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

8B. Nominations of properties to the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger

SUMMARY

This Addendum presents the Draft Decision concerning the proposed name change for Auschwitz Concentration Camp [Poland] and the minor modification to the boundaries concerning Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley [Andorra] to be examined by the Committee in 2006.

Decision required:

The Committee is requested to examine the Draft Decisions presented in this Addendum and take its Decisions in accordance with paragraphs 153, 163 and 164 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2005).

I. Changes to names of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

The Polish authorities requested the World Heritage Committee to change the English and French names of **Auschwitz Concentration Camp**, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979, to **Former Nazi German Concentration Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau** in English and **Ancien camp de concentration nazi allemand d'Auschwitz-Birkenau** in French.

Draft Decision: 30 COM 8B.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-06/30.COM/8B** including the request of the Government of the Republic of Poland for amending the name of the site to the "Former Nazi German Concentration and Extermination Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau" in order to promote adequate historical understanding of its creation;
2. Values the continuing endeavors of Poland to ensure the conservation of the site and the preservation of its authenticity in cooperation with the institutions and organizations concerned at the international level;
3. Recognizes the importance of the information and education efforts, directed in particular to the youth, undertaken by many State Parties in order to denounce the atrocities of the Nazi regime;
4. Recalls that the criterion for its inscription on the World Heritage List relates to the events of outstanding universal significance that not only depict an evil period of history but also to serve as a beacon of warning to uphold the human values and ideals that are part of the UNESCO constitution declared out of the ashes of the Second World War in 1945;
5. Strongly encourages educational programmes and media activities to explain the historical context of the property, the role of the Nazi regime in the building of this concentration camp and the planned genocide of the Jewish people together with the lessons and warnings that need to be learned for the world and also requests that these programmes should be made available at World Heritage web-site links and considers, that the modification of the name and the site description should reflect these values;
6. Welcomes the proposal made by the State Party to appraise the possible amendments, through international consultation together with the Secretariat, as evidence of its appropriate Outstanding Universal Value, prior to its examination at the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2007.

II. Examination of nominations of natural, mixed and cultural properties to the World Heritage List

A. CULTURAL PROPERTIES

A.1 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

A.1.1 Minor Modification to the boundaries of a property already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Name of Property	Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley
Id. N°	1160 Bis
State Party	Andorra
Criteria proposed by State Party	C (v)

At the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee, the State Party reported that the legal decree to protect the cultural landscapes of the property had been published in January 2005 and was open for comment until June 2005. The State Party has now confirmed that the legal process has been taken forward in two stages. In the first stage, a Decree adopted on 19 October 2005 will give protection to the property as a cultural site in the category of cultural landscape. The second Decree adopted on 8 March 2006 sets out the process of defining the limits of the valley, particularly concerning the two municipalities of Encamp and Escaldes-Engordany. As the legal process for defining and protecting the property is close to being completed, work on the management plan needs to be taken forward once a final agreement has been reached.

In inscribing the site on the World Heritage List at its 28th session, the World Heritage Committee asked for confirmation that the buffer zone covered the plateau west of Pic Negre to Camp Ramonet, to give added protection to the Claror Plateau. This recommendation was aimed at ensuring control of the motorized access to the Claror Plateau. The State Party has now addressed this recommendation and has proposed a small extension to the buffer zone which extends the original buffer zones to the south, on the west side of the nominated area, until it meets the international border between Andorra and Spain. This means that the whole of the nominated area within Andorra is protected by a buffer zone. Although the proposed buffer zone does not extend as far south as Camp Ramonet, it covers part of the motorized access to the Claror Plateau. ICOMOS, IUCN and the Centre support this proposed extension to the buffer zone.

IUCN considers that these decrees constitute real progress for the conservation and management of the property and suggests that the State Party move the Camp de Claror plateau from area 2 to area 1 within the zoning of the buffer zone.

Draft Decision: 30 COM 8B.59

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-06/30.COM/7B** and **WHC-06/30.COM/8B Add**,

2. Recalling Decision 29 COM 7B.71, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
3. Approves the proposed minor extension to the buffer zone of **Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra**.