State Party to implement all necessary measures that would re-establish the Galapagos National Park Service's credibility and authority in carrying out its statutory mandate;
7. Invites the Director General of UNESCO to launch, in cooperation with the State Party, a high level initiative, with the participation of other interested UN bodies and donors, and with the objective of developing a practical, consensus-based long term "vision" for Galapagos focusing on conservation and sustainable development
8. Also requests the State Party to invite, in the context of the abovementioned initiative, a joint UNESCO/IUCN mission to the property to examine its state of conservation and in particular to advise in the development of a long term vision initiative for Galapagos Islands, focusing on conservation and sustainable development, and on whether conditions warrant for inclusion of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit a report by **1 February 2006** on the application of the Special Law for Galapagos, with an emphasis on migratory control and illegal fishing, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

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ASIA AND PACIFIC

30. Kakadu National Park (Australia) (C/N 147 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.35**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes the detailed report provided by the State Party of Australia;
4. Commends the State Party for the progress made in the conservation of the property and for the current efforts in improving tourism management in the Park;
5. Requests the State Party to continue the efforts in mitigating the negative impact of Cane Toad on the ecosystem of the property and monitor the progress in this regard;
6. Reiterates the request to the State Party to proceed rapidly with the appointment of an environmental NGO representative within the Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee (ARRTC); and
7. Also requests the State Party to continue to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the progress made in addressing the above key issues.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

31. Pyrénées – Mont Perdu (France/Spain) (C/N 773bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the **Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.31.Rev**,

2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.36**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Taking note of the information given by the State Party of France,
4. Notes with satisfaction that the Gavarnie Festival did not take place this year;
5. Thanks the State Party of France for its active search of an alternative solution for the Gavarnie Festival, in order to maintain the outstanding universal value of the property;
6. Requests the State Party of France to provide the World Heritage Centre with a specific progress report on the situation of the Gavarnie Festival and the transboundary cooperation by **1 February 2006** at the latest.

32. Mount Athos (Greece) (C/N 454)

Decision 29 COM 7B.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.37**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, China 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Greece for the report provided, concerning the immediate efforts to mitigate the fire which took place on 4 March 2004 at the Hilandry Monastery within Mount Athos;
4. Congratulates the State Party for the rapid and carefully planned response to the fire damage;
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre complementary detailed information on consolidation, cleaning operations and restoration of the Hilandry Monastery;
6. Urges the European Union to ensure that the equipment and restoration projects, to which it contributes financially, do not affect the values of the property;
7. Also requests the State Party to undertake a risk preparedness study, including seismic preparedness, of all 20 monasteries on the Holy Mount, in order to systematically reduce the likelihood of fire elsewhere, and possibility of other threats, and to explore the development of an overall management strategy for the World Heritage property, which would address both natural and cultural values, and provide for a common framework for action among the 20 monasteries on the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS / IUCN mission, to assess the state of conservation of the property.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

33. Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (Peru) (C 274)

Decision 29 COM 7B.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.38**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the State Party of Peru and the advances made in the elaboration of the Master Plan and invites the State Party to officially request technical support from UNESCO/ICOMOS/IUCN to assist in the task of national and regional authorities to engage in a participatory process to finalize the Master Plan, as well as the development of a Public Use Plan;
4. Urges the Management Unit of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu to send the Operative Plan for 2005 to the World Heritage Centre;
5. Expresses its concern over the construction of a pilot village in the buffer zone of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu within the framework of the Vilcanota Project and requests the State Party to take the appropriate measures to analyze the potential impact of this intervention through an impact assessment study;
6. Strongly urges the State Party to formalize and enforce urban planning guidelines, as part of the new Master Plan, to control the development of Aguas Calientes;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre to continue working with the Government of Peru and the World Bank to assist and guide the Management Unit and related institutions in the integrated conservation of the property within the framework of the Vilcanota project;
8. Urges the Government of Peru and the World Bank to re-orient the priorities of the Vilcanota Valley Project to provide a Tourism Operational Plan for the entire Valley;
9. Thanks Kyoto University and the International Consortium on Landslides for their support and encourages them and the State Party to continue their efforts to promote applied research to conservation, in association with other interested scientific institutions and countries, and to propose concrete actions to prevent and mitigate the risks of landslides at the Citadel and surrounding areas;
10. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and progress made in the development and implementation of plans, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

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AFRICA

34. Aksum (Ethiopia) (C 15)

Decision 29 COM 7B.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.34.Rev***,
2. Commends the scientific work being carried out by UNESCO in Aksum and encourages UNESCO and the State Party of Ethiopia to continue further scientific work with a view to the formulation of recommendations on the modalities of the re-erection of the obelisk;
3. Applauds the cooperation between the States Parties of Ethiopia and Italy, leading to the return of the obelisk, which could enhance the value of Aksum;
4. Welcomes and supports the tripartite cooperation between UNESCO and the States Parties of Ethiopia and Italy in the preparation of the re-erection of the obelisk;
5. Requests the State Party to submit an up-dated, detailed map of the World Heritage property, including geographic coordinates and scale, indicating clearly the boundaries of the core and buffer zones;
6. Notes with appreciation the efforts made by the State Party for the conservation and management of the property and further invites the World Bank to cooperate with the World Heritage Centre in order to ensure that the heritage values of Aksum are taken into due consideration in developing the new management plan and the master plan;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM to undertake a joint mission to Aksum with a view to evaluate its state of conservation and to submit a report for examination of the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

35. Lamu Old Town (Kenya) (C1055)

Decision 29 COM 7B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.39**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Acknowledges the receipt of a Status Report of Lamu Cultural Site, prepared by National Museums of Kenya, Lamu Town planning and Conservation Office;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party of Kenya to initiate and develop a management plan for Lamu Old Town;
5. Recommends that the State Party implement and address the recommendations made by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004), including the recommendation to explore the possibility of extending the core and buffer zone of the property to include the Shella Sand Dunes and the mangrove area on Manda Island, in order to ensure the integrity of the World Heritage property;
6. Takes note of the findings of the UNESCO mission to assess the situation on water distribution, solid and liquid waste, in relation to public health, and welcomes the pilot project targeting minimal hygienic conditions necessary to bring about a sanitary and social improvement;
7. Invites donors to support the project for the rehabilitation of Lamu's water and sanitation structures, as well as its solid waste management;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the joint 2003 UNESCO/ICOMOS mission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

36. Old Towns of Djenné (Mali) (C 116 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Takes note of the results of the mission undertaken by the World Heritage Centre;
3. Congratulates the State Party of Mali for all the conservation activities undertaken since 1998 in order to improve the state of conservation of the property;

4. Requests the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM to undertake, in collaboration with the State Party, a joint evaluation mission, in order to study alternative solutions to relieve urban development pressure in the property, and to submit recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

37. Island of Gorée (Senegal) (C 26)

Decision 29 COM 7B.37

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.42** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Expresses its concern over information concerning the grave threats of collapse that continue to endanger the buildings in the northern zone of the Island (William Ponty School, School of the Sisters, Pavillion of the Sisters and Annexes, Military Hospital, Guardian's Camp), as well as the lack of a solution to halt maritime erosion to the west of the property;
4. Stresses the need to undertake urgent work in order to prevent the collapse of the buildings in the northern zone of the Island and halt maritime erosion;
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party of Senegal to provide the World Heritage Centre with a report, by **1 February 2006**, on the strategies that will be implemented regarding corrective measures to limit the negative impact of the replica of the Gorée/Almadies Memorial on the property, and on progress made in putting in place an administrative system to appoint a site manager, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

38. Island of Saint-Louis (Senegal) (C 956)

Decision 29 COM 7B.38

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling that, in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 4 of the *Convention* and paragraph 177 of its *Operational Guidelines*, a property can be considered in danger when major operations are necessary for its conservation,

3. Encourages the Senegalese authorities and the local authorities to continue to work together for the conservation and the presentation of the property, in particular by collaborating in creating a ‘heritage house’;
4. Invites the State Party of Senegal to pursue its efforts for the conservation and protection of the Island of Saint-Louis, and encourages the rest of the international community to support such efforts;
5. Also invites the State Party to organise at UNESCO Headquarters a meeting of the funding institutions and the major international community partners active in Senegal;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM to undertake, in collaboration with the State Party, a joint mission to evaluate the state of conservation of the property, and to present a report for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
7. Considers that, following the results of this mission, the Committee may decide to inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

39. Robben Island (South Africa) (C 916)

Decision 29 COM 7B.39

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.40**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of South Africa and the Robben Island Museum for starting the implementation of the recommendations of the joint ICOMOS/ICCROM/IUCN mission;
4. Takes note of the appointment of the Robben Island Museum Chief Executive Officer;
5. Encourages the State Party and the Robben Island Museum to continue the ongoing development of an integrated management plan and to submit it to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006**, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. Urges the State Party and the Robben Island Museum, with the assistance of the Advisory Bodies, to set priorities for the implementation of all the recommendations made by the joint ICOMOS/ICCROM/IUCN mission;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the joint ICOMOS/ICCROM/IUCN mission by **1 February 2006**, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

40. Matobo Hills (Zimbabwe) (C 306rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.40

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **27 COM 8C.59**, adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Commends the State Party of Zimbabwe for having prepared a detailed management plan in a short time frame as well as for having established a management committee;
4. Encourages the State Party to implement the Management Plan 2005-2009 and to keep the World Heritage Centre informed about future developments.

ARAB STATES

41. Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a) (Jordan) (C 1093)

Decision 29 COM 7B.41

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.41.Rev***,
2. Having noted the additional information presented by the World Heritage Centre,
3. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.22** taken at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
4. Commends the State Party of Jordan for the steps taken towards the establishment of management and conservation plans for the property;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, as soon as possible, with detailed information regarding the foreseen visitors centre, parking and shelter(s) prior to any decision making, as per paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to undertake the second foreseen joint monitoring mission, in close consultation with the State Party, and to report on such mission at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), notably as regards the progress made towards the establishment of an operational management plan and structure.

42. Islamic Cairo (Egypt) (C 89)

Decision 29 COM 7B.42

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.47** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Egypt for the actions taken to rehabilitate the property by implementing conservation works on the historic buildings ;
4. Regrets that no progress has been made on the implementation of the recommendations made by the International Symposium held in Cairo in February 2002, and particularly to:
 - a) designate Historic Cairo as a Special Planning District, with buffer zones, in accordance with the provisions of the *Operational Guidelines*, and
 - b) prepare a comprehensive Urban Plan for the Conservation and Development of the Old City, whereby the conservation of historic buildings would be accompanied by appropriate development regulations to encourage the rehabilitation of the urban fabric so as to ensure its compatibility with the historic character of Islamic Cairo;
5. Urges the State Party to take the immediate necessary steps to elaborate the requested Plan and all related actions, in order to sustain the outstanding universal value of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to identify the exact boundaries of the World Heritage property and its buffer zone on a detailed topographic map at the appropriate scale and to submit it, together with a report on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations by **1 February 2006**, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

43. Ksar of Aït-Ben-Haddou (Morocco) (C 444)

Decision 29 COM 7B.43

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.46**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Morocco for the inscription of the property on the List of National Heritage and for having put into place institutional consultation and coordination mechanisms;

4. Regrets that, despite the State Party's efforts, the state of conservation of the property has remained unchanged for the past years and further requests that the establishment, requested by the World Heritage Committee several times, of a management structure with legal authority, adequate technical capacity, resources and financial means to ensure the immediate preparation of the management plan for the property and its application, has not yet been completed ;
5. Expresses its deep concern in the face of a situation incompatible with the maintenance of the outstanding universal value of the property, that had justified its inscription on the World Heritage List in 1987 ;
6. Urges the State Party to put into place, by **1 February 2006**, the management structure requested in paragraph 4 above, and to report on the implementation of this requirement to the World Heritage Centre ;
7. Requests the State Party to invite a joint mission World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS to assess the state of conservation of the property, including its outstanding universal value;
8. Decides to consider the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger or its possible delisting if the above mentioned measures are not implemented by **1 February 2006**.

100. Archaeological site of Volubilis (Morocco) (C 836)

Decision 29 COM 7B.100

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29 COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Regrets that the State Party of Morocco did not inform the Committee, as is stipulated in paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, of the major building projects undertaken on the site of Volubilis and of the destruction of the existing infrastructures ;
3. Expresses its concern over the scope and volume of the new buildings, as well as the visual impact of these developments that threaten to modify the surrounding landscape, as well as the approach and the understanding of visitors;
4. Urges the State Party to consider the modification of the project in accordance with the recommendations of the expert mission and to submit a revised version to the World Heritage Centre and to ICOMOS for study, accompanied by a management programme for the new installations in accordance with the management plan for the entire property;
5. Further urges the State Party to define a buffer zone to ensure the protection of the area around the archaeological site and to take into account the surrounding landscape in its entirety, in particular the agricultural plain to the west of the property, which is inseparable from its historical origins;

6. Requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2006**, a report on progress made with the project and the recommendations of the present decision, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

102. Tyre (Lebanon) (C 299)

Decision 29 COM 7B.102

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.48**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
2. Having noted the information received by the World Heritage Centre concerning alleged threats to the archaeological remains of Tyre,
3. Requests ICOMOS, in close consultation with the State Party of Lebanon and the World Heritage Centre, to undertake a reactive monitoring mission to the property in order to assess the impact of foreseen or on-going projects, to determine the overall state of conservation of the property and to submit a report for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).
4. Further requests the State Party to provide, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the follow-up of the implementation of Decision **28 COM 15B.48**, notably regarding the impact of the proposed highway in the vicinity of Tyre, the establishment of the archaeological map and the transformation of the commercial port, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

44. Kasbah of Algiers (Algeria) (C 565)

Decision 29 COM 7B.44

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.43**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Algeria for having undertaken all of the actions for the safeguard of the Kasbah of Algiers, in particular the publication of the draft executive decree on the creation and delimitation of the protected sector and the elaboration of a conservation plan for the Kasbah of Algiers;

4. Invites the State Party to submit an international assistance request so that an expert can be made available to the Ministry of Culture to participate in the examination of the permanent conservation and presentation plan of the Kasbah of Algiers ;
5. Urges the State Party to pursue rehabilitation measures within the Kasbah of Algiers;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a report on the application of its Decision **28 COM 15B.43**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

45. Memphis and its Necropolis - the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur (Egypt) (C 86)

Decision 29 COM 7B.45

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.50** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the commitment of the State Party of Egypt towards the improvement of the Pyramids area, and the abolition of the ring road link project which was penetrating the Giza plateau,
4. Regrets that no management plan for the entire property has yet been developed and provided to the World Heritage Centre as requested in previous decisions;
5. Encourages the State Party to develop such a management plan for the entire property, possibly through an international assistance Request to the World Heritage Fund;
6. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Committee informed, via the World Heritage Centre, of any major project proposed on the property, according to the provisions of paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the progress made in the development of this Management Plan for the entire property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

46. Bahla Fort (Oman) (C 433)

Decision 29 COM 46

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29 COM/7B.Rev** and the **Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.46.Rev**,
2. Having noted the additional information presented by the World Heritage Centre,
3. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15A.19** adopted at its 28th sessions (Suzhou, 2004),
4. Urges the State Party of Oman to implement paragraphs 5 and 6 of Decision **28 COM 15A.19**, concerning the organization of a stakeholders meeting and the revision of the project for the new market ;
5. Requests the State Party to report, by **1 February 2006**, on the completion and adoption of the management plan, taking fully into account the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. Further requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the above paragraph 4 and on any conservation or presentation activity carried out on the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

47. Medina of Essaouira (former Mogador) (Morocco) (C 753 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.47

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.45**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that, in spite of the efforts of the State Party of Morocco, the state of conservation of the Mellah Quarter and the North Wall has worsened, and that new projects having an irreversible impact on the authenticity of the property have been undertaken;
4. Invites the State Party to inform it, in accordance with paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, about projects for the current transformation and new construction in the « protected zone and buffer zone» so that the World Heritage Committee can recommend appropriate measures to ensure the preservation of the outstanding universal value of this property;

5. Invites the State Party to define, in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, an implementation strategy, including the budget for the work, of the project for the conservation and presentation of the Medina of Essaouira presented at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004);
6. Encourages the State Party to reinforce the inspection of the Historic Monuments and Sites created at Essaouira and to provide it with adequate human and financial resources to ensure the protection of the property;
7. Invites a joint mission World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS to assess the state of conservation of the property;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the implementation of the decisions of the Committee, for its examination at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

ASIA AND PACIFIC

48. Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur (Bangladesh) (C 322)

Decision 29 COM 7B.48

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.53** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Bangladesh for the significant efforts made in addressing the conservation problems of the terracotta plaques,
4. Requests the State Party to pursue the efforts towards the strengthening of security at the property by the recruitment of five additional guards by the end of 2005 at the latest;
5. Urges the State Party to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment of the telephone tower on the heritage and landscape values of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur, and consider the possibility of moving the tower further away from the property ;
6. Requests the State Party, possibly with the assistance of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to redefine and document, through the appropriate cartographic documentation, the limits of the core and buffer zones of the property, on the basis of a stronger Statement of outstanding universal value ;

7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the impact of the telephone tower on the visual integrity of the World Heritage property and the progress achieved in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 31st Session (2007).

49. Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shengyang (China) (C439bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.49

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.54** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of China for its efforts to protect the urban historic fabric of Beijing surrounding the Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties by defining an extended larger area as buffer zone of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to provide information concerning the plan to construct a new building within the courtyard of the Imperial Palace;
5. Recommends that a joint reactive monitoring mission be dispatched by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS in order to assess the actual impact of the restoration works on the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage properties in Beijing, i.e. the Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, the Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace, and to make appropriate recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, before **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the achievements made to update the existing management plan of the Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing as well as detailed maps indicating the buffer zone of the property with supplementary information on the characteristics and authorized uses in the buffer zone, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

50. Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa (China) (C 707ter)

Decision 29 COM 7B.50

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Add**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.55** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party of China for the actions taken to improve the state of conservation of the property and for inviting a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property;
4. Requests the State Party to take into consideration the findings and recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS monitoring missions;
5. Recommends that the State Party reinforce the institutional coordination at the property by establishing at the level of the Tibet Autonomous Region, a Steering Committee to meet regularly to review the overall management of the Lhasa city and day-to-day management of the World Heritage property;
6. Recommends that the State Party consider a reappraisal and revision of the Overall Lhasa city Development Plan and the Conservation Plan 1999-2015, so as to further integrate heritage conservation into the overall planning process;
7. Requests the State Party to evaluate and possibly redefine the buffer zones pertaining to the Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple and Norbulingka and submit the detailed maps indicating the World Heritage boundary and protective buffer zones to the World Heritage Centre for the examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007);
8. Encourages the State Party to develop new guidelines for the conservation and rehabilitation of historic traditional buildings and the protection of important views within the historic centre of Lhasa;
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and other international partners to support exchange programmes and training activities on the conservation of traditional timber structures and on sustainable tourism management and planning for the staff of the responsible authorities;
10. Recommends that the State Party consider ways and means to develop:
 - a) awareness-raising programmes on the restoration projects being undertaken at the property;
 - b) interpretation of the World Heritage values of the property to visitors;
11. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a state of conservation report on the progress made on the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

51. Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park (India) (C 1101)

Decision 29 COM 7B.51

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 14B.26**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of India for the positive initiatives taken to strengthen the conservation of the property since its inscription on the World Heritage List in 2004;
4. Requests the State Party to establish the following:
 - a) a site-management entity with full management authority for decision-making on property, answerable to the Archaeological Survey of India, and provided with all the necessary financial support and expertise; and
 - b) a management plan developed with full involvement of the established management authority, and built around the Statement of outstanding universal value, to ensure the integrated conservation of the property.
5. Requests the State Party to submit a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above-recommendations to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st Session (2007).

52. Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodhgaya (India) (C 1056 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.52

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.57** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of India for the extensive efforts involved in putting together documents for the management plan of the property and organizing the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission of April 2005;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) adopt the provisions of the Site Management Plan of April 2005 within the Bodhgaya Development Plan being prepared by the Bihar State Government, including those that touch the extent of, and controls within the Bodhgaya buffer zone and periphery zone;

- b) explore an appropriate management mechanism for the property to protect its outstanding universal value as well as the values of the adjacent buffer and periphery zones;
 - c) address the weaknesses identified by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Mission of April 2005 in the present Management Plan document (April, 2005), particularly those related to description of the property's outstanding universal value;
 - d) establish appropriate forms of support, control and involvement at both national and state levels to put in place the management mechanism described in b) above; and
 - e) prepare a detailed property documentation of existing conditions within buffer and periphery zones, as a basis for future monitoring.
5. Encourages the State Party to explore the appropriateness of a long term extension of the Mahabodhi Temple Complex inscription to include the cultural landscape identified with the wanderings and enlightenment of the Lord Buddha in this region, and possibly to include other properties associated with the life of the Buddha in India, for example, Sarnath (currently on the Indian national tentative list);
 6. Invites the State Party to give further consideration to the possible designation of the property under national legislation in order to ensure protection of its outstanding universal value as well as its authenticity and integrity;
 7. Requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

53. Borobudur Temple Compounds (Indonesia) (C 592)

Decision 29 COM 7B.53

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.59** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Indonesia for its efforts in addressing the recommendations of the joint 2003 UNESCO/ICOMOS mission and for the work undertaken to maintain the World Heritage value of the property despite the difficult socio-economic situation faced by the local community;
4. Notes, however, that the report submitted by the State Party did not address most of the specific concerns raised by the World Heritage Committee in its above-mentioned Decision **28 COM 15B.59**;

5. Requests the State Party to confirm in writing that no major road developments will be allowed within zones 1, 2 and 3 of Borobudur; that no major commercial complexes will be built within any of the protective zones 1 to 5 as defined in the current regulations applied to the property; and that the new proposed entrance and retail precinct (Jagad Jawa) in Zone 3 shall not be erected;
6. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to assess the state of conservation of the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to:
 - a) develop a comprehensive Visitor Management Plan to mitigate the negative impact of mass tourism on the property and raise-awareness of the public on the need to protect the World Heritage property;
 - b) provide detailed information on the existing institutional framework in place for the management of the property, with particular attention paid to the mechanisms established to ensure the appropriate coordination among all the concerned parties. Proposals for the possible strengthening of the current system should be also added, if appropriate; and
 - c) provide further details on the strategy being developed for the sustainable development of the area surrounding the Borobudur World Heritage property, elaborating in particular on the characteristics of the proposed “Mandala” approach and its operational implications.
8. Encourages the State Party to continue the organization of awareness-raising activities for local population and mobilize their active participation in heritage conservation and management;
9. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in points 5, 7 and 8 above for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

54. Meidan Emam, Esfahan (Islamic Republic of Iran) (C 115)

Decision 29 COM 7B. 54

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.54.Rev***,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.63** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Having taken note of the fact no final decision has yet been taken by the Esfahan Justice Department concerning the reduction of the height of the Jahan-Nama multifunctional complex,

4. Having taken note, furthermore, of the intention expressed by the State Party of the Islamic Republic of Iran to comply with the past recommendations of the World Heritage Committee in this regard,
5. Regretting, however, that as of the end of June 2005 the construction of the multifunctional complex was still underway,
6. Strongly urges the State Party to halt the on-going construction of the multifunctional complex and continue its efforts to implement the decisions of the World Heritage Committee as well as the recommendations of the National Technical Committee, in order to reduce the height of the complex to 12 metres for the eastern side of the complex, closer to the World Heritage property, and to 24 metres for the western side, including the tower, in accordance to existing building regulations in the area and with a view to ensure the conservation of the authentic setting and integrity of the historic city of Esphahan surrounding the Meidan Emam World Heritage property;
7. Decides to automatically inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger on **1 February 2006**, in consideration of the serious deterioration of the architectural and town planning coherence (ascertained danger) and of the threatening effects of town planning (potential danger) on the outstanding universal value of the property, unless the State Party provides by that date an official written communication to the World Heritage Centre confirming that the height of the multifunctional complex will be reduced according to the specifications provided in paragraph 6 above, and including a timetable for implementation;
8. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to nominate the extension of the World Heritage property of Meidan Emam, to include the historic axis consisting of the Friday Mosque, the Bazaars, the ancient bridges, the Zayanderoud River, and the South Chahar Bagh Avenue, as a means to further strengthen the protection of the urban heritage of Esfahan;
9. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the state of conservation of the property including reference to the issue of the reduction of the multifunctional complex, for its examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

55. Lumbini, the Birthplace of the Lord Buddha (Nepal) (C 666)

Decision 29 COM 7B.55

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.66**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Reiterating its serious concern about the lack of significant progress in addressing the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Mission of 2004 to reverse the negative impact of the new Maya Devi Temple on the integrity and authenticity of the property,
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to carry out a new joint mission to the property to define, in close consultation with the responsible authorities, definite solutions and concrete actions to address the above concerns, including a clear timetable for implementation, and report to the Committee on the outcome of the mission at its 30th Session (Vilnius, 2006);
5. Also requests the State Party of Nepal to take urgent action, possibly through assistance from the World Heritage Fund, towards the elaboration of a comprehensive management plan for the property, built around its outstanding universal value and in line with the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraphs 96-119);
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, including the recommendations of the joint mission World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS of 2004, and the follow up to the recommendations of the new joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to the property on the issue of the Maya Devi Temple, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).
7. Decides to consider the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger if the above mentioned measures are not implemented by **1 February 2006**.

56. Old Town of Galle and its Fortifications (Sri Lanka) (C 451)

Decision 29 COM 7B.56

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Expressing its deepest sympathies to the authorities of Sri Lanka and the victims of the tsunami of 26 December 2004,
3. Highly commends the State Party of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka ICOMOS Committee for the commitment shown towards the preservation of its cultural heritage at a time of national crisis;
4. Encourages the international community to contribute to the rehabilitation of the World Heritage property of the Old Town of Galle and its Fortifications and of the cultural heritage of the country in general;
5. Also encourages the State Party to integrate, within its reconstruction strategy and operational mechanisms, a concern for cultural heritage, including for vernacular architecture and traditional cultural landscapes that may have not yet been listed under the current Antiquities Law;

6. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of the outcome of the negotiations with the various donors interested in contributing to the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the World Heritage property.

57. Samarkand – Crossroads of Cultures (Uzbekistan) (C 603 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.57

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Expressing its deep concern about the on-going large-scale restoration and urban landscaping programme at the Shakhi-Zindah ensemble, which appear to be severely affecting the integrity and authenticity of the World Heritage property;
3. Requests the State Party of Uzbekistan immediately to stop the on-going works at Shaki-Zindah;
4. Also requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre a complete documentation on the works being planned, in accordance to the provisions of the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraph 172);
5. Further requests ICOMOS to carry out a reactive monitoring mission to the property as soon as possible in order to assess the actual impact of the works on the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage property and report to the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006). Depending on the results of this mission, the Committee may inscribe the property in the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

58. Complex of Hué Monuments (Vietnam) (C 678)

Decision 29 COM 7B.58

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.61** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Having taken note of the socio-economic reasons that justified the upgrading of the road infrastructure around the Citadel of Hué,
4. Congratulates the State Party of Vietnam for its efforts to mitigate the negative impact of these roads on the heritage values of the property and to deal with the serious issue of the illegal constructions encroaching upon the property;

5. Notes, on the other hand, the intention expressed by the Vietnamese authorities to extend the World Heritage property to include certain monuments such as the An Dinh Residence (Last Queen Mother's residence), Memorial House of Queen Mother Tu Cung and Van Van Tomb (Last Great Queen Mother's tomb);
6. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) follow-up and implement as soon as possible the actions envisaged for the demolition or modification of the illegal buildings constructed within the World Heritage property;
 - b) proceed to the compilation of a complete inventory of the traditional urban buildings of Hué;
 - c) elaborate, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, a comprehensive management plan for the property, built upon its outstanding universal value and in line with the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines* (2005) (paragraphs 96-119). This management plan should concern all monuments and landscape areas considered as having a significant heritage value associated to Hué and which are currently not included in the property inscribed on the World Heritage List, in view of a possible re-nomination of the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2006**, a progress report on the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

**59. Taj Mahal (C 252), Agra Fort (C 251) and Fatepur Sikri (C 255)
(India)**

Decision 29 COM 7B.59

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.58** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of India for the steps it has taken in response to the Committee's requests;
4. Encourages the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to continue its efforts towards the establishment of an integrated Management plan for World Heritage properties of the Agra district, with the full and direct involvement of all stakeholders, in view of a possible future re-nomination as a single World Heritage property;

5. Recommends to the State party, in developing such an integrated management plan, to define the ultimate form and extent of the possible re-nomination based on careful studies and considerations, taking into account the World Heritage values recognized at the time of the inscription of the properties and in close consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies ;
6. Requests the State Party to submit a report on the progress made on the development of the integrated management mechanism of the three properties, by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

60. Town of Luang Prabang (Lao People's Democratic Republic) (C 479 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.60

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.60** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Recognizing the importance of the territorial dimension of heritage conservation and heritage-based development, as developed in the Scheme for Coherent Territorial Development (SCOT), notably to mitigate the development pressure on the World Heritage property,
4. Reiterating, however, its concern over the capacity of the national and local authorities to continue enforcement measures for heritage protection in a sustainable manner, particularly to maintain the vital function of the *Maison du Patrimoine* without dependence on external aid,
5. Encourages the State Party of Lao People's Democratic Republic to seek national measures to raise funds for conservation;
6. Requests the State Party to regularly report to the World Heritage Centre on the progress achieved in the implementation of the "Plan de Sauvegarde et de Mise en Valeur" and the SCOT, as well as on other conservation issues in the core protected area.

**61. State Historical and Cultural Park “Ancient Merv”
(Turkmenistan) (C 886)**

Decision 29 COM 7B.61

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.67** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Turkmenistan on the efforts made in terms of reinforcement of the legal protection, elaboration of a management plan and coordination of activities undertaken by different international teams;
4. Encourages the State Party to consider applying for International Assistance under the World Heritage Fund for the organization of training activities;
5. Requests the State Party to regularly report to the World Heritage Centre on the progress achieved on the protection of the property, especially as regards the management plan, which is currently being elaborated.

62. Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (Uzbekistan) (C 885)

Decision 29 COM 7B.62

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.68** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Uzbekistan for the advances made in the management and protection of the property;
4. Notes, however, that a real management plan for the property would still need to be prepared, based on the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines*;
5. Requests the State Party, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to develop a comprehensive Management Plan specifically targeted at the situation in Shakhrisyabz, clearly based on the outstanding universal value of the property as recognized by the World Heritage Committee and in accordance with the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraphs 96-119). This should include a description of the physical attributes that it aims to conserve, specific activities to protect these attributes and provisions for a monitoring their state of conservation, as well as details on how the management system operates in aspects such as decision-making structure, budgeting, monitoring, specific conservation/restoration projects, etc.;

6. Further requests the State Party to submit, to the World Heritage Centre a report, by **1 February 2006**, on the progress achieved on the implementation of the above recommendation, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

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63. City of Graz - Historic Centre (Austria) (C 931)

Decision 29 COM 7B.63

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.82** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Noting with concern the results of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission and the trend towards ongoing alterations to historic buildings and new constructions,
4. Requests the State Party of Austria to reconsider a number of building projects in the core and the buffer-zone of the property as indicated by the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission;
5. Urges the State Party and the concerned authorities to implement the mission's recommendations;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a progress report on the implementation of the mission's recommendations and on progress made towards a comprehensive Urban Master Plan for the World Heritage property and its buffer-zone for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

64. City-Museum Reserve of Mtskheta (Georgia) (C 708)

Decision 29 COM 7B.64

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.69**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Urges the State Party of Georgia to define core and buffer zones of the property;
4. Expresses its serious concern over the state of conservation of this property and urges the State Party to take urgent and appropriate measures;
5. Encourages the State Party to implement the Master Plan developed by UNESCO and UNDP in 2003;
6. Recalls the importance of cooperation between the State Party and stakeholders for the conservation of the property.
7. Requests the State Party to solve the problem of the illegal and inappropriate additions to the old Catholikos Palace that strongly affects Mtskheta's outstanding universal value.
8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

65. Rock Drawings in Valcamonica (Italy) (C 94)

Decision 29 COM 7B.65

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.73**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the results of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission in September 2004;
4. Requests the State Party of Italy to further clarify and define the core and buffer zones of the property;
5. Encourages the State Party to complete the management plan to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre;
6. Further encourages the State Party to follow up on the recommendations of the mission, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, particularly concerning the development of a coordinated research programme and the use of alternative conservation methods;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide by **1 February 2007** the World Heritage Centre with a progress report taking into account the recommendations of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (2007).

66. City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto (Italy) (C 712 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.66

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.91**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Italy for the submission of a detailed technical report;
4. Acknowledges the efforts by the State Party to amend the initial Highway construction project;
5. Takes note of the results of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission to the property;
6. Requests the State Party to ensure that the management and conservation plan of the area is being finalized by early 2006;
7. Further requests the State Party to take measures to prevent any illegal or inappropriate construction within the property;
8. Urges the State Party to ensure that a strict control is exerted on land uses in the area surrounding the Villa, in order to avoid urban sprawls or development of industrial constructions that may affect the landscape;
9. Further urges the State Party to send to the World Heritage Centre a complete dossier on the project including the design of each component of the infrastructure in the area concerned;
10. Requests the State Party to prepare for each of the components of the World Heritage property of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto a management and conservation plan including buffer zones and specific measures to protect the historic landscape;
11. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a progress report on the implementation of the mission's recommendations and the management and conservation plan for the World Heritage property and its buffer zone for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

67. Curonian Spit (Lithuania and Russian Federation) (C 994)

Decision 29 COM 7B.67

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the ***Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.67.Rev***,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.75**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Warmly commends both States Parties of Lithuania and the Russian Federation for establishing an agreement by the deadline of 1 February 2005 to perform a joint post-project Environmental Impact Assessment for the D-6 oil platform and pipeline, together with other activities related to bilateral cooperation for safeguarding the property, and therefore avoiding the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
4. Requests both States Parties to implement the joint post-project EIA process and to sign the bilateral agreement concerning cooperation in case of pollution accidents, pollution prevention/mitigation and compensation measures including the cooperation plan in case of pollution accidents in the Baltic sea as outlined in the action plan according to the timetable;
5. Also requests the States Parties to provide the World Heritage Centre with a state of conservation report of the property, including information on progress of cooperation between the States Parties regarding the joint post-project EIA process and other activities specified in the action plan by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

68. Auschwitz Concentration Camp (Poland) (C 31)

Decision 29 COM 7B.68

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.93**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with solemnity that the year 2005 is the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau;
4. Welcomes the establishment of the Steering Committee and the Planning Team for the preparation of the management plan; but nevertheless

5. Strongly encourages the State Party of Poland to continue its efforts in the preparation of the management plan for the deadline of January 2006, and to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of the progress during its preparation;
6. Requests the State Party to provide by **1 February 2006** the World Heritage Centre with a state of conservation report, including progress on the preparation of the management plan, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

69. Old Town of Avila and its Extra-Muros Churches (Spain) (C 348 rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.69

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.97**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Spain for having submitted an updated report on the state of conservation of the property;
4. Regrets that the municipality allowed the construction of a building whose height and volume alter the historic architectural values of the square;
5. Recalls the importance of fully respecting paragraph 173 c) of the *Operational Guidelines*;
6. Also regrets that the concerned authorities did not consult with the World Heritage Centre regarding the project in time so as to avoid the alteration of historic urban fabric at the Plaza Santa Teresa;
7. Acknowledges the importance of the design of the Santa Teresa square and the establishment of a visual axis between the church and the gate;
8. Urges the State Party to improve the reporting mechanism to the Committee according to Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
9. Encourages the State Party together with the local authorities to improve specific legislation so as to ensure appropriate legal protection of the historic urban fabric and structure on a national level;
10. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre in the framework of the Periodic Reporting exercise with an updated report designating the buffer zones;
11. Also requests ICOMOS to submit at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) a detailed report on the visual impact of the building to the outstanding universal value of the property;

12. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** with a progress report on the legal status and the implementation of the protection zones for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

70. Historic Areas of Istanbul (Turkey) (C 356)

Decision 29 COM 7B.70

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.80** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Noting with appreciation the conservation efforts made by the national authorities and the Greater Istanbul municipality and the district municipalities, as presented in the report submitted by the State Party of Turkey, notably in approving the conservation plan for the Historic Peninsula, initiation of the seismic master plan and the financial allocation for heritage conservation of Istanbul, as well as the progress in the EU-financed Fener-Balat Rehabilitation project and the “Save Our Roofs” campaign for the preservation of civil architecture through a housing improvement policy ;
4. Also noting the collaboration between the Ministry of Culture, the General Directorate of Pious Foundations, the Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul, and the Governor of Istanbul in addressing conservation problems and project development, including the “Istanbul: Museum City” project,
5. Requests the State Party:
 - a) to ensure the urgent completion of regulations, in order to enable the enforcement of the Urban Conservation and Development Plan and to unblock central Government funds for use by the district municipalities; and
 - b) to exert greater care in the conservation techniques applied in the consolidation of the Theodosian Walls, in order not to undermine any further the authenticity of the property;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2006**, a detailed report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations and benchmarks for addressing the issues raised in Decision **28 COM 15B.80** specifically with regard to including the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

71. Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley (Andorra) (C 1160)

Decision 29 COM 7B.71

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.36** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Andorra for having submitted a comprehensive update as requested;
4. Notes that the legal protection has been addressed through a decree which ensures the protection of both natural and cultural values of the Valley, and that the decree is to be adopted in June 2005;
5. Requests the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre about the implementation of the management plan and on the adoption of the decree on the legal protection of the property and its implementation, by **1 February 2006** at the latest.

72. Historic Centre of the City of Salzburg (Austria) (C 784)

Decision 29 COM 7B.72

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.81** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Austria for having submitted the updated report and details of the preparation of a management plan for the World Heritage property;
4. Notes with appreciation that a consultation process between the State Party and ICOMOS has been started for the train station project, and encourages the State Party to further cooperate in the case of other urban development projects,
5. Notes with concern, however, that major high-rise projects undertaken in the immediate surrounding of the World Heritage property are likely to deteriorate its visual integrity;
6. Encourages the State Party to improve specific legislation so as to ensure appropriate legal protection of the historic urban fabric and structure;
7. Urges the State Party to avoid any construction and refurbishment that could negatively impact on the outstanding universal value of the property;

8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** an update report on the situation for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

73. Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn (Austria) (C 786)

Decision 29 COM 7B.73

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Thanks the State Party of Austria for having provided updated information on the state of the planning process for the area of Meidling;
3. Noting with concern that another high-rise building project is likely to affect the World Heritage property in Vienna,
4. Encourages the State Party to improve specific legislation so as to ensure appropriate legal protection of the historic urban fabric and structure including its visual integrity;
5. Recalls the importance of taking into account the recommendations of the “Vienna Memorandum on World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture - Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” referred to in Decision **29 COM 5.3**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005).
6. Urges the State Party to reconsider the height of this building project and to submit alternative solutions with no direct impact on the visual integrity of the property;
7. Requests the State Party to invite a joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission to the property before the decision on the final project is taken;
8. Further requests the State Party to provide an updated report to the World Heritage Committee by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

74. Historic District of Québec (Canada) (C 300)

Decision 29 COM 7B.74

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.85** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Thanks the State Party of Canada for having submitted a comprehensive Periodic Report on the property;
4. Encourages the State Party to consider re-submitting a proposal for an extension of the property and to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on any progress made in this regard.

75. Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery (Georgia) (C 710)

Decision 29 COM 7B.75

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.93**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Encourages the State Party of Georgia to take appropriate measures, including seeking of funds, to address conservation issues identified in the state of conservation report;
4. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** with an updated report for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

76. Classical Weimar (Germany) (C 846)

Decision 29 COM 7B.76

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Regretting the fire damage at the Duchess Anna Amalia Library, part of the Classical Weimar World Heritage property and the loss of the extraordinary collection of literature, which is partly included in the register “Memory of the World”,
3. Notes with appreciation the considerable immediate assistance provided to the property;
4. Encourages the State Party of Germany to continue its support to the restoration of the Library and to ensure appropriate risk prevention at the World Heritage property;

5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** with a progress report on the restoration work at the Library.

77. Etruscan Necropolises of Cerveteri and Tarquinia (Italy) (C 1158)

Decision 29 COM 7B.77

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.43**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Italy for the timely submission of the Management Plan;
4. Commends the State Party for submission of the revised maps of the property inscribed on the World Heritage List;
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre **by 1 February 2006** with:
 - a) complementary detailed information on visitor management, presented on detailed maps; and
 - b) photographic documentation.

78. Historic Centre of Riga (Latvia) (C 852)

Decision 29 COM 7B.78

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.74**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Acknowledging with appreciation the information provided by the Latvian authorities on the progress in the preservation and development plan as well as the overall planning arrangements and international cooperation in the development of a planning strategy,

4. Encourages the State Party of Latvia to finalize and implement the preservation and development plan for the Historic Centre of Riga, in close cooperation with the City authorities, and to ensure an overall vision for the property, including the town planning strategy and comprehensive urban management;
5. Requests the State Party to carefully review all projects foreseen in the area and its buffer zone, and to conduct a visual impact study to ensure that the new and recently constructed buildings will fully respect, in accordance with the recommendations of the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture – Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” referred to in Decision **29 COM 5.3**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005), the visual integrity of the Historical Centre of Riga as well as preserving the historical watercourses as open public space without any new buildings;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage by **1 February 2007** Centre on the progress made in the implementation of the preservation and development plan as well as an update on the above-mentioned study on projects which may have an impact on the visual integrity of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007), a year after the completion of Section II of the Periodic Report for Europe.

79. Old Town of Vilnius (Lithuania) (C 541)

Decision 29 COM 7B.79

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Noting with concern the information provided concerning the project for the construction of high-rise buildings located in the vicinity of the Old Town of Vilnius which will have a considerable visual impact on the property,
3. Regrets the demolition of the wooden heritage located in these construction areas which although not part of the World Heritage designated area, nevertheless form part of the cultural heritage of Vilnius,
4. Strongly urges the State Party of Lithuania to revise these projects to ensure the maintenance of the outstanding universal value and the integrity of the World Heritage property and reminds the State Party of its commitment to the implementation of the *Convention*,
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a detailed report on the development projects, the overall town planning and administrative provisions in place to ensure the adequate preservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

6. Encourages the State Party to improve specific legislation so as to ensure an appropriate legal protection of the historic urban fabric and structure, including its visual integrity.

80. The Megalithic Temples of Malta (Malta) (C 132 bis)

Decision 29 COM 7B.80

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.76**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Malta for the reports provided concerning the conservation of the World Heritage property and on the project for a Heritage Park,
4. Congratulates the State Party on the considerable progress that has been made over the past year in the complex process of drafting a Management Plan for six properties;
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre complementary information on Management Plan drafting, as well as on the project for a Heritage Park;
6. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report on the Megalithic Temples, including information about illegal structures close to the Ggantija Temple on Gozo by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

81. Cultural Landscape of Sintra (Portugal) (C 723)

Decision 29 COM 7B.81

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.77**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Congratulates the State Party of Portugal for having submitted a comprehensive management plan including a detailed action plan, financing and coordination mechanisms for the World Heritage property;

4. Requests the State Party to ensure that monitoring and evaluation indicators are put in place, and to better harmonize the aims of the action plan with the management plan (Phases I and II), as well as to foresee resources for ongoing maintenance of the built environment of the property;
5. Recalling that a mission to the property has been requested and noting that it is scheduled to take place in late 2005 or early 2006,
6. Asks the State Party to provide all arrangements for the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS/IUCN mission,
7. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the implementation of the Management Plan and the progress made on the restoration work.

82. Historic Centre of Sighisoara (Romania) (C 902)

Decision 29 COM 7B.82

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.94**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that the State Party of Romania did not submit a state of conservation report and notes that a report on the property is due with Section II of the European Periodic Reporting to be examined in 2006;
4. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** with an updated report in order for the World Heritage Committee to examine the state of conservation of the property at its 31st session (2007).

83. Kizhi Pogost (Russian Federation) (C 544)

Decision 29 COM 7B.83

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.95**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of the Russian Federation for the progress report on the organisation of the restoration works of the Church of the Transfiguration and the continuing efforts to improve the state of conservation of the property,

4. Regrets that the State Party did not provide a detailed report, as requested by the World Heritage Committee, on the progress of the actual conservation works, detailed budget and funding sources as well as the overall state of conservation of the property;
5. Notes with concern the continuing uncertainty of funding for the restoration works and the overall inconsistent information on the management of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to collaborate closely with the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre regarding the development of the conservation works and the management of the property;
7. Considers that in view of the lack of information on the state of conservation of the property and lack of follow-up to the recommendation of the 2002 Workshop and the recommendation of the Committee, the threats to the property are considerable;
8. Requests the State Party to submit reports by **1 February 2006** to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), containing the following:
 - a) a detailed work plan with precise budget;
 - b) a comprehensive report on the steps of the conservation works including information on the impact of interventions on the conservation works;
 - c) information on the management measures for the property;
 - d) an update on the status and determination of the buffer zone;
 - e) information on risk preparedness measures in place for the entire property; and
 - f) clarification on the management of tourism in the region in relation to the values of the inscribed property;
9. Decides to consider, on the basis of this report, whether or not the property should be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

84. Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor (Serbia and Montenegro) (C 125)

Decision 29 COM 7B.84

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 14B.78**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Thanks the State Party of Serbia and Montenegro for the reports provided, concerning the progress in drafting of the management plan for the property initiated in 2003, and the concerns about the building of the “Verige” Bridge near the entrance to the Bay of Kotor;
4. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** with complementary detailed information on the Management Plan drafting and with a detailed report on the building project for the “Verige” Bridge near the entrance to the Bay of Kotor for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

85. Route of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) (C 669)

Decision 29 COM 7B.85

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.79**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Spain for having submitted the updated report on the project of the Yesa Dam;
4. Regrets, however, that the documents have only been provided in Spanish, and not in one of the working languages of the *Convention* (English or French),
5. Requests the State Party to report to the Committee, in conformity with the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraph 172) if any changes are made to the project as it was presented at this session;
6. Also requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the final plans in the framework of the “National Water Programme”.

86. Old City of Salamanca (Spain) (C 381rev)

Decision 29 COM 7B.86

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.98**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Thanks the State Party of Spain for having submitted an updated report on the state of conservation of the property;

4. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the integrated management plan for the property as requested;
5. Requests the State Party to improve and implement specific legislation so as to ensure appropriate legal protection of the historic urban fabric and structure on a national level;
6. Also requests that the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS submit an updated detailed report on the legal protection and management of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006)
7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a copy of the management plan as part of the documentation of the European Periodic Report for Section II and to provide a progress report by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

87. L'viv - the Ensemble of the Historic Centre (Ukraine) (C 865)

Decision 29 COM 7B.87

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.100**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Ukraine for taking measures to improve the management structure and planning process and encourages it to continue their efforts;
4. Encourages the State Party to complete the revision of the Master Plan for the World Heritage property and notes that a report on the property is due under Section II of the Periodic Report for Europe;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

88. Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated sites (United Kingdom) (C 373)

Decision 29 COM 7B.88

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.102**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Expresses its concerns on the fact that no progress in resolving the controversy over the "A303 Stonehenge Improvement" scheme has been made;
4. Takes note of the planning application for the visitor centre;
5. Requests once again that the Inspector's Report of the A303 Stonehenge Improvement Inquiry be provided to the World Heritage Centre upon publication;
6. Requests the State Party of the United Kingdom to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

89. Tower of London (United Kingdom) (C 488)

Decision 29 COM 7B.89

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.103**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note with regret that the requested in-depth study on the possible impact of development projects in the immediate vicinity of the property has not yet been submitted to the World Heritage Centre;
4. Recalls the commitment of the State Party of the United Kingdom at the time of the inscription of the property in the World Heritage List, to enforce policies aiming at protecting the environment of the Tower and to apply restrictive covenants on new developments;
5. Considers that, if the study is not completed, the Committee may need to examine the possibility of inscribing the property in the List of World Heritage in Danger;
6. Welcomes the improvements to the setting of the Tower of London through the completion of the Tower Environs Scheme which has created a new public space in London;
7. Strongly requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** with a progress report on the preparation of the Management Plan, the above-mentioned in-depth study and developments of the construction of the London Bridge Tower and the Minerva Tower, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

101. Historic Centre of Český Krumlov (Czech Republic) (C 617)

Decision 29 COM 7B.101

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Add**,
2. Takes note of the findings of the ICOMOS mission to the property;
3. Endorses the opinion of the State Party of Czech Republic to remove the revolving theatre from its present location within the Castle gardens and recommends to involve garden archaeologists for such removal, and rehabilitate the garden area affected as well as the Bellaria Summerhouse in accordance with the conservation standards outlined in the draft conceptual plan;
4. Further recommends the State Party to ensure that the design of the revolving theatre and its setting at the new location within the buffer zone of the property are in harmony with the historic environment;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a progress report by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

90. Maya Site of Copán (Honduras) (C 129)

Decision 29 COM 7B.90

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and the **Draft Decision 29 COM 7B.90.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **27 COM 7B.93**, adopted at its 27th Session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Takes note of the decision of the State Party of Honduras to cease operations at the airstrip of La Estanzuela and to create a reserved air space over the archaeological Park of Copan;
4. Encourages the State Party to reconsider the plans for the Rio Amarillo airport facility construction in view of the archaeological importance of the Copan Valley, with a view to its possible consideration as an extension to the current World Heritage property, and to consider relocation of this airport to La Entrada (70 km away from the property);

5. Requests the State Party, in case it decides to build the airport facility in Rio Amarillo, to conduct previously an environmental impact study examining the impact on the archaeological remains, as well as a comprehensive Public Use Plan for the World Heritage property to mitigate any negative effects that could occur at the World Heritage property of Copan as a result of the foreseen tourist development and to submit this Plan to the World Heritage Centre for consultation;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a progress report, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

91. Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan (Mexico) (C 414)

Decision 29 COM 7B.91

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Taking note of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission report, including its conclusions and recommendations,
3. Regretting that the construction of the Wal-Mart Commercial Centre was allowed without the World Heritage Centre being informed,
4. Further regretting that the symbolic value of the property was not considered by the local and national authorities before allowing such a construction to be made,
5. Urgently requests the State Party of Mexico to proceed with the development and implementation of an integrated management plan for the property involving the local communities and other stakeholders in the process ;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2007** a detailed report on the progress made with the design, adoption and implementation of the integrated management plan for the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

92. Coro and its Port (Venezuela) (C 658)

Decision 29 COM 7B.92

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29 COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decisions **27 COM 7B.102** and **28 COM 15B.106**,

3. Takes note of the report of the second joint UNESCO/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission;
4. Commends the State Party of Venezuela for having committed itself at the highest level to address the issues of concern expressed in the 2002 mission report and in the subsequent decisions of the Committee, particularly through the creation of a Presidential Commission for the Protection of Coro, the Port of La Vela and their Areas of Influence;
5. Notes with satisfaction the inter-institutional nature of the Presidential Commission and its integrated vision on conservation and development;
6. Notes, however, that most actions are in the planning phase and that the results, scope and impact of the work of the Presidential Commission on the state of conservation of the World Heritage property can only be assessed at a later stage and that in the meantime, the property is not managed as one integrated whole and that there is no conservation plan;
7. Also notes that the gradual and considerable deterioration in the state of conservation, authenticity and integrity of the property was considerably aggravated by heavy rains that occurred between November 2004 and February 2005;
8. Expresses its deep concern about the state of conservation of the property and the lack of adequate management, planning and conservation mechanisms;
9. Urges the State Party to implement the recommendations issued of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS missions of 2002 and 2005 and requests the State Party to develop a time-bound plan for their implementation;
10. Recalls Article 11.4 of the *Convention* and paragraph 179 of its *Operational Guidelines* with regard to ascertained danger (including serious deterioration of materials, structures and town-planning coherence) and potential danger (lack of conservation policy);
11. **Decides to inscribe Coro and its Port on the List of World Heritage in Danger;**
12. Adopts the following benchmarks for the future assessment of the effectiveness of measures to be taken by the State Party:
 - a) adoption and effective implementation of an Emergency Action Plan;
 - b) adoption and implementation of a comprehensive integrated management plan for the World Heritage property;
 - c) adoption and implementation of an effective management structure; and
 - d) marked improvement of the state of conservation of the property, both in terms of individual structures and the urban ensembles of Coro and La Vela.
13. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a progress report including a time-bound plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the joint 2002 and 2005 UNESCO / ICOMOS missions and information on the progress made in their implementation, for review by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

93. Colonial City of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) (C 526)

Decision 29 COM 7B.93

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.113** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Regrets that no information has been provided by the State Party of the Dominican Republic, as requested in the abovementioned Decision;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a report on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

94. Fortifications on the Caribbean side of Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo (Panama) (C 135)

Decision 29 COM 7B.94

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.118** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Taking note of the information transmitted by the State Party of Panama on the progress in the restoration project “Proyecto Piloto de Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo”,
4. Reiterates its invitation to the State Party to submit a request for international assistance of the World Heritage Fund to support in particular the development of management policies for the World Heritage property;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** a progress report for examination by the Committee at its 31st session (2007).

95. Archaeological Site of Chavín (Peru) (C 330)

Decision 29 COM 7B.95

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.104** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Taking note of the information provided by the State Party,
4. Urges the State Party of Peru to develop a management plan for the property of Chavín, including La Banda, which should include statutory provisions for archaeological evaluation of all areas in and around the World Heritage property in advance of any form of intervention;
5. Requests the State Party to send an outline of a management plan to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

96. City of Cuzco (Peru) (C 273)

Decision 29 COM 7B.96

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.119** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the information provided and congratulates the State Party of Peru on the efforts made in the elaboration of the draft Master Plan for the City of Cuzco and the management plan for the archaeological site of Saqsaywama,
4. Urges the State Party to finalize the procedure for, and start implementation of the Master Plan for the City of Cuzco;
5. Requests the State Party to keep the Committee informed on the progress in the adoption and implementation of the Master Plan.

97. Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa (Peru) (C 1016)

Decision 29 COM 7B.97

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.121**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the finalization of the outline programme for Emergencies and Disaster Reduction, and regrets that no information was provided on the demolition of the immovable heritage in 2003 in the Historic Centre of Arequipa, as requested at its 28th session,
4. Encourages the State Party of Peru to implement the Emergencies and Disaster Reduction Plan at the soonest;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** detailed information on the interventions foreseen for the San Agustín Church and Tower, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

98. Lines and Geoglyphs of Nazca and Pampas de Jumana (Peru) (C 700)

Decision 29 COM 7B.98

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Taking note of the information provided by the State Party of Peru,
3. Requests the State Party to take the appropriate measures to halt the uncontrolled use of, and resulting damages to, the protected area, including continued vehicular traffic through the geoglyphs and dumping of solid waste;
4. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** a detailed report on the systematic monitoring measures and activities implemented by the Multisectorial Commission, for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

**99. Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento
(Uruguay) (C 747)**

Decision 29 COM 7B.99

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.105** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Requests the State Party of Uruguay to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of the progress in the revision of the hotel-casino project and the preparation of the management plan for the World Heritage property.

Decision 29 COM 7B.103

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to examine at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) the state of conservation reports of the following World Heritage properties inscribed in the List of the 100 most endangered sites of the World Monuments Watch:
 - a) Ancient Ksours of Ouadane, Chinguetti, Tichitt and Oualata (Mauritania);
 - b) Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco (Mexico);
 - c) Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct (Spain); and
 - d) Historical monuments of Thatta (Pakistan).

Decision 29 COM 7C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/7A** and **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev**,
2. Wishing to motivate and assist State Parties to get properties removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger,
3. Encouraging greater international cooperation among States Parties in order to reduce the number of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger,
4. Wishing to improve the consistency and effectiveness of state of conservation reports both with respect to properties on the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger,
5. Reiterates that reports of missions to review the state of conservation of properties on the World Heritage List, in conformity with paragraph 173 of the *Operational Guidelines*, must include:
 - a) an indication of threats or significant improvement in the conservation of the property since the last report to the World Heritage Committee;
 - b) any follow-up to previous decisions of the World Heritage Committee to the state of conservation of the property; and
 - c) information on any threat or damage to or loss of outstanding universal value, integrity and/or authenticity for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List;
6. Emphasizes that whenever further action is needed, clear benchmarks are set indicating the corrective measures to be taken in order to achieve significant improvement of the conservation as well as a timeframe within which the benchmarks will have to be met;
7. Requests the full cooperation of States Parties, Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre in the state of conservation reporting process;
8. Further requests that in addition to information about the amounts and purposes of international assistance of the World Heritage Fund received by a property, a state of conservation report should also indicate the amount of extra budgetary funds received or needed;
9. Decides to discuss further at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) the possibility of deferring the decision to inscribe new properties on the World Heritage List of a State Party that does not submit full reports requested by the Committee for two consecutive ordinary sessions of the Committee;
10. Decides, with respect to properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger, in accordance with Section IV.B of the *Operational Guidelines*:
 - a) to clearly identify the threats and dangers for which a property is to be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and how serious they are,

- b) to set at the time of inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger clear benchmarks indicating the corrective action to be taken to address the ascertained and potential dangers;
 - c) to set a timeframe within which the benchmarks will have to be met in order for a property to be removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
 - d) to request the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies for properties already on the List of World Heritage in Danger, for which at the time of inscription no benchmarks were set, to include in future reports regarding those sites benchmarks indicating the corrective action to be taken to address ascertained and potential dangers as well as a timeframe;
 - e) to request the Advisory Bodies to evaluate upon request of the State Party or of the Committee the impact of the ascertained and potential dangers on the outstanding universal value of World Heritage properties as set out in the Statement of outstanding universal value, referred to in paragraph 155 of the *Operational Guidelines*; and
 - f) to request States Parties to submit an annual report on the progress towards meeting the benchmarks within the timeframe set with respect to their properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
11. Also decides with respect to properties on the World Heritage List to explicitly discuss all state of conservation reports indicating non-compliance with Committee decisions, non-appliance of corrective measures or otherwise a lack of cooperation on the part of a State Party, as well as reports indicating difficulties encountered by a State Party in its efforts to conserve its sites (List A).

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

8A. TENTATIVE LISTS OF STATES PARTIES SUBMITTED, AS OF MAY 2005, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE *OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES*.

Decision 29 COM 8A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/8A**,
2. Recalling its Decisions **28 COM 14A** and **7 EXT.COM 4A**, respectively adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) and at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Takes note of the Tentative Lists presented in Annexes 2 and 3 of such document.

8B. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

I. CHANGES TO NAMES OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Decision 29 COM 8B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**,
2. Approves the proposed name change to the City-Museum Reserve of Mtskheta (Georgia) as proposed by the Georgian authorities. The name of the property becomes **Historical Monuments of Mtskheta** in English and **Monuments historiques de Mtskheta** in French.

Decision 29 COM 8B.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**,
2. Approves the proposed name change to The Frankincense Trail as proposed by the Oman authorities. The name of the property becomes **The Land of Frankincense** in English and **La terre de l'encens** in French.

II. NOMINATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

	Cultural criteria						Natural criteria			
<i>Operational Guidelines</i> (2002)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
<i>Operational Guidelines</i> (2005)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(viii)	(ix)	(vii)	(x)

Decision 29 COM 8B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**,
2. Takes note that the following States Parties had requested that their nominations not be examined at the 29th session of the Committee (Durban, 2005):
 - **Issyk Kul** (Kyrgyzstan)
 - **Solovetsky Islands with the adjacent water area** (Russian Federation)
 - **Cistercian Abbey in Krzeszów (Grüssau in Schlesien)** (Poland)
 - **Sri Harimandir Sahib** (India)
 - **Makhteshim Country** (Israel)
 - **Serranía de Chiribiquete Natural National Park** (Colombia)
 - **Trans Border Rainforest Heritage of Borneo** (Indonesia / Malaysia)
 - **Glarus Overthrust** (Switzerland)
 - **Meadow-Pasture Landscape of Slovakia** (Slovakia)
 - **Historic Centre of Innsbruck with Schloss Ambras and Nordkette/Karwendel Alpine Park** (Austria)
 - **Trakai Historical National Park** (Lithuania)

A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

Decision 29 COM 8B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Inscribes **Vredefort Dome** (South Africa), on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (i) :

Criterion (i): Vredefort Dome is the oldest, largest, and most deeply eroded complex meteorite impact structure in the world. It is the site of the world's greatest single, known energy release event. It contains high quality and accessible geological (outcrop) sites which demonstrate a range of geological evidences of a complex meteorite impact structure. The rural and natural landscapes of the serial property help portray the magnitude of the ring structures resulting from the impact. The serial nomination is considered to be a representative sample of a complex meteorite impact structure. A comprehensive comparative analysis with other complex meteorite impact structures demonstrated that it is the only example on earth providing a full geological profile of an astrobleme below the crater floor, thereby enabling research into the genesis and development of an astrobleme immediately post impact.

3. Noting that the freehold status of the majority of the nominated property requires special management and collaboration with landowners to ensure the integrity of the property,
4. Requests the State Party of South Africa to clearly define the legal boundaries for the three satellite component sites of the serial property;
5. Also requests that the State Party completes and starts to implement the management plan for the entire property within two years of inscription, and ensures that this plan has the support of key stakeholders;
6. Further requests the State Party to invite an IUCN mission within two years of inscription to evaluate progress with the above actions.

Decision 29 COM 8B.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Inscribes **Wadi Al-Hitan (Whale Valley)** (Egypt) on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (i):

Criterion (i): Wadi Al-Hitan is the most important site in the world to demonstrate one of the iconic changes that make up the record of life on Earth: the evolution of the whales. It portrays vividly their form and mode of life during their transition from land animals to a marine existence. It exceeds the values of other comparable sites in terms of the number, concentration and quality of its fossils, and their accessibility and setting in an attractive and protected landscape. It accords with key principles of the IUCN study on fossil World Heritage Sites, and represents significant values that are currently absent from the World Heritage List.

3. Recommends the State Party of **Egypt** to further develop the management plan for the property, which should consider:
 - a) revising the boundary to use topographic features visible in the landscape, primarily the tops of the escarpments within the protected area, to ensure that they are clearly identifiable on the ground, and more useful for site management;
 - b) further exploring the feasibility of extending the buffer zone of the property to the Bahariya Road, and across the desert to the south, in order to ensure effective management and control of vehicular traffic;
 - c) carefully designing and implementing a management programme for vehicular traffic;
 - d) providing the essential management infrastructure within the nominated property that minimises intrusion and damage to its natural values; and
 - e) making full use of the results and recommendations from programmes and studies that are underway in relation to the development of sustainable tourism, including visitors management and interpretation.
4. Welcomes the support provided by the State Party of Italy for the management of this property and recommends the State Party of Egypt, in conjunction with Italy, identify measures to maintain and enhance this support in the future to ensure the effective implementation of the management plan and protection of the values of the property in the long term;
5. Urges the State Party to consider any future nomination of the Gebel Qatrani Formation for natural fossil values as an extension of Wadi Al-Hitan.

Decision 29 COM 8B.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Inscribes **Shiretoko** (Japan) on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): Shiretoko provides an outstanding example of the interaction of marine and terrestrial ecosystems as well as extraordinary ecosystem productivity, largely influenced by the formation of seasonal sea ice at the lowest latitude in the northern hemisphere.

Criterion (iv): Shiretoko has particular importance for a number of marine and terrestrial species. These include a number of endangered and endemic species, such as the Blackiston's Fish owl and the plant species *Viola kitamiana*. The site is globally important for a number of salmonid species and for a number of marine mammals, including the Steller's sea Lion and a number of cetacean species. The site has significance as a habitat for globally threatened sea birds and is a globally important area for migratory birds.

3. Notes that the State Party of Japan has agreed to extend the marine boundary of the property from 1 km to 3 km off the coastline, and that such extension is "de facto" in place awaiting legal designation by the end of 2005;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) expedite development of a marine management plan, to be completed by 2008, to clearly identify measures for strengthening marine protection and the possibilities of extending the boundaries of the marine component of the property;
 - b) send a map and details of the final boundaries of the property, as well as a copy of the law supporting them, to the World Heritage Centre once they have been confirmed in law;
 - c) develop a salmonid management plan to identify impacts of dams and strategies to address this impact; and
 - d) address other management issues included in the evaluation report, in particular in relation to tourism management and scientific research;
5. Encourages the State Party to invite a mission to the property in two years from its inscription to assess progress with the implementation of the marine management plan and its effectiveness in protecting the marine resources of the property;
6. Congratulates the State Party for the commendable process of public consultation involved in the preparation of the nomination documents, the preparation of an excellent nomination dossier; and for effectively addressing IUCN's recommendations to enhance the conservation and management of this property.

Decision 29 COM 8B.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,

2. Inscribes the **West Norwegian Fjords - Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord** (Norway) on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (i) and (iii):

Criterion (i): The West Norwegian Fjords are classic, superbly developed fjords, considered as the type locality for fjord landscapes in the world. They are comparable in scale and quality to other existing fjords on the World Heritage List and are distinguished by the climate and geological setting. The property displays a full range of the inner segments of two of the world's longest and deepest fjords.

Criterion (iii): The Nærøyfjord and Geirangerfjord areas are considered to be among the most scenically outstanding fjord areas on the planet. Their outstanding natural beauty is derived from their narrow and steep-sided crystalline rock walls that rise up to 1400 m direct from the Norwegian Sea and extend 500 m below sea level. Along the sheer walls of the fjords are numerous waterfalls while free-flowing rivers rise up through deciduous and coniferous forest to glacial lakes, glaciers and rugged mountains. There is a great range of supporting natural phenomena, both terrestrial and marine such as submarine moraines and marine mammals. Remnants of old and now mostly abandoned transhumant farms add a cultural aspect to the dramatic natural landscape that complements and adds human interest to the area.

3. Requests to be kept informed by the State Party of Norway of any proposals for expansion of quarrying activities within the property and of measures taken to limit impacts of existing quarries. Close monitoring will be required, as such activities, if not carefully considered, could have significant impacts on the visual quality of the site (criterion iii);
4. Commends the State Party on the thorough nomination process involving a well-designed selection process and consultation with all Nordic countries as well as local stakeholders, which led to support for the nomination.

Decision 29 COM 8B.8

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **29 COM 8B.3**).

Decision 29 COM 8B.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Inscribes the **Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California** (Mexico) on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The property ranks higher than other marine and insular World Heritage properties as it represents a unique example in which, in a very short distance, there are simultaneously “bridge islands” (populated by land in ocean level decline during glaciations) and oceanic islands (populated by sea and air). Moreover, almost all major oceanographic processes occurring in the planet’s oceans are present in the property, giving it extraordinary importance for the study of marine and coastal processes. These processes are indeed supporting the high marine productivity and biodiversity richness that characterize the Gulf of California.

Criterion (iii): The serial property is of striking natural beauty and provides a dramatic setting due to the rugged forms of the islands, with high cliffs and sandy beaches contrasting with the brilliant reflection from the desert and the surrounding turquoise waters. The diversity of forms and colours is complemented by a wealth of birds and marine life. The diversity and abundance of marine life associated to spectacular submarine forms and high water transparency makes the property a diver’s paradise.

Criterion (iv): The diversity of terrestrial and marine life is extraordinary and constitutes a unique ecoregion of high priority for biodiversity conservation. The number of species of vascular plants (695) present in this serial property is higher than that reported in other marine and insular properties included in the WH List. The number of species of fish (891) is also highest when compared to a number of marine and insular properties. In addition the marine endemism is important, with 90 endemic fishes. The serial property contains 39% of the world’s total number of marine mammal’s species and a third of the world’s total number of marine cetacean’s species. In addition the serial property includes a good sample of the Sonora desert ecosystems, considered one of the richest deserts in the world from the desert biodiversity point of view.

3. Commends the State Party of Mexico for its efforts in conserving this complex property, as well as all other institutions, NGOs and the private sector that are contributing to its conservation;
4. Recommends the State Party to:
 - a) continue working towards creating marine reserves around all of the islands included in this serial property and, subsequently, to propose these areas as an extension of the World Heritage property, and to report regularly, starting at **1st February 2007**, on the creation of marine reserves;
 - b) keep the Committee informed on the revised plan proposed to develop the “Nautical Stairway for the Sea of Cortez” and to ensure that the revision of this project place due considerations on the international responsibility of the State Party in ensuring the long-term integrity of the property; and
 - c) keep the Committee informed on progress achieved towards the development and implementation of the marine ecological planning of the Sea of Cortez.

Decision 29 COM 8B.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Decides not to inscribe **Mbaracayu Forest Nature Reserve** (Paraguay) on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria;
3. Commends the State Party of Paraguay, and in particular the Bertoni Foundation, for its innovative management and protection efforts at the property, as an example to follow in achieving the effective and professional management of protected areas in the Latin America region;
4. Encourages the State Party, in consultation with the States Parties of Argentina and Bolivia, to consider options to prepare a nomination that would focus on the values of the Chaco region, including the development of an appropriate Tentative List;
5. Also encourages the States Parties of Argentina and Brasil, in consultation with the State Party, to consider the possible extension of the World Heritage properties of “Iguazu National Park” and “Iguaçu National Park” to the Mbaracayu Forest Nature Reserve.

Decision 29 COM 8B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Inscribes **Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex** (Thailand) on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (iv):

Criterion (iv): The Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex (DPKY-FC) contains more than 800 fauna species, including 112 species of mammals, 392 species of birds and 200 reptiles and amphibians. It is internationally important for the conservation of globally threatened and endangered mammal, bird and reptile species that are recognised as being of outstanding universal value. This includes 1 critically endangered, 4 endangered and 19 vulnerable species. The area contains the last substantial area of globally important tropical forest ecosystems of the Thai-Malay Monsoon Forest biogeographic province in northeast Thailand, which in turn can provide a viable area for long-term survival of endangered, globally important species, including tiger, elephant, leopard cat and banteng. The unique overlap of the range of two species of gibbon, including the vulnerable Pileated Gibbon, further adds to the global value of the complex. In addition to the resident species the complex plays an important role for the conservation of migratory species, including the endangered Spot-billed Pelican and critically endangered Greater Adjutant.

3. Requests the State Party of Thailand to carry out a study for the establishment of ecologically effective wildlife corridors to functionally link the western and eastern sectors of the complex, and to report on its findings, as well as an implementation time table, at its 31st session (2007);
4. Further recommends that the State Party:
 - a) expedite the implementation of the Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex management planning and appoint a manager responsible for the entire Protected Area complex;
 - b) provide increased resources for management across the complex;
 - c) undertake comprehensive and ongoing wildlife status monitoring;
 - d) implement measures to control the speed of traffic on the major roads that bisect the complex, especially before ecological corridors are established;
 - e) ensure that the World Heritage status of the complex is actively promoted to further encourage public cooperation in the conservation of the complex; and
 - f) explore transboundary protected area cooperation with the Government of Cambodia with regard to Banteay Chmar Protected Landscape, as well as other transborder resource management issues that affect the DYKY-FC;
5. Commends the State Party for its establishment of protected area complexes to maximize conservation opportunities.

Decision 29 COM 8B.12

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **29 COM 8B.3**).

Decision 29 COM 8B.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Recalling Decision **28COM/14B.10** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the State Party of Panama, and the NGOs supporting conservation efforts in Coiba National Park, for their excellent response to address the key issues requested by the Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004), in particular for the adoption of National Law No. 44 which established Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection;
4. Inscribes **Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection** (Panama) on the World Heritage List under natural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): Despite the short time of isolation of the islands of the Gulf of Chiriquí on an evolutionary timeframe, new species are being formed, which is evident from the levels of endemism reported for many groups (mammals, birds, plants), making the property an outstanding natural laboratory for scientific research. Furthermore the Eastern Pacific reefs, such as those within the property, are characterized by complex biological interactions of their inhabitants and provide a key ecological link in the Tropical Eastern Pacific for the transit and survival of numerous pelagic fish as well as marine mammals.

Criterion (iv): The forests of Coiba Island possess a high variety of endemic birds, mammals and plants. Coiba Island also serves as the last refuge for a number of threatened species that have largely disappeared from the rest of Panama, such as the Crested Eagle and the Scarlet Macaw. Furthermore the marine ecosystems within the property are repositories of extraordinary biodiversity conditioned to the ability of the Gulf of Chiriquí to buffer against temperature extremes associated to El Niño/Southern Oscillation phenomenon. The property includes 760 species of marine fishes, 33 species of sharks and 20 species of cetaceans. The islands within the property are the only group of inshore islands in the tropical eastern Pacific that have significant populations of trans-Pacific fishes, namely, Indo-Pacific species that have established themselves in the eastern Pacific.

5. Requests the State Party to consider options to expedite the preparation, adoption and further implementation of the revised management plan for the property, and to very carefully control and monitor fisheries management. The State Party may wish to consider requesting international assistance under the World Heritage Fund to support the effective implementation of this important task;
6. Also requests the State Party to confirm the name of the property to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible.

Decision 29 COM 8B.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Approves the extension of **Nanda Devi National Park** (India) to include the Valley of Flowers National Park, India, on the basis of the existing natural criteria (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (iii): The Valley of Flowers is an outstandingly beautiful high-altitude Himalayan valley that has been acknowledged as such by renowned mountaineers and botanists in literature for over a century and in Hindu mythology for much longer. Its ‘gentle’ landscape, breath-takingly beautiful meadows of alpine flowers and ease of access complement the rugged, mountain wilderness for which the inner basin of Nanda Devi National Park is renowned.

Criterion (iv): The Valley of Flowers is internationally important on account of its diverse alpine flora, representative of the West Himalaya biogeographic zone. The rich diversity of species reflects the valley's location within a transition zone between the Zaskar and Great Himalaya ranges to the north and south, respectively, and between the Eastern and Western Himalaya flora. A number of plant species are internationally threatened, several have not been recorded from elsewhere in Uttaranchal and two have not been recorded in Nanda Devi National Park. The diversity of threatened species of medicinal plants is higher than has been recorded in other Indian Himalayan protected areas. The entire Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve lies within the Western Himalayas Endemic Bird Area (EBA). Seven restricted-range bird species are endemic to this part of the EBA.

3. Notes that the extended property of 71,210 ha will comprise Nanda Devi National Park (62,460 ha) and Valley of Flowers National Park (8,750 ha), and that its name should be amended to Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks;
4. Encourages the State Party of India to enhance the natural values and protection of the World Heritage property by further extensions to include the corridor connecting Nanda Devi and the Valley of Flowers National Parks, and other areas to include the full altitudinal range and the trans-Himalayan element represented within the Biosphere Reserve;
5. Congratulates the State Party for its environmental clean-up of the approach to the property, and measures to manage tourism sustainably, notably through community-led initiatives and the introduction of regulations;
6. Welcomes the opening of part of Nanda Devi National Park to limited numbers of visitors, which ensure that benefits from such tourism help to sustain local economies; and encourages the State Party to further develop opportunities for small numbers of visitors to further experience this mountain wilderness.

Decision 29 COM 8B.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Decides to modify the boundaries of **Durmitor National Park** (Serbia and Montenegro) to be in line with the boundaries of the National Park approved by the State Party in 1997, thus excluding the town of Zabljak from the property. The World Heritage property, therefore, in line with the current boundaries of the National Park, comprises an area of 34,000 ha;

3. Requests the State Party of Serbia and Montenegro to submit a topographical map of the entire National Park on one sheet, and to inform the World Heritage Centre of what assistance it requires to prepare this map, and to inform the Committee of any future changes in the boundaries of the National Park.

Decision 29 COM 8B.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Decides to extend **Doñana National Park** (Spain) to bring the boundaries of the World Heritage property in line with the extended National Park; thus the total area of the World Heritage property will be 54,251.7 ha;
3. Commends the State Party of Spain for its efforts to enhance the protection and management of the property.

B. MIXED PROPERTIES

Decision 29 COM 8B.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2**, **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Refers back to the State Party of Gabon the nomination of the **Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda** (Gabon) to the World Heritage List, on the basis of natural values, in order to allow the State Party to provide an improved comparative analysis that demonstrates the outstanding universal value of the property, considering other protected areas in Gabon and the region, and in relation to detailed inventories of fauna and flora, as available.
3. Refers back to the State Party the nomination of the Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda, Gabon, to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values in order to allow the State Party to address the potential of the property as a cultural landscape and to provide:
 - a) Information on the enlargement of the nominated property to reflect a coherent group of archaeological and rock art sites that extend to both sides of the River Ogooué;

- b) an inventory of archaeological and rock art sites; and
 - c) a map of the archaeological and rock art sites, clarifying appropriate boundaries;
- 4. Further requests the State Party to continue to increase management capacity at the property to effectively address integrity requirements, and to confirm the long-term management, planning and staffing arrangements, to ensure the overall sustainable management of the property, including the relationship of its cultural and natural values.
- 5. Congratulates the State Party on its efforts to secure international support for the management of Lopé National Park and commends the support provided to date by the European Union, through the ECOFAC (Ecosystèmes forestiers d’Afrique Centrale) programme, and relevant NGOs, in particular the Wildlife Conservation Society;
- 6. Welcomes the State Party’s development of an improved Tentative List and recommends that, with the assistance of the advisory bodies, the position of the nominated property is confirmed in relation to other potential World Heritage properties in Gabon. In relation to natural values this should include the examination of possibilities for serial and transboundary nominations;
- 7. Invites the State Party to submit an international assistance request in relation to support the work required to provide the information requested above.

Decision 29 COM 8B.18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2**, **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.2**,
2. Refers back to the State Party of Gabon the nomination of the **Ecosystem and Cultural Landscape of the Minkébé Massif** (Gabon) to the World Heritage List on the basis of its natural values to allow the State Party to:
 - a) better document the natural values of this property;
 - b) clarify the status and potential impacts of proposed mining activities adjacent to the property, specifically in relation to the potential exploitation of iron deposits in Belinga/Minkébé;
 - c) confirm the long-term protection, planning and management arrangements for the property; and
 - d) consider, in collaboration with Cameroon and the Republic of Congo, and under the current Dja-Minkébé-Odzala Tri-National (TRIDOM) landscape project, the relationship of the property to adjoining natural areas and the potential for an expanded transboundary nomination.

3. Refers back to the State Party the nomination of the Ecosystem and Cultural Landscape of the Minkébé Massif, Gabon, to the World Heritage List on the basis of its cultural values, to allow the State Party to work with neighbouring countries to consider whether a site might be proposed as a cultural landscape that would encompass a viable Baka community who could be engaged in the sustainable management of forest produce. Such a site would need to be supported by a management plan that:
 - a) puts in place management practices that allow the involvement of Baka communities in the conservation of forest produce, in a way that benefits them socially and economically;
 - b) sets out how the distinctive, and highly valuable, traditional knowledge and beliefs of the Baka can be recorded and, if possible, how their knowledge of forest plants can be harnessed in conservation work; and
 - c) shows how the profile of the way of life of the Baka people can be raised and their skills optimized.
4. Welcomes the State Party's development of an improved Tentative List and recommends that, with the assistance of the advisory bodies, the position of the nominated property is confirmed in relation to other potential World Heritage properties in Gabon, including possibilities for serial and transboundary nominations;
5. Invites the State Party to submit an international assistance request to support the work needed to provide the information requested above.

Decision 29 COM 8B.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.19** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Inscribes **St Kilda** (United Kingdom) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (v):

Criterion (iii): St. Kilda bears exceptional testimony to over two millennia of human occupation in extreme conditions.

Criterion (v): The cultural landscape of St. Kilda is an outstanding example of land use resulting from a type of subsistence economy based on the products of birds, cultivating land and keeping sheep. The cultural landscape reflects age-old traditions and land uses, which have become vulnerable to change particularly after the departure of the islanders.
4. Requests the State Party of the United Kingdom to undertake a systematic archaeological survey to underpin future management of the cultural landscape.

Decision 29 COM 8B.20

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **29 COM 8B.3**).

C. CULTURAL PROPERTIES

Decision 29 COM 8B.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Refers back to the State Party of Ethiopia the examination of the nomination of **Harar Jugol, the fortified historical town** (Ethiopia) to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values (ii), (iv) and (v) to allow the State Party to supply further detailed information on:
 - a) the Revision of the Master Plan to include consideration of the proposed ring road and the development of new housing in order to ensure that conservation and preservation are fully integrated into town planning;
 - b) the levels of protection for the nominated area;
 - c) the controls, levels of protection and zoning for the proposed enlarged buffer zone;
 - d) a defined management system or management processes to allow the city to develop in a sustainable way with respect to its outstanding universal value;
 - e) the archaeological context of the property;
 - f) the justification of the possible application of criterion (iv) [in order to further demonstrate the uniqueness of the Harari house type] as well as (ii) and (v); and
 - g) the impact study of the infrastructure projects;
3. Invites the State Party, for the purposes of paragraph 2, to request the international assistance of the World Heritage Fund.

Decision 29 COM 8B.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Refers the nomination of **Chongoni Rock Art Area** (Malawi) back to the State Party to allow it to put in place legal protection for all the shelters through their designation as national monuments;

3. Congratulates the State Party of Malawi on its efforts in the preparation of the nomination, and encourages the State Party to continue its work to protect the outstanding universal value of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) augment the Management Plan to encompass the management of the woodland and its use by local communities; and
 - b) put in place as soon as possible arrangements to allow a minimum number of staff to work at the site.

Decision 29 COM 8B.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove** (Nigeria) on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iii) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The development of the movement of New Sacred Artists and the absorption of Suzanne Wenger, an Austrian artist, into the Yoruba community have proved to be a fertile exchange of ideas that revived the sacred Osun Grove ;

Criterion (iii): The Osun Sacred Grove is the largest and perhaps the only remaining example of a once widespread phenomenon that used to characterise every Yoruba settlement. It now represents Yoruba sacred groves and their reflection of Yoruba cosmology.

Criterion (vi): The Osun Grove is a tangible expression of Yoruba divinatory and cosmological systems; its annual festival is a living thriving and evolving response to Yoruba beliefs in the bond between people, their ruler and the Osun goddess.

3. Requests the State Party of Nigeria to consider how the management of the natural qualities of the Grove could be strengthened through being integrated into the management of the cultural qualities;
4. Also requests the State Party to provide information, as soon as possible, on the closure of the tarmac road;
5. Further requests the State Party to consider putting in place a cultural tourism management plan to sustain the spiritual, symbolic and ritual qualities of the Grove in relation to the very large numbers of people visiting this property, particularly during the festival period.

Decision 29 COM 8B.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.57**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Refers back to the State Party of the United Republic of Tanzania the examination of the nomination of **Kondoa Rock Art Sites** (United Republic of Tanzania) to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values to allow the State Party to address the following as a basis for a revised nomination:
 - a) the preparation of a site record system for the site based on known surveys and site investigations;
 - b) the preparation of a conservation plan for the painted sites;
 - c) the appointment of a site manager to undertake the implementation of the management plan;
 - d) a plan for providing alternative sources of firewood which takes into account the traditions of the local people ;
 - e) the establishment of a buffer zone; and
 - f) a more detailed comparative analysis of the property.

Decision 29 COM 8B.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Approves the extension of the **Fossil Hominid Sites of Sterkfontein, Swartkrans, Kromdraai, and Environs** (South Africa) to include Makapan Valley and Taung Skull Fossil Site, on the basis of the existing criteria (iii) and (vi).
3. Notes that the State Party of South Africa is in the process of finalizing the new name for the serial property.

Decision 29 COM 8B.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Qal'at al-Bahrain Archaeological Site** (Bahrain) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): Being an important port city, where people and traditions from different parts of the then known world met, lived and practiced their commercial activities, makes the place a real meeting point of cultures – all reflected in its architecture and development. Being in addition, invaded and occupied for long periods, by most of the great powers and empires, leaved their cultural traces in different strata of the tell.

Criterion (iii): The site was the capital of one of the most important ancient civilizations of the region – the Dilmun civilization. As such this site is the best representative of this culture.

Criterion (iv): The palaces of Dilmun are unique examples of public architecture of this culture, which had an impact on architecture in general in the region. The different fortifications are the best examples of defence works from the 3rd century B.C to the 16th century AD, all on one site. The protected palm groves surrounding the site are an illustration of the typical landscape and agriculture of the region, since the 3rd century BC.

3. Requests the State Party of Bahrain to submit by **1st February 2006** complete management and conservation plans for the property;
4. Also requests the State Party to refrain from approving any land reclamation or construction in the sea anywhere in front of the site and that the new construction on existing reclaimed land should be checked up as to protect the visual integrity of the site and to maintain the principal sight lines of the area nominated;
5. Further requests the State Party to firmly integrate the conservation and consolidation of the fortress and of the excavated area in both the management and conservation plans;
6. Further requests the State Party that a report on the progress and implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations be submitted for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

Decision 29 COM 8B.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Defers the examination of the nomination of **Azougui, Oasis and Almoravid Capital** (Mauritania) to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values to allow the State Party to:
 - a) submit again a substantially revised nomination in order to make it part of a wider nomination; and
 - b) provide further detailed information on:
 - c) - the justification of the outstanding universal study of the property;
 - d) - the existence of a detailed and complete management plan;
 - e) - a wider comparative study of the property; and
 - f) - date palm cultivation and the development of the Almoravid State.
3. Invites the State Party of Mauritania, for the purposes of paragraph 2, to request the international assistance of the World Heritage Fund.

Decision 29 COM 8B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes the **Historic Monuments of Macao** (China) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The strategic location of Macao on the Chinese territory, and the special relationship established between the Chinese and Portuguese authorities favoured an important interchange of human values in the various fields of culture, sciences, technology, art and architecture over several centuries.

Criterion (iii): Macao bears a unique testimony to the first and longest-lasting encounter between the West and China. From the 16th to the 20th centuries, it was the focal point for traders and missionaries, and the different fields of learning. The impact of this encounter can be traced in the fusion of different cultures that characterise the historic core zone of Macao.

Criterion (iv): Macao represents an outstanding example of an architectural ensemble that illustrates the development of the encounter between the Western and Chinese civilisations over some four and half centuries, represented in the historical route, with a series of urban spaces and architectural ensembles, that links the ancient Chinese port with the Portuguese city.

Criterion (vi): Macao has been associated with the exchange of a variety of cultural, spiritual, scientific and technical influences between the Western and Chinese civilisations. These ideas directly motivated the introduction of crucial changes in China, ultimately ending the era of imperial feudal system and establishing the modern republic.

3. Recommends that the name of the nominated property be changed into: “The Historic Centre of Macao”.
4. Also recommends to make every effort to develop the management system so as to retain the existing structural and visual integrity, and to maintain the principal sightlines of the nominated area within its contemporary setting.

Decision 29 COM 8B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Soltaniyeh** (Islamic Republic of Iran) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Mausoleum of Oljaytu forms an essential link in the development of the Islamic architecture in central and western Asia, from the classical Seljuk phase into the Timurid period. This is particularly relevant to the double-shell structure and the elaborate use of materials and themes in the decoration.

Criterion (iii): Soltaniyeh as the ancient capital of the Ilkhanid dynasty represents an exceptional testimony to the history of the 13th and 14th centuries.

Criterion (iv): The Mausoleum of Oljaytu represents an outstanding achievement in the development of Persian architecture particularly in the Ilkhanid period, characterized by its innovative engineering structure, spatial proportions, architectural forms and the decorative patterns and techniques.

Decision 29 COM 8B. 30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Kunya-Urgench** (Turkmenistan) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iii):

Criterion (ii): The tradition of architecture expressed in the design and craftsmanship of Kunya-Urgench has been influential in the wider region to the south and southwest i.e. in Iran and Afghanistan, and later in the architecture of the Mogul Empire (India, 16th century).

Criterion (iii): Kunya-Urgench provides an exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition (the Islamic culture of the Khorezm) and is unique in its state of preservation. The society that created this centre has disappeared; however we note that most of visitors are in fact pilgrims from the region.

3. Recommends that every effort be made to prevent encroachment on the protected area;
4. Invites the State Party of Turkmenistan to provide the park staff posted on the site sufficient political and financial support to enable them to protect the archaeological area;
5. Requests the State Party to submit, at two-year intervals, a report to the Committee, on the state of conservation of the site and the new development zones planned for the small contemporary urban settlement.

Decision 29 COM 8B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Approves the extension of the **Darjeeling Himalayan Railway** (India) to include Nilgiri Mountain Railway, on the basis of the cultural criteria (ii) and (iv) and renames the extended property as Mountain Railways of India;

Criterion (ii): The mountain railways of India are outstanding examples of the interchange of values on developments in technology, and the impact of innovative transportation system on the social and economic development of a multicultural region, which was to serve as a model for similar developments in many parts of the world.

Criterion (iv): The development of railways in the 19th century had a profound influence on social and economic developments in many parts of the world. The Mountain Railways of India are outstanding examples of a technological ensemble, representing different phases of the development in high mountain areas.

Decision 29 COM 8B.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Decides not to inscribe **Gnishikadzor Area Cultural Landscape** (Armenia) on the World Heritage List, in its present form;
3. Encourages the State Party of Armenia to try and find ways to identify, record and if possible stabilise and restore the remarkable collection of lantern-roofed houses (glkhatuns), as exemplars of a type once widespread in the Caucasus and which have persisted for over two millennia.

Decision 29 COM 8B.33

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **29 COM 8B.3**).

Decision 29 COM 8B.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes the **Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family at Nesvizh** (Belarus) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The architectural, residential and cultural complex of the Radziwill family at Nesvizh was the cradle for inoculation of new concepts based on the synthesis of the Western traditions, leading to the establishment of a new architectural school in Central Europe.

Criterion (iv): The Radziwill complex represents an important stage in the development of building typology in the history of architecture of the Central Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. This concerned particularly the Corpus Christi Church with its typology related to cross-cupola basilica.

Criterion (vi): The Radziwill family was particularly significant for being associated with the interpretation of the influences from Southern and Western Europe and the transmission of the ideas in the Central and Eastern Europe.

3. Requests the State Party of Belarus to prepare by the **1 April 2006**, in order to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 86 of the *Operational Guidelines*, a management plan for the property, including a review of the policy of restoration and reconstruction.

Decision 29 COM 8B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes the Struve Geodetic Arc (Belarus / Estonia / Finland / Latvia / Lithuania / Norway / Republic of Moldova / Russian Federation / Sweden / Ukraine) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The first accurate measuring of a long segment of a meridian, helping in the establishment of the exact size and shape of the world exhibits an important step in the development of earth sciences. It is also an extraordinary example for interchange of human values in the form of scientific collaboration among scientists from different countries. It is at the same time an example for collaboration between monarchs of different powers, for a scientific cause.

Criterion (iv): The Struve Geodetic Arc is undoubtedly an outstanding example of technological ensemble – presenting the triangulation points of the measuring of the meridian, being the non movable and non tangible part of the measuring technology.

Criterion (vi): The measuring of the arc and its results are directly associated with men wondering about his world, its shape and size. It is linked with Sir Isaac Newton's theory that the world is not an exact sphere.

3. Encourages the States Parties of Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine to work on a possible extension of the nomination, to include the properties relating to triangulation points in South Africa.

Decision 29 COM 8B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes the Plantin-Moretus Museum (Belgium) provided that its title is changed to: “Plantin-Moretus House-Workshops-Museum Complex”, on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): Through the publications of the Officina Plantiniana, the Plantin-Moretus complex is a testimony to the major role played by this important centre of 16th century European humanism in the development of science and culture.

Criterion (iii): Considered as an integral part of the Memory of the World (UNESCO, 2001), the Plantinian Archives, including the business archives of the Officina, the books of commercial accounts and the correspondence with a number of world-renowned scholars and humanists, provide an outstanding testimony to a cultural tradition of the first importance.

Criterion (iv): As an outstanding example of the relationship between the living environment of a family during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, the world of work and the world of commerce, the Plantin-Moretus Complex is of unrivalled Documentary value relating to significant periods of European history: the Renaissance, the Baroque era and Classicism.

Criterion (vi): The Plantin-Moretus complex is tangibly associated with ideas, beliefs, technologies and literary and artistic works of outstanding universal significance.

3. Recommends that concerning the construction of a new store room for the archives, a solution is found which is compatible with the authenticity of the whole Mansion and Workshops complex.

Decision 29 COM 8B.37

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14 B.57** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Defers the examination of the nomination of **Třeboň Fishpond Heritage** (Czech Republic) to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values, to allow the State Party to consider whether a revised nomination could be submitted which covers more of the 15th and 16th century network of ponds.

Decision 29 COM 8B.38

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Le Havre, the City rebuilt by Auguste Perret** (France) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The post-war reconstruction plan of Le Havre is an outstanding example and a landmark of the integration of urban planning traditions and a pioneer implementation of modern developments in architecture, technology, and town-planning.

Criterion (iv): Le Havre is an outstanding post-war example of urban planning and architecture based on the unity of methodology and system of prefabrication, the systematic use of a modular grid and the innovative exploitation of the potential of concrete.

3. Recommends that, taking note of the valuable experience in the construction using reinforced concrete and of the monitoring systems already adopted in Le Havre, these efforts be continued in a systematic manner within the programme of a specialised research centre for concrete;
4. Also recommends that, considering the need to maintain a high standard in the workmanship, repair and restoration of the structures of Le Havre, every effort be made to facilitate this process through effective sources of financial aid.

Decision 29 COM 8B.39

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Refers back to the State Party the nomination of **Heidelberg Castle and Old Town** (Germany) to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values, to allow the State Party to:
 - a) demonstrate the outstanding universal value of the property as an ensemble;
 - b) highlight the main importance of the Castle and to refer to the universal significance of the debates over preserving or reconstructing Heidelberg Castle (that raged during the last third of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th); and
 - c) highlight the outstanding significance of the university tradition.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.40

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **The Biblical Tels and Ancient Water Systems – Megiddo, Hazor and Beer Sheba** (Israel) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The three tels represent an interchange of human values throughout the ancient near-east, forged through extensive trade routes and alliances with other states and manifest in building styles which merged Egyptian, Syrian and Aegean influences to create a distinctive local style.

Criterion (iii): The three tels are a testimony to a civilisation that has disappeared –that of the Cananean cities of the Bronze Age and the biblical cities of the Iron Age-, manifest in their expressions of creativity: town planning, fortifications, palaces, and water collection technologies.

Criterion (iv): The biblical cities exerted a powerful influence on later history through the biblical narrative.

Criterion (vi): The three tels, through their mentions in the Bible, constitute a religious and spiritual testimony of outstanding universal value.

3. Notes the changing of the name of the property which becomes: “**The Biblical Tels – Megiddo, Hazor, Beer Sheba**”;
4. Encourages the State Party of Israel to explore the possibility of adding further tels to widen the serial nomination in the future.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.41

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Syracuse and the Rocky Necropolis of Pantalica** (Italy) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The sites and monuments which form the Syracuse/Pantalica ensemble constitute a unique accumulation, through the ages and in the same space, of remarkable testimonies to Mediterranean cultures.

Criterion (iii): The Syracuse/Pantalica ensemble offers, through its remarkable cultural diversity, an exceptional testimony to the development of civilisation over some three millennia.

Criterion (iv): The group of monuments and archeological sites situated in Syracuse (between the nucleus of Ortygia and the vestiges located throughout the urban area) is the finest example of outstanding architectural creation spanning several cultural aspects (Greek, Roman and Baroque).

Criterion (vi): Ancient Syracuse was directly linked to events, ideas and literary works of outstanding universal significance.

3. Invites the authorities responsible for the management of the property to ensure the application of the necessary measures to avoid problems relating to the insertion of the conservation process into a living and evolving urban setting;
4. Encourages the State Party of Italy to implement the plan it adopted in relation to the houses that are currently unoccupied in Ortygia, in order to find them a function in urban activity;
5. Requests the State Party to draw up a detailed report on the conservation of the property, and changes in its condition, every three years.

Decision 29 COM 8B.42

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **29 COM 8B.3**).

Decision: 29 COM 8B.43

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes the Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl (Russian Federation) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The historic town of Yaroslavl with its 17th century churches and its Neo-classical radial urban plan and civic architecture is an outstanding example of the interchange of cultural and architectural influences between Western Europe and Russian Empire.

Criterion (iv): Yaroslavl is an outstanding example of the town-planning reform ordered by Empress Catherine The Great in the whole of Russia, implemented between 1763 and 1830.

3. Requests the State Party of the Russian Federation to pay particular attention to monitoring and management trends and eventual changes in the built fabric, as well as to the functions of the nominated area and its buffer zone, in order not to affect the outstanding universal values of the property.

Decision 29 COM 8B.44

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **29 COM 8B.3**).

Decision: 29 COM 8B.45

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Approves the extension of **The Belfries of Flanders and Wallonia** (Belgium) to include **The Belfries of Flanders, Artois, Hainaut and Picardy** (France), on the basis of the cultural criteria (ii) and (iv);
3. Also approves the minor modification to The Belfries of Flanders and Wallonia adding the Belfry in Gembloux, Belgium, on the basis of the existing criteria (ii) and (iv);

4. Notes the changing of the name of the property (including the Belfry in Gembloux), which as extended becomes: “**The Belfries of Belgium and France**”;
5. Decides that the list of inscribed Belfries is hereupon closed.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.46

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Approves the extension of **Hadrian’s Wall** (United Kingdom) to include the Frontiers of the Roman Empire – Upper German-Raetian Limes (Germany) on the World Heritage List on the basis of the cultural criteria (ii), (iii), and (iv), excluding:
 - a) reconstructions carried out since 1965; and
 - b) urban development above Roman remains;
3. Recommends that the reconstructed elements excluded from the nomination, together with development above the Roman remains, be considered as a buffer zone for the inscribed property;
4. Also recommends that the nomination be seen as the second phase of a possible wider, phased, serial transboundary nomination to encompass remains of the Roman frontiers around the Mediterranean Region;
5. Agrees that the combined Hadrian’s Wall and Upper German-Raetian Limes sites together be known as the “**Frontiers of the Roman Empire**”;
6. Also agrees that the Hadrian’s Wall site be known as **Frontiers of the Roman Empire: Hadrian’s Wall** and that the Upper German-Raetian Limes site should be known as the **Frontiers of the Roman Empire: Upper German-Raetian Limes**.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.47

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Approves the extension of **Parque Güell, Palacio Güell and Casa Mila in Barcelona** (Spain) to include the Works of Antoni Gaudí, notably the following buildings: the Nativity façade and Crypt of Sagrada Familia, Casa Vicens, Casa Battlo, and the Crypt in Colonia Güell, on the basis of the cultural criteria (i), (ii), and (iv):

Criterion (i): The work of Antoni Gaudí represents an exceptional and outstanding creative contribution to the development of architecture and building technology in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Criterion (ii): Gaudí's work exhibits an important interchange of values closely associated with the cultural and artistic currents of his time, as represented in el Modernisme of Catalonia. It anticipated and influenced many of the forms and techniques that were relevant to the development of modern construction in the 20th century.

Criterion (iv): Gaudí's work represents a series of outstanding examples of the building typology in the architecture of the early 20th century, residential as well as public, to the development of which he made a significant and creative contribution.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.48

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Recalling the decision adopted by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee at its 15th session (UNESCO, 1991) and the report of the rapporteur SC-91/CONF.001/2,
3. Inscribes the **Museum-City of Gjirokastra** (Albania) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (iii): The old city of Gjirokastra is an exceptional testimony to a long-lasting, and almost disappeared society and life-style, influenced by the culture and tradition of Islam in the Ottoman period.

Criterion (iv): The historic town of Gjirokastra is a rare example of a well-preserved Ottoman town, built by farmers of large estates, around the 13th-century citadel. The architecture is characterized by the construction of a type of tower house (Turkish 'kule'), of which Gjirokastra represents a series of outstanding examples.

4. Requests the State Party of Albania to draw up a detailed report on the conservation of the property, especially on the implementation of measures to counteract illegal construction and changes in the urban and landscape context.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.49

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,

2. Recalling the Decisions adopted by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee at its 23rd session (UNESCO, 1999), at its 23rd extraordinary session (Marrakech, 1999), and at its 24th session (UNESCO, 2000) and also recalling the Decision adopted at its 24th session (Cairns, 2000) and Decision **27 COM 8C.33** adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Inscribes **the Old City of Mostar** (Bosnia and Herzegovina) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criterion (vi):

Criterion (vi): With the “renaissance” of the Old Bridge and its surroundings, the symbolic power and meaning of the City of Mostar - as an exceptional and universal symbol of coexistence of communities from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds - has been reinforced and strengthened, underlining the unlimited efforts of human solidarity for peace and powerful co-operation in the face of overwhelming catastrophes.
4. Recognizes the exceptional multicultural architectural features of the Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar and its satisfactory interrelationship with the landscape, as well as the high quality, the skill and the technical refinement of the restoration of the ancient constructions, in particular the Old Bridge;
5. Requests to change the name of the property to “**The Old Bridge area of the Old City of Mostar**”, so that it reflects more properly the situation of the nominated area;
6. Also requests the State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina to fully and carefully implement measures laid down in the recently adopted management plan, and also to apply these approaches to the wider setting of the Old City in factors such as scientific and archaeological research, restoration, new uses and continuous monitoring.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.50

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.42** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Inscribes the **Incense Route and Desert Cities in the Negev** (Israel) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (iii) and (v):

Criterion (iii): The Nabatean towns and their trade routes bear eloquent testimony to the economic, social and cultural importance of frankincense to the Hellenistic-Roman world. The routes also provided a means of passage not only for frankincense and other trade goods but also for people and ideas.

Criterion (v): The almost fossilised remains of towns, forts, caravanserais and sophisticated agricultural systems strung out along the Incense route in the Negev desert, display an outstanding response to a hostile desert environment and one that flourished for five centuries.

4. Decides to modify the name of the nomination, as “**The Incense Route – Desert cities in the Negev**”;
5. Requests the State Party of Israel to implement the existing archaeological strategy for the whole property and for each of the major towns;
6. Recommends that the State Party amplifies existing management plans and conservation projects.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.51

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes **Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works** (Chile) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The development of the saltpeter industry reflects the combined knowledge, skills, technology, and financial investment of a diverse community of people who were brought together from around South America, and from Europe. The saltpeter industry became a huge cultural exchange complex where ideas were quickly absorbed and exploited. The two works represent this process.

Criterion (iii): The saltpeter mines and their associated company towns developed into an extensive and very distinct urban community with its own language, organisation, customs, and creative expressions, as well as displaying technical entrepreneurship. The two nominated works represent this distinctive culture.

Criterion (iv): The saltpeter mines in the north of Chile together became the largest producers of natural saltpeter in the world, transforming the Pampa and indirectly the agricultural lands that benefited from the fertilisers the works produced. The two works represent this transformation process.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.52

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,

2. Considering the ascertained threats to the vulnerable structures forming the property, and in order to support the urgent and necessary consolidation work, as well as to safeguard the authenticity of the property by setting appropriate benchmarks in the conservation plans;
3. Inscribes **Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works** (Chile) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.53

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Inscribes the **Urban Historic Centre of Cienfuegos** (Cuba) on the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The historic town of Cienfuegos exhibits an important interchange of influences based on the Spanish Enlightenment, and it is an outstanding early example of their implementation in urban planning in Latin America in the 19th century.

Criterion (iv): Cienfuegos is the first and an outstanding example of an architectural ensemble representing the new ideas of modernity, hygiene and order, in urban planning as these developed in the Latin America from the 19th century.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.54

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**, **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add 2** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.8B.1**,
2. Defers examination of the nomination of the **Route of the First Colonial Sugar Mills of America** (Dominican Republic) to the World Heritage List on the basis of cultural values, to allow the State Party to re-submit the nomination once the following are in place:
 - a) legal protection for all the sites;
 - b) management plans that cover conservation;
 - c) management systems that involve local communities; and
 - d) an archaeological strategy that covers the approach to survey and excavation at all the sites.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.55

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/8B**,
2. Recalling paragraph 168 of the *Operational Guidelines*,
3. Encourages States Parties of Estonia and Morocco to submit their nomination files, as much as possible, well in advance of the 1 February deadline;
4. Decides to exceptionally include in the list of nominations received for examination at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) the two following nomination files received after the 1 February 2005 deadline: **Baltic Klint** (Estonia) and **Le Toubkal** (Morocco).

Decision: 29 COM 8B.56

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/8B.Add**;
2. Commends the State Party of Ukraine for having proposed the buffer zones;
3. Approves the minor modification of the buffer zone of Kiev: **Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastery Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk** (Ukraine);
4. Welcomes the proposal by the State Party to organise a mission to the property that would as well examine the choice of the eastern boundary of the buffer zone and the existing quality and condition of the urban fabric of the central Kiev both inside and outside the buffer zone.

Decision: 29 COM 8B.57

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.57** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
2. Requests that, starting at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), ICOMOS organizes adequately its evaluation reports on all properties, along the following aspects:
 - a) the date of receipt of the nomination,
 - b) the dates on which complementary information was officially requested, and then provided by the State Party,
 - c) the literature/sources consulted, for each site presented, the proposed decision of ICOMOS (inscription, referral, deferral, non inscription), the analysis of each of the criteria proposed by the State Party and its pertinence to the report; and

- d) for mixed sites to coordinate with IUCN in order to present the report along the same formats
- 3. Also requests that additional information received before 31st March of each year be presented to the Committee as addenda, and included in the corresponding nominations files;
- 4. Further requests ICOMOS to summarize the outcome of the comparative analysis during the oral presentation of the nomination at the corresponding session of the Committee.

8C NOMINATION OF PROPERTIES TO THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER.

Decision 29 COM 8C.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the of state of conservation reports of properties on the World Heritage List (**WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Rev** and **WHC-05/29.COM/7B.Add**) and of proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (**WHC-05/29.COM/8B**),
2. Decides to inscribe the following property on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - o **Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works** (Chile)
(Decision 29 COM 8B.52)
 - o **Coro and its Port** (Venezuela)
(Decision 29 COM 8B.92)

Decision 29 COM 8C.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the of state of conservation reports of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger (**WHC-05/29.COM/7A** and **WHC-05/29.COM/7A.Add**),
2. Decides to maintain the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - **Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam** (Afghanistan)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.20)
 - **Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley** (Afghanistan)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.21)
 - **Tipasa** (Algeria)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.16)
 - **Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower** (Azerbaijan)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.28)
 - **Royal Palaces of Abomey** (Benin)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.13)
 - **Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park** (Central African Republic)

- (Decision 29 COM 7A.1)
- **Comoé National Park** (Côte d'Ivoire)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.2)
- **Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve** (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.3)
- **Okapi Wildlife Reserve** (Democratic Rep. of the Congo)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.5)
- **Kahuzi-Biega National Park** (Democratic Rep. of the Congo)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.5)
- **Virunga National Park** (Democratic Rep. of the Congo)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.5)
- **Garamba National Park** (Democratic Rep. of the Congo)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.5)
- **Salonga National Park** (Democratic Rep. of the Congo)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.5)
- **Abu Mena** (Egypt)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.17)
- **Simien National Park** (Ethiopia)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.4)
- **Cologne Cathedral** (Germany)
(Decision 28 COM 7A.29)
- **Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve** (Honduras)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.12)
- **Group of Monuments at Hampi** (India)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.22)
- **Manas Wildlife Sanctuary** (India)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.9)
- **Bam and its Cultural Landscape** (Islamic Republic of Iran)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.23)
- **Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat)** (Iraq)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.18)
- **Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls** (Jerusalem)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.31)
- **Kathmandu Valley** (Nepal)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.24)
- **Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves** (Niger)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.6)
- **Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore** (Pakistan)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.25)
- **Chan Chan Archaeological Zone** (Peru)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.30)
- **Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras** (Philippines)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.26)
- **Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary** (Senegal)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.7)
- **Ichkeul National Park** (Tunisia)
(Decision 29 COM 7A.8)
- **Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara** (United Republic of Tanzania)

- (Decision **28 COM 7A.15**)
- **Everglades National Park** (United States of America)
(Decision **29 COM 7A.10**)
- **Historic Town of Zabid** (Yemen)
(Decision **29 COM 7A.19**)

Decision 29 COM 8C.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following examination of state of conservation reports of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger (**WHC-05/29.COM/7A** and **WHC-05/29.COM/7A.Add**),
2. Decides to remove the following properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - **Butrint** (Albania)
(Decision **29 COM 7A.27**)
 - **Sangay National Park** (Ecuador)
(Decision **29 COM 7A.11**)
 - **Timbuktu** (Mali)
(Decision **29 COM 7A. 14**)

**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF EXPERTS
(KAZAN, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 6-9 APRIL 2005) ESTABLISHED
BY DECISION
28 COM 13.1**

Decision 29 COM 9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/9**, **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.9A** and **WHC-05/29.COM/INF.9B**,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM. 13.1** and **7 EXT.COM 4B.2**, respectively adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) and at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), which requested the World Heritage Centre to convene a Special Meeting of Experts of all regions on the concept of outstanding universal value, and invited that meeting to make specific proposals for better identification of properties of potential outstanding universal value, for enabling less-represented and non-represented states to improve the quality of their nominations and thereby the success rate of inscriptions on the World Heritage List, and for enabling States Parties to indemnify sufficient funding sources for the sustainable conservation of World Heritage properties;
3. Thanks the Russian Federation and, in particular, the Kazan authorities for having generously hosted the Special Meeting, which took place from 6 to 9 April 2005;
4. Also thanks the experts for their active contribution to the meeting;
5. Takes note of the Recommendations resulting from the meeting, included in Annex I of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/9**;
6. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to start implementing paragraphs 11 to 25 of the above-mentioned recommendations, by making best use of resources from the UNESCO Regular Budget, extra-budgetary resources and the specific amount approved under the World Heritage Fund in Decision **29 COM 16**, and taking particularly into account:
 - a) the need to draw out references or obvious omissions concerning the values assigned by local communities and indigenous peoples, as related to World Heritage; and
 - b) the relevance of assigning an adequate priority to both sustainable conservation and to the involvement of all stakeholders in the management of World Heritage properties;
7. Decides to further explore the concept of outstanding universal value at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), using as a guide paragraphs 6 to 10 of the above mentioned Recommendations.

10. GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

Decision 29 COM 10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined document **WHC-05/29.COM/10**,
2. Recalling Decision **7 EXT.COM 11**, adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Notes that the funding to IUCN foreseen in the Proposed Budget 2006-2007 is inadequate to effectively lead on the implementation of the Global Framework Programme for Capacity Building on Natural Heritage;
4. Allocates an amount of US\$40,000 to IUCN under the World Heritage Fund budget-line 1.2 for Advisory Bodies' services in addition to the current proposal of US\$65,000 for the biennium 2006-2007, to allow for the acceleration of existing activities in relation to preparation of training manuals and support for training workshops, in addition to the development and implementation of an action plan for raising extra-budgetary funds to support the implementation of the Global Framework Programme for natural heritage training and capacity building, by transferring the equivalent amount from the budget-line 3.2.1 for International Assistance for Training and Research;
5. Requests IUCN to report on progress in this regard to the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (2007);
6. Urges States Parties and the relevant Non-Governmental Organizations to collaborate with IUCN and provide support to the strategic implementation of the Global Framework Programme for Capacity Building on Natural Heritage.

11. PERIODIC REPORTS

11A. PRESENTATION OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR NORTH AMERICA

Decision 29 COM.11A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/11A**,
2. Recalling Decisions **25 COM VII.25-27** adopted at its 25th (Helsinki, 2001) session and **7 EXT.COM 5** and **7 EXT.COM 5A.1** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Welcomes with appreciation the synthesis report of the North American region illustrating very effective cooperation between the States Parties of Canada and the United States of America;
4. Takes note of the Periodic Report and its specific recommendations for revised statements of significance, name changes, revisions of criteria and other clarifications regarding inscriptions of World Heritage properties in the region;
5. Acknowledges the recommendations for reviewing the importance of local populations in or adjacent to natural World Heritage properties; guidelines for management plans and principles for evaluating visual impacts for activities in and adjacent World Heritage properties;
6. Requests that the meeting concerning the “reflection year” referred to in Decision **7 EXT.COM 5** include:
 - a) forms and format of the Report;
 - b) training priorities arising from all reports;
 - c) international cooperation issues; and
 - d) a reflection on a new regional grouping;
7. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties concerned, to report at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) on the proposed structure, time-schedule and resources needed for the implementation of the measures outlined in paragraph 6;
8. Strongly encourages the States Parties of Canada and the United States of America to continue the existing level of excellent cooperation.

11B. PRESENTATION OF THE SECTION I OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR EUROPE (2005) AND PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF SECTION II OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR EUROPE (2006)

Decision 29 COM 11B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the presentation and the discussion of this item until its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

11C. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR AFRICA 2002-2005 AND AFRICA 2009

Decision 29 COM 11C.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/11C** and **WHC-05/29.COM/16**,
2. Recalling its Decision **7 EXT.COM 5C**, adopted at its 7th Extraordinary Session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Bearing in mind that all three modules of the Africa Regional Programme represent means of building in the long-term the capabilities of natural and cultural heritage site managers and other professionals in Africa for the conservation and protection of World Heritage properties,
4. Recalling with satisfaction the synthesis Periodic Report published in the World Heritage Paper Series (number 3), which gives direction for future World Heritage activities in Africa,
5. Notes with satisfaction the work that has already been carried out by the AFRICA 2009 programme, (Module I), the Africa Nature Programme (Module II), and the National Strategies Programme (Module III), and recommends that capacity building for a better implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* continues to be intensified over the next phases of all three modules, taking into consideration the diversity of languages with a view to promoting a more effective delivery of regional programmes;

6. Thanks the financial partners of AFRICA 2009 – the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA); through the Swedish National Heritage Board; - the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) – and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Italy and Finland, as well as the financial partners of AFRICA Nature programme and the programme for National Strategies - in particular, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Italy and The Netherlands - for their continued support of the programme, and urges them to continue such support in the future;
7. Also thanks the operational partners of AFRICA 2009: -ICCRUM, the World Heritage Centre, CRATerre-EAG (Ecole d'Architecture de Grenoble), EPA (Ecole du patrimoine africain), and PMDA (Programme pour le Developpement des Musees Africains)-, as well as the partners of the World Heritage Centre for Africa Nature and National Strategies programmes - IUCN, UNESCO Field Offices, National Commissions for UNESCO, African Wildlife institutions and NGOs - for their sustained efforts in the implementation of the programme;
8. Approves the activities to be carried out in the biennium 2006-2007 in the framework of Module 1 of the Regional Programme for Africa, as described in document **WHC-05/29.COM/11C**, and takes note of the funding request of US\$200,000 submitted by ICCROM in Annex 3 of document **WHC-05/29.COM/16**;
9. Further approves the activities to be carried out in the biennium 2006-2007 in the framework of Modules II & III of the Regional Programme for Africa, as described in document **WHC-05/29.COM/11C**, and takes note of the amount of US\$50,000 submitted in document **WHC-05/29.COM/16**³;
10. Encourages all States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* in Africa to continue to develop initiatives to promote dialogue at all levels with a view to: a) foster national and regional understanding for the protection of World Heritage and b) sustain their support to the three modules of the Africa Regional Programme by hosting events, and providing professionals as participants, coordinators, and resource persons;
11. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare the Second Periodic Reporting Exercise for Africa, and to submit the results of such exercise for examination of the Committee at its 33rd session (2009).

Decision 29 COM 11C.2,

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-05/29.COM/11C.1** and **WHC-05/29.COM/11C.2.Rev**,

³ Subject to adoption of Document 16

2. Recalling its decisions **7 EXT.COM 5C** and **7 EXT.COM 7.2** adopted as its 7th Extraordinary Session (UNESCO, 2004) to support the African initiative to hold a meeting of African experts on the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and on the State of Conservation of World Heritage sites in Africa in March 2005 in Cape Town, South Africa, and to participate in the next summit of the African Union through an exhibit by the World Heritage Centre on cultural and natural World Heritage in Africa during the next summit of the African Union,
3. Welcomes with appreciation the Africa Position Paper included in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/11C.2.Rev**, which addresses challenges facing Africa's World Heritage properties and the possibility of setting up an African World Heritage Fund, in accordance with the outcomes of the meetings held in Somerset West, South Africa, from 15 to 18 March 2005;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party of South Africa for hosting the above meetings;
5. Emphasizes its commitment to the development of strategies to conserve and protect Africa's World Heritage properties, including human resources development;
6. Recalling the Periodic Report for the African region, adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002) by Decision **26 COM 20**, which calls *inter alia* for the establishment of an African Heritage Fund,
7. Commends the African position paper and supports the principles, objectives and recommendations enshrined therein which constitutes a major step and strategic document in implementing the periodic reporting exercise for the African region and which is also at the basis of the activities of the Committee;
8. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to transmit the African position paper to the General Assembly of the States Parties to the *Convention* at its 15th session (2005);
9. Supports the establishment of the African World Heritage Fund and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report to the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) on the progress made towards the establishment of such a Fund;
10. Invites States Parties to the *Convention* to make voluntary contributions to the Fund;
11. Also invites the African World Heritage Fund, when established, to report to the World Heritage Committee on a regular basis on its activities and discuss with the Committee its orientation and strategy;
12. Further invites the African States Parties to present the 10-year Action Plan mentioned in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/11C.2.Rev** to the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
13. Reaffirms its commitment to implement its Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.2** and the recommendations set forth in the Africa Position Paper.

11D. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Decision 29 COM 11D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/11D** and the Draft Decision **29 COM 11D.Rev**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 17B.II** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre on the progress made in the implementation of its Decisions **26 COM 6.1**, **26 COM 6.2**, **26 COM 24.2**, **27 COM 5.2** and **28 COM 17 B.II**;
4. Commends the Secretariat for the activities carried out for the protection of the Palestinian cultural heritage despite the difficult conditions, and recommends the reactivation of the joint Israeli-Palestinian Technical Committee for Archaeology;
5. Commends the Palestinian Authority for the preparation of a first inventory of Palestinian cultural and natural heritage as well as for the measures undertaken for its safeguarding; and invites the Authority to continue, in close co-operation with UNESCO, its efforts with a view to extending this inventory to other sites;
6. Regrets the damage inflicted to the Palestinian cultural heritage, notably Nablus and Hebron, as well as the new building constructed above the archaeological remains of Tell Rumeida;
7. Requests the parties concerned with the safeguarding of the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage to take appropriate measures to prevent and avoid any further destruction or damage to this heritage;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to take all necessary measures, in liaison with the concerned parties, to elaborate an Action Plan for the rehabilitation and preservation of these sites, to implement it, and to continue assisting the Palestinian institutions concerned in reinforcing their capacity in the protection, preservation and management of the cultural and natural heritage, and to present a report on the progress made for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
9. Invites the States Parties to contribute to the implementation of the above activities and decides to allocate an amount of USD100,000 to this end during the 2006-2007 biennium.

12. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR WORLD HERITAGE PROGRAMMES

Decision 29 COM 12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/12**,
2. Recalling Decisions **7 EXT.COM 10** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004) and **27 COM 20B** adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Emphasizing that setting precise but realistic and measurable results and indicators is essential for effective performance appraisal and monitoring,
4. Takes note of the set of performance indicators described in Table 1 of the Document **WHC-05/29.COM/12**, which constitutes a framework for Performance monitoring with respect to the four Strategic Objectives set at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002);
5. Invites the States Parties and the Advisory Bodies to submit to the Director of the World Heritage Centre comments on document **WHC-05/29.COM/12** by 1 December 2005;
6. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to continue to develop and present a completely integrated Result Based Management (RBM) framework including the Thematic Programmes and to develop the corresponding performance indicators for examination by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), taking into account the debate at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
7. Encourages the Director of the World Heritage Centre to seek appropriate funding for this activity and invites donors to provide financial support to this effort.

13. PROGRESS REPORT ON WORLD HERITAGE PACT

Decision 29 COM 13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/13**,
2. Recalling Decisions **26 COM 17.3** adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002) and **7 EXT.COM 12** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Considers that the regulatory framework set out in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/13** provides a robust and workable set of guidelines for the development of partnerships in support of World Heritage;
4. Decides to add a paragraph to the regulatory framework starting that the overseeing authority for monitoring progress and performance of the World Heritage PACT rests with the Committee;
5. Adopts the regulatory framework for the World Heritage PACT and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to ensure that it is made widely available to States Parties to the *Convention*, relevant UNESCO services, individuals and potential partners, including by publishing it on the World Heritage website;
6. Supports the future orientations for the World Heritage PACT as set out in paragraphs 19-22 of Annex 1 of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/13**;
7. Notes with appreciation the agreements concluded between the World Heritage Centre and States Parties to the *Convention* as well as between the World Heritage Centre and non-governmental and private sector partners, as such agreements have a significant potential for implementing the Budapest Declaration (2002);
8. Recognizes that more time will be required before such an initiative can have a demonstrable impact on the World Heritage Fund;
9. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to provide information on the progress of the World Heritage PACT at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
10. Decides to postpone the examination of the evaluation of the World Heritage PACT from its 30th session to its 31st session (2007).

14. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

14A. EXAMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Decision 29 COM 14A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/14A**,
2. Recalling paragraph 3 of its Decision **28 COM 10A.1**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Noting that no funds are available in 2005 for consideration of technical co-operation requests for cultural properties,
4. Aware of the importance of the study to be undertaken for the conservation of the property,
5. Noting that US\$ 217,000 are still available under the emergency assistance reserve six months before the end of the biennium and that the financial regulations allow transfers between budget lines,
6. Decides to approve the following request:
 - a) Bangladesh: Study of, and recommendations on remedial actions for, the drainage problems and monitoring of the internal moisture conditions of the monument of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur, for an amount of US\$ 45,000
7. Requests the Secretariat to transfer US\$ 45,000 from the emergency assistance reserve to the technical cooperation assistance budget in order to finance the above mentioned international assistance request,
8. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to ensure that in implementing this activity, adequate attention be paid to integrate the conclusions of the study into an overall management and conservation strategy, including provisions for day-to-day maintenance and training of relevant staff.

14B. FOLLOW-UP TO THE EVALUATION OF THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND EVALUATION OF THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Decision 29 COM 14B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/14B**,

2. Notes the oral presentation of the item;
3. Decides to put the item ‘Examination of the Recommendations on International Assistance’ on the agenda of its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
4. Invites the States Parties to submit written comments on Document **WHC-05/29.COM/14B** to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2006** to be discussed at its 30th session.

15. REPORT ON THE EXECUTION OF THE BUDGET 2004-2005 AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ISSUES OF THE AUDIT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE UNDERTAKEN IN 1997 (DECISION 28 COM 11)

Decision 29 COM 15.A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/15**,
2. Notes the state of implementation of the 2004-2005 budget, the current situation of the reserves and contributions as at 31 March 2005;
3. Also notes the conclusions and the recommendations of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and the External Auditor;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present, at the next session of the Committee, a report on the follow-up to the recommendations of IOS and of the External Auditor.

Decision 29 COM 15.B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/15**,
2. Encourages States Parties to pay their contributions at the beginning of each year;
3. Urges States Parties to pay their arrears to the World Heritage Fund;
4. Invites the Director-General to encourage States Parties to make voluntary donations to the World Heritage Fund in addition to their contributions, and also to encourage other parties to make similar donations.

16. PRESENTATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE FUND AND BUDGET 2006 – 2007

Decision 29 COM 16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/16** and **WHC-05/29.COM/16 Corr.**,
2. Aware that the proposed expenditure is higher than the expected income in biennium 2006/2007, and that the reserves of the World Heritage Fund are decreasing for the 4th consecutive biennium,
3. Approves a total World Heritage Fund expenditure of US\$ 6,656,836 for the 2006-2007 biennium and the corresponding budget contained in the annexed Tables 1 and 3 of Document **WHC-05/29.COM/16** and table 2 of document **WHC-05/29.COM/16 Corr.**;
4. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to ensure that all budgetary decisions made at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) are fully integrated into the World Heritage Fund budget approved for the biennium 2006/2007;
5. Requests the Director General of UNESCO and the Director of the World Heritage Centre to ensure that the ‘Regular Programme Decentralised Funds’, managed by field offices, are spent in line with Main Line of Action 2 (MLA) and Main Line of Action 3;
6. Considering the substantial amount of extra-budgetary funds already spent by 31 March 2005, requests the Director-General of UNESCO to establish additional posts under the Funds-in-Trust Overheads Cost Account (FITOCA) in the 2006/2007 biennium;
7. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to establish an administrative mechanism to carry forward into the following biennium International Assistance Requests funded by the World Heritage Fund which are not completed in the preceding biennium;
8. Also requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report on the execution of the budget, including all funding sources of financing, at each session of the Committee, in the framework of its Annual Report;
9. Recognising the volume of work demanded to the Advisory Bodies by the Committee, further requests that the Director of the World Heritage Centre submit at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) a detailed report on the activities of the Advisory Bodies which are funded by the World Heritage Fund, in order to allow the Committee to consider prioritising the activities requested to such Bodies.

17. REPORT ON THE WORLD HERITAGE EMBLEM

Decision 29 COM 17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/17**,
2. Recalling Decisions **26 COM 15**, adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002), and **7 EXT.COM 14**, adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Takes note of the Annual Report on the uses of the World Heritage emblem, included in Document **WHC-05/29.COM/17**;
4. Further notes with satisfaction that the graphics of the World Heritage emblem, by itself, as well as the graphics of the emblem with the words in any language surrounding such graphics, are now adequately registered under Article 6ter of the *Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property*, thus offering protection to the emblem in the States Parties to the Paris Convention;
5. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report on new information pertaining to guidelines, procedures and visual representation of the UNESCO name and logo that may have a bearing on the conditions of use of the World Heritage emblem.

18. WORKING METHODS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 29 COM 18 A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling its Decisions **28 COM 13.1** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) and **7 EXT.COM 4B.1** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
2. Having taken note of the debate of the Working group on working methods which met at its current session,
3. Aware of the need to specify the submission modalities for the nomination of transboundary or transnational serial properties on the World Heritage List,
4. Confirms that, for the purpose of applying paragraph 17 a) of Decision **28 COM 13.1** and paragraph 3 of Decision **7 EXT.COM 4B.1**:
 - a) The States Parties co-authors of a transboundary or transnational serial nomination can choose, amongst themselves and with a common understanding, the State Party which will be bearing this nomination; and
 - b) This nomination can be registered exclusively within the ceiling of the bearing State Party.
5. For the purpose of assisting the Committee in an adequate application of paragraph 17 c) ii) of Decision **28 COM 13.1**, and recalling paragraph 12 of such Decision, invites the Advisory Bodies to submit at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) updated or additional relevant studies and tools, including statistics, which take into account the results of the Special Meeting of Experts held in Kazan (2005).

Decision 29 COM 18 B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling its Decisions **28 COM 13.1** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) and **7 EXT.COM 4B.1** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
2. Having taken note of the debate of the Working Group on working methods which met at its current session,
3. Decides to further examine at its 31st session (2007), in conjunction with the examination of the transitory mechanism set out in paragraph 17 of its Decision **28 COM 13.1** (the « Cairns / Suzhou Decision »), the perception of conflict of interests in the work of the Committee.

Decision 29 COM 18 C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/18**,
2. Recalling its Decision **7 EXT.COM 4B.1** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Having taken note of the debate of the Working group on working methods which met at its current session,
4. Decides that a new article 21.6 be added to the Rule 21 of the *Rules of Procedure* :
 - a) “Subsidiary Bodies’ recommendations to the World Heritage Committee should be made in the form of draft Decisions”;
5. Also decides that, in accordance with Rule 51 of the *Rules of Procedure*, the above mentioned amendment constitutes an Agenda item at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
6. Further decides to establish a working group on financial and administrative issues in conformity with Rule 21 of the *Rules of Procedure*. Such group will conduct its work during each meeting of the Committee and will report to the Plenary of the Committee, at the times and with the frequency to be defined by it, but not in parallel with the Plenary of the Committee;
7. Expresses its strong concern about the recurrent lack of time to cover all points of the agenda of its sessions;
8. Decides to explore at its 30th session ways and means of optimizing the time-management of its sessions, including the need and convenience of increasing on a permanent basis the periodicity of its ordinary sessions, taking particularly into account:
 - a) the importance of ensuring a manageable agenda; and
 - b) the need to have enough time to examine the state of conservation of sites on the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger, as well as the nominations to the World Heritage List.

19. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND RAPPORTEUR

Decision 29 COM 19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling Decision **28 COM 23**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004,) which elected a Bureau whose mandate began at the end of its 28th session until the end of its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
2. Decides to elect, in accordance with Rule 13.1 of its *Rules of Procedure*, a Bureau with the following composition:
 - a) H.E. Ms Ina Marčiulionytė, Lithuania as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of its 29th session until the end of its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
 - b) Prof. Alexander Gillespie, New Zealand as the Rapporteur of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of its 29th session until the end of its 30th session;
 - c) Benin,
Chile,
India,
Kuwait, and
Netherlands as Vice-Chairpersons, whose mandate will begin at the end of its 29th session until the end of its 30th session;
3. Further decides that the Bureau of its 31st session (2007) will be elected at the end of its 30th session, in accordance with Rule 13.1 of its *Rules of Procedure*.

20. PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 30TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 29 COM 20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-05/29.COM/20**,
2. Decides that its 30th session will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 8 to 16 July 2006;
3. Adopts the following provisional agenda for its 30th session:

Provisional agenda of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee (Vilnius, 2006)

Opening Session

1. Opening Session
 - Opening of the session by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee
 - Introduction by the Director-General of UNESCO or his representative
 - Welcome by the Host Country
2. Requests for Observer status
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
 - 3A Adoption of the Agenda
 - 3B Adoption of the Timetable

Reports

4. Report of the Rapporteur of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee (Durban, 2005)
5. Report of the Rapporteur of the General Assembly (UNESCO, 2005)
6. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and on the implementation of the Decisions of the World Heritage Committee

Examination of the State of Conservation

- 7. Examination of the State of Conservation of World Heritage properties
 - 7A State of conservation of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
 - 7B State of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

Establishment of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in Danger

- 8. Establishment of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger
 - 8A Tentative Lists of States Parties submitted as of 15 May 2006 in conformity with the *Operational Guidelines*
 - 8B Nominations of properties to the World Heritage List
 - 8C Update of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger

Global Strategy for a Representative, Balanced and Credible World Heritage List

- 9. “Evaluation” of Outstanding Universal Value
- 10. Progress report on the evaluation of the Global Strategy: Filling the Gaps - an Action Plan for the Future

Periodic Reporting

- 11. Periodic Reporting
 - 11A Presentation of the Periodic Report for Sections I and II of Europe
 - 11B Follow-up to the Periodic Report for North America
 - 11C Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Arab States
 - 11D Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Asia Pacific

- 11E** Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Latin America and Caribbean
- 11F** Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Africa: African Position Paper and African World Heritage Fund
- 11G** Reflexion on the preparation of the next cycle of Periodic Reporting

Working methods and tools

- 12.** Performance indicators for World Heritage
- 13.** Working methods of the World Heritage Committee

Administrative and Financial Matters

- 14.** International Assistance:
 - 14A** Examination of the Recommendations on International Assistance
 - 14B** Examination of International Assistance requests
- 15.** Execution of the Budget 2006-2007

Closing Session

- 16.** Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee (July 2007)
- 17.** Provisional Agenda of the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee (July 2007)
- 18.** Other business
- 19.** Adoption of Decisions
- 20.** Closure of the session

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Decision 29 COM 21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides, in view of the time constraints, to defer the presentation and the discussion of this item until its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

