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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda: Examination of the State of conservation
of World Heritage properties

7.3 Report on the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism

SUMMARY

This document summarises in tabular form the activities undertaken under the reinforced monitoring mechanism adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) in Decision **31 COM 5.2**. A full report on the implementation of this mechanism will be presented to the 33rd session of the World Heritage Committee in 2009.

Draft Decision: **32 COM 7.3** see point II.

I. Introduction

1. The reinforced monitoring mechanism adopted by the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee (Decision **31 COM 5.2**) has been applied to 3 cases specifically at the request of the World Heritage Committee: Dresden Elbe Valley (Germany), Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls and the five natural heritage properties in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. At the meeting of the World Heritage Centre with the Advisory Bodies in September 2007, the mechanism was reviewed and coordination among the activities discussed. Furthermore the issue of lack of resources was raised, notably in order to undertake the required missions and translation of the final Report sent to the Committee, as no funds were allocated with Decision **31 COM 5.2**.
2. The World Heritage Centre notes furthermore, that at the time of the adoption of the reinforced monitoring mechanism, no decision on the timeframe has been taken and therefore suggests that renewal of the application of the mechanism to a specific property has to be decided at each session of the World Heritage Committee.

II. Table of Activities

3. The following table highlights the missions carried out under the reinforced monitoring mechanism. The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies have been in constant contact and dialogue with the authorities concerned to follow-up on the Decisions of the World Heritage Committee. This is reflected in the respective State of Conservation reports under item 7A (see Document *WHC-08/32.COM/7A*).

World Heritage properties in the Republic Democratic of Congo (Decision 31 COM 7A.32)

Dates of the missions	Date report sent to WH Committee	Comments
11-21 August 2007	29 November 2007	Mission to Virunga National Park requested by DRC authorities following the slaughter of five gorillas late July 2007. The joint mission UNESCO/UICN/UNEP was undertaken with the logistical support of MONUC
9 May 2008		High Level meeting to be organized – postponed at the request of the State Party

Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (site proposed by Jordan) (Monitoring report every two months) (Decision 31 COM 7A. 18)

Dates of the missions	Date report sent to WH Committee	Comments
28-31 August 2007	6 October 2007 (1st report)	
12-15 January 2008	5 February 2008 (2nd report)	Encounter between Israeli, Jordanian and Waqf experts requested by the Committee

23-25 February 2008	6 March 2008 (3rd report)	Follow-up meeting
—————	End May 2008 (4th report)	

Dresden Elbe Valley (Germany)
(Decision 31 COM 7A. 21)

Dates of the missions	Date report sent to WH Committee	Comments
4-5 February 2008	10 April 2008	Mission requested by the City of Dresden and cover letter officially forwarded by the national authorities

III. Draft Decision

Draft Decision: 32 COM 7.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC-08/32.COM/7.3,*
2. *Recalling Decision **31 COM 5.2** adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),*
3. *Notes the information provided on the activities carried out under the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism;*
4. *Decides to allocate an amount of 35,000 USD for the implementation of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism, from the World Heritage Fund for 2008-2009.*