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2. REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Decision: 33 COM 2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking into consideration Rule 8 (Observers) of the *Rules of Procedure* of the Committee,
2. Authorizes the participation in the 33rd session as observers of those 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*, who have requested observer participation at the session and as listed in Section A of the document *WHC-09/33.COM/2*;
3. Further confirms the participation in the 33rd session as observers of all those invited by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee and as listed in Section B of the document *WHC-09/33.COM/2*.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE TIMETABLE

3A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Decision: 33 COM 3A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/3A.Rev.2*,
2. Adopts the Agenda included in the above-mentioned Document as amended.

3B. ADOPTION OF THE TIMETABLE

Decision: 33 COM 3B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC 09/33.COM/3B.Rev.2*,
2. Adopts the timetable included in the above-mentioned Document as amended.

5. REPORTS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

5A. REPORT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

Decision: 33 COM 5A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/5A*, *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.5A.1*, *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.5A.2*, and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.5A.3*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 5** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre over the past year in pursuit of the Committee's five Strategic Objectives;
4. Takes also note of the findings of the study undertaken by UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service on the mapping of the workload of the World Heritage Centre presented in Document *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.5A.3*;
5. Notes with satisfaction that the World Heritage Centre is working with the secretariats of intergovernmental committees of related conventions such as the *Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage*, and the *Convention for the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage-2001* and recommends that such cooperation be encouraged as this would further strengthen the work of the Centre;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre to prepare a document on the *World Heritage Convention* and its cooperation and exchange with other conventions and programmes in the field of cultural heritage for discussion at the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee (2010);
7. Also requests the World Heritage Centre, in future reports on activities undertaken, to further strengthen the information and analysis available to States Parties by:
 - a) Retaining the current format to report activities and including an update on progress with implementing the Committee's decisions,
 - b) Describing the criteria by which the World Heritage Centre makes decisions as to which activities under the *Convention* it undertakes,
 - c) And including, on a discretionary basis, analysis of strategic issues and new directions;
8. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to produce, on an experimental basis, an indexed audio *verbatim* recording of the proceedings of the 33rd Session in addition to the standard summary records (as produced since the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee);
9. Notes the outline provided by the World Heritage Centre of its roles and the roles of the Advisory Bodies and agrees that this topic be further discussed at the 34th session of the Committee in 2010 under a separate agenda item;
10. Requests furthermore the World Heritage Centre to outline the forward direction of the World Heritage thematic programmes and initiatives, to enable an

understanding of how these themes connect with and integrate into general programmes, and how they might be resourced;

11. Notes that the Centre already proactively engages women in its Heritage Programmes in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean as part of its gender balance policy and the provision of equal opportunity to all, and recommends that gender balance and community involvement be prioritized in the Centre's programmes;
12. Adopts the World Heritage Thematic Programme on Prehistory presented in Annex 1 of document *WHC-09/33.COM/5A*;
13. Requests the World Heritage Centre to reconsider the term "prehistory", to better recognize the continuing cultures of indigenous communities, to ensure global representation in the identification and conservation of related properties, and to present a report on progress in developing an Action Plan on Prehistory and World Heritage at its 34th session in 2010;
14. Notes with concern the ongoing destruction of some of these fragile sites, including the recent destruction of the Rock Art sites of Tardrat Acacus in Libya, and requests the State Party to take immediate action and other measures as necessary to address the problem in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission;
15. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments of Bahrain, South Africa and Spain for the financial and technical support for the various international scientific encounters, and recognizes the proposal of the Government of Spain in establishing a centre for the research of Prehistory;
16. Recalling the Decision of the World Heritage Committee **31 COM.21C** to carry out a programme of sustainable development concerning the conservation of earthen architecture, thanks the Governments of Italy and France for their support of the programme on earthen architecture in Africa and the Arab States in particular, and requests the potential financial donors and the States Parties to support the implementation of activities and further requests the World Heritage Centre to submit a progress report at its 35th session in 2011;
17. Takes note of the progress report on the World Heritage Tourism Programme;
18. Thanks the Governments of Australia, China, France, India, Switzerland and United Kingdom, who have worked in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, the World Tourism Organization and other partners, for contributing to the Initiative of Sustainable Tourism;
19. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments of Australia and China for the organization of a workshop on sustainable tourism at the World Heritage site, Mogao Caves, China, in September-October 2009 and requests that the following elements be submitted to the Committee for examination at its 34th session in 2010:
 - a) A report on the workshop,
 - b) The subsequent recommendations of the workshop regarding the adoption of best practices policy guidance, and concerning the changes proposed for the *Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention*,

- c) A document concerning the progress of the World Heritage Programme on Tourism;
20. Finally requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to identify supplementary sources of funding to put into place a sufficient number of staff and resources at the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies in order to continue to efficiently contribute to the resolution of problems related to World Heritage conservation.

5B. REPORT ON WORLD HERITAGE AND THE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS) PROGRAMME

Decision: 33 COM 5B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/5B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 5B** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of the World Heritage Programme for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and noting that in practice the World Heritage Centre will continue addressing specific issues under regional programmes,
4. Thanks Andorra, Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, and New Zealand for having provided extra-budgetary funding for World Heritage-related activities in SIDS, as well as other international partners, such as the Shell Foundation, for generating capacity building activities in SIDS;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report at the next session of the Committee on capacity building activities relating to SIDS;
6. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to encourage exchange among SIDS;
7. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to organize, similar to the Pacific World Heritage meeting of 2008 organised by Australia and New Zealand with input from the World Heritage Centre, a regional meeting to review progress in the implementation of the 2004-2014 Action Plan for the Caribbean and to submit a report for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. Requests furthermore the Director of the World Heritage Centre to identify extra budgetary funding for World Heritage activities in SIDS, in particular to further develop the Caribbean Capacity-Building Programme and to introduce a similar regional capacity-building programme for SIDS in the Africa and Pacific regions and the execution of more thematic studies particularly of the cultural land and seascapes, routes (trade of enslaved people) and environmental features of the Caribbean, African and Pacific Regions.

5C. WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION AND MAIN MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Decision: 33 COM 5C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/5C*,
2. Recalling the provisions of the *Operational Guidelines* in paragraphs 41 to 44,
3. Notes with appreciation the information provided on the cooperation between the *World Heritage Convention* and other multilateral environmental agreements;
4. Also notes the need for States Parties to address the great imbalance between nature and culture in the World Heritage List and to such end, recommends that a sharing of information between the multilateral environmental agreements and diverse stakeholders active in the conservation of World Heritage properties be undertaken, and that capacity building be reinforced in the field of heritage;
5. Requests that the concept of sustainable development be emphasized and taken in due consideration in all relevant actions taken by the World Heritage Centre;
6. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to continue the cooperation with the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements through the Biodiversity Liaison Group and other mechanisms, including bilateral cooperation to enhance synergies and coherence;
7. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to identify other conventions and programmes in the field of cultural heritage and recommend a strategic approach for cooperation to be discussed at its 34th session in 2010;
8. Decides to inscribe this item on the provisional agenda for the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON FUNDING INITIATIVES

Decision: 33 COM 6A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/6A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 6A** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Takes note of the Progress Report on the implementation of the African World Heritage Fund;
4. Notes with appreciation the excellent work the Fund has done since its inception, including the support provided for nominations for inscription of African sites on the World Heritage List, capacity building and assistance in the development of management plans for World Heritage properties in Africa;
5. Expresses its appreciation to partners at all levels for their financial support and assistance to the African World Heritage Fund;
6. Calls upon the States Parties to the *Convention*, the African Union, the public and private institutions, the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to continue supporting and contributing to the African World Heritage Fund, including the consolidation of the Endowment Fund;
7. Also takes note of the request submitted by the Republic of South Africa to seek accreditation as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO for the Fund, as part of the global network supporting heritage management and conservation;
8. Encourages the Fund in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre to define a core of activities to be implemented in Africa in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies and prioritize activities according to their strategic and action plans;
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre to submit a progress report on the African World Heritage Fund's activities for examination at its 34th session in 2010.

Decision: 33 COM 6B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/6B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 11C** adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the progress made towards the establishment of sustainable funding arrangements for conservation of World Heritage properties in the Pacific;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the outcomes of the feasibility study on the development and implementation of sustainable funding arrangements for heritage conservation in the Pacific to the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

7.1. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF A UNESCO RECOMMENDATION ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPE

Decision: 33 COM 7.1

The World Heritage Committee

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7.1*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7.2**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Taking note with satisfaction of Decision 181 EX/29 adopted by the Executive Board at its 181st session (April 2009) on the preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape,
4. Encourages the General Conference to take action at its 35th session (October 2009) aimed at drawing up a new standard-setting instrument in the form of a Recommendation on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape;
5. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report on this matter at its 34th session in 2010;
6. Welcomes the principle of adopting the concept of Historic Urban Landscape in the text of the *Operational Guidelines* but requests that further reflection be given before any final decision is made ;
7. Also requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to seek extra-budgetary funds with the aim to convene an Expert Meeting with the mandate to prepare in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies and other professional and academic institutions a draft text for the possible inclusion of the Historic Urban Landscape in the relevant sections of the *Operational Guidelines* and identify significant case-studies for continuing evaluation and possible inclusion as best practice in an appendix, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. Takes note with gratitude of the offer of Brazil to host this meeting in Rio de Janeiro;
9. Further requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies to further identify methods and processes towards the establishment of guidelines on the assessment of the impact of contemporary architectural insertions on the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage properties for discussion by the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010.

7.2 REPORT ON REINFORCED MONITORING

Decision: 33 COM 7.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7.2*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 5.2** and **32 COM 7.3** adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007), and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,
3. Notes the report on the implementation of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism;
4. Takes note of the operational aspects that have been refined by the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, as requested in Decision **31 COM 5.2**, in view of the requirements of this decision that the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism be activated in exceptional and specific cases;
5. Also notes that every decision to apply the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism will clearly state the nature of the monitoring mission and the frequency of reporting required and that each application of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism will be reviewed annually;
6. Decides that the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism is designed to assist only in exceptional and specific cases as defined document *WHC-09/33.COM/7.2* paragraph 27 and predominantly restricted to the monitoring of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in cases where the World Heritage Committee fears the short-term loss of Outstanding Universal Value;
7. Further decides that if the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism is used as an alternative to established monitoring procedures such as the inclusion of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger, it creates potential for ambiguity and may reduce the credibility of the existing reactive monitoring system and its procedures;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to provide to the Members of the World Heritage Committee an out of session report on each activity within the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism at the earliest opportunity, including an explanation of any proposed response or reaction, to enable the Chairperson to finalize a timely response to all issues raised;
9. Sets a ceiling on the budget for the operation of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism at USD 50,000 per year, to include the costs of World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies in its operation, and agrees that each decision to apply the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism will be accompanied by a costing to ensure that the activity foreseen is within the available budget for the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism;
10. Further notes that Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism activities beyond this ceiling will require extra budgetary funding;

11. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to present to the World Heritage Committee at its 35th Session in 2011, an updated report on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism in the cases applied in view of assessing its formalization in the *Operational Guidelines*.

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

NATURAL HERITAGE

AFRICA

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 7A.1** and **32 COM 7A.1**, adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,
3. Regrets that the State Party has not submitted a report on the state of conservation of the property as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
4. Expresses its deep concern with regard to the conclusions of the joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission of April 2009 that noted a high risk of losing the Outstanding Universal Value of the property if, in the short-term, urgent corrective measures are not taken to limit the major pressures affecting its integrity;
5. Urges the State Party to develop in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, IUCN and other stakeholders a new short-term (3 years) emergency plan to restore the integrity of the property, taking into account the following corrective measures:
 - a) Restructuring of the management of the Park, towards a simple and efficient organization dedicated specifically to the property,
 - b) Strengthening of supervisory staff to ensure the main management tasks (planning, surveillance, ecological monitoring, administration, logistics),

- c) Increasing the number and training of ground staff mainly dedicated to surveillance during this transition period, and strengthened in the beginning by support from the armed forces,
 - d) Functional zoning of the Park with a priority intervention zone to conserve to the maximum the components determining the Outstanding Universal Value of the Park (ecosystems and wildlife),
 - e) An action plan targeting the restoration of security and tranquillity in this priority zone,
 - f) A provisional budget adapted to these priorities, limited to the necessary, to already begin at this stage a reflection on management sustainability,
 - g) A plan to emerge from the crisis to be undertaken in parallel, through consultation, with the different protagonists, specifically those from Chad and Sudan;
6. Encourages the State Party to request assistance from the World Heritage Fund to organize a workshop to prepare this emergency plan;
 7. Requests the State Party to ensure commitment at the highest level for the implementation of the emergency plan;
 8. Calls upon the State Party as well as the States Parties of Chad and Sudan, to strengthen their transboundary cooperation to control the threats, particularly from armed poaching and other illegal exploitation of natural resources;
 9. Invites donors as well as the international community at large to mobilise the necessary financial and technical resources for the implementation of the emergency plan to restore the intrinsic characteristics of the property, as well as its integrity;
 10. Also requests the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, by **1 February 2010**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011;
 11. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, in particular on the development and implementation of the emergency plan as well as the implementation of the other recommendations of the 2009 mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
 12. Decides to apply the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism for one year to monitor the state of conservation of the property and further requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the progress achieved in the preparation and implementation of the emergency plan based on information provided by the State Party and the Advisory Bodies;

13. Invites the Director-General of UNESCO and the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee to convene a meeting with the authorities of the Central African Republic, Sudan and Chad, together with representatives of the African Union and appropriate sub-regional organizations and the President of IUCN, to discuss progress in addressing the deteriorating state of conservation of the property, with the assistance of the World Heritage Fund and other funds as may be available;
14. **Also 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: 33 COM 7A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.2**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party has now regained control over the entire property, thus creating the basic conditions to start the process of recovery of its integrity and Outstanding Universal Value;
4. Expresses its concern on the results of the rapid wildlife assessment, which indicate that wildlife populations are at critical low levels and that poaching and illegal activities are occurring across the property;
5. Urges the State Party to increase its efforts to fully implement all the corrective measures and recommendations of the 2006 mission within an agreed timeframe, in particular by establishing an effective patrolling system for the whole property and developing and implementing a management plan which will set out a strategy for recovery of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Calls upon the State Party and the international community to increase their financial support for the management and rehabilitation of the property;
7. Requests the State Party in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to organise a comprehensive wildlife survey to fully assess the state of conservation of the property, which can be used as a baseline to monitor the recovery of the wildlife and to develop the desired state of conservation for removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger. The State Party might wish to request international assistance from the World Heritage Fund to finance this survey;

8. Expresses its utmost concern about the granting of mining exploration licences covering the property, urges the State Party to take the necessary steps to ensure the withdrawal of these licenses and calls on the holders of any concessions to respect international standards relating to mining in World Heritage properties, as outlined in the International Council on Mining and Metals Position Statement on Mining and Protected Areas (2003);
9. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
10. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the corrective measures and other recommendations of the World Heritage Committee, including a copy of the draft management plan, an overview of current and projected budgets for the management of the property, the status of anti-poaching activities, and information on wildlife populations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
11. **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 and Guinea) (N 155 bis)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.3**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with concern the limited progress in the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions, as a result of the continued insecurity in the Côte d'Ivoire part of the property, preventing regular access by the management authority and the continued weak management capacity of the management authority in Guinea, as a result of lack of funding and trained staff;
4. Requests the State Party of Côte d'Ivoire to ensure the restoration of security in the property as to allow permanent access of the management authority to the property;

5. Urges both States Parties to further increase their efforts to continue implementing the corrective measures, and the other recommendations of the World Heritage Committee;
6. Welcomes the responsible position of Tata Steel in agreeing not to carry out mining that would damage the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in Côte d'Ivoire, in line with the World Heritage Committee's request to all holders of any mining concession to respect international standards with respect to mining in World Heritage properties, as outlined in the International Council on Mining and Metals Position Statement on Mining and Protected Areas (2003) and not to mine within World Heritage properties, and requests the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee to write to the Chief Executive Officer of Tata Steel to convey the Committee's appreciation for this action;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party of Côte d'Ivoire to confirm urgently that all mining concessions within the property have been revoked;
8. Also welcomes the consultation initiated by the State Party of Guinea and the mining company SMFG on the Terms of Reference of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the mining project and also reiterates its request to ensure that the EIA is conducted in accordance with the highest international standards and quantifies the potential impact of the planned exploitation on the property, in close consultation with all stake holders, and to submit to the World Heritage Committee any intermediary results;
9. Also requests the States Parties of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea to seek international assistance from the World Heritage Fund to organize a new tripartite meeting with Liberia to enhance the required coordination to implement the recommendations from the 2007 and 2008 monitoring missions;
10. Further requests both States Parties, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to further develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as well as a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
11. Requests furthermore both States Parties to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on progress in the implementation of the corrective measures and other recommendations of the 2007 and 2008 missions, and the elimination of mining threats to the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
12. **Decides to retain Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

4. Virunga National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (N 63)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.4**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the guards killed during protection operations at the property as well as its support for the guards and families who have lost homes following the attack and occupation of the Rumangabo Station in October 2008;
4. Regrets the breakdown in security that continues to hamper the implementation of conservation activities and threatens the Outstanding Universal Value of the property but expresses the hope that the new cooperation between the Congolese and Rwandan Governments will result in the restoration of security in and around the property;
5. Urges the State Party, in cooperation with the United Nations Organization Mission for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), to reinforce its efforts to disarm all the armed groups, national and foreign, operating in and around the property;
6. Expresses its deep concern with regard to the envisaged oil prospecting projects overlapping the property and also urges the State Party to exclude them from territory of the property;
7. Reiterates its position regarding the incompatibility of oil exploration and exploitation with the World Heritage status;
8. Also regrets that the State Party has not yet undertaken the necessary measures to relocate, beyond the boundaries of the property, the training and reunification camp of the army based at Nyaleke;
9. Reiterates its request to the State Party to implement the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee following the 2006 monitoring mission and the 2007 reinforced monitoring mission;
10. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies a draft statement of Outstanding Universal Value as well as a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of

the property from the list of World Heritage in Danger for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

11. Encourages the State Party's park management authority and other agencies to continue and strengthen their work to provide alternative energy sources as a way to alleviate deforestation pressures and calls on the international community to support these activities;
12. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on the progress of oil exploration and exploitation projects overlapping the property, an update on the disarmament of armed groups within the park, and information on the situation of flagship species of the property, the extent of encroachment and deforestation in the region, the degree of poaching, as well as progress accomplished in the implementation of the corrective measures, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
13. Decides to continue to apply the Reinforce Monitoring Mechanism for one more year;
14. Also decides to retain **Virunga National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

5. Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (N 137)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.5**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec, 2008),
3. Notes with satisfaction the beginning of repatriation operations of FDLR Rwandan militia present in and around the property and requests the State Party, in cooperation with the United Nations Organization Mission for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), to redouble its efforts to disarm all the national and foreign armed groups operating in and around the property;
4. Notes with concern the fact that despite efforts made by the management authority of the property, a large part of the property remains beyond its control;
5. Regrets the lack of significant progress in the resolution of the cases of illegal occupation of the corridor and the granting of mining concessions in the property;
6. Takes note of the revised version of the environmental impact study for the rehabilitation of the RN3 crossing the property and urges the State Party to

implement all its recommendations, including the need to restrict the road passing through the property to a limited amount of local traffic only, to realign the main road to pass around and outside the property and to ensure the provision of adequate resources to the management authority to enable it to effectively control and manage the use of the road;

7. Also requests the State Party to continue the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius 2006);
8. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as well as a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to evaluate the state of conservation of the property and progress achieved in the implementation of the corrective measures, for the establishment of a desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, updating the necessary corrective measures and the timetable for their implementation;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including an update on the state of the mining concessions granted in the property, progress achieved in the resolution the cases of illegal occupation of the corridor and the rehabilitation of the RN3 as well as the implementation of the corrective measures, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010 ;
11. Decides to continue to apply the reinforced monitoring mechanism to the property for one more year;
12. Also decides to retain **Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo)** on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

6. Garamba National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (N 136)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.6**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Expresses its most sincere condolences to the families of the guards killed in the course of operations linked to the protection of the property, as well as to the other victims of the different attacks against the park;
4. Notes with deep concern the most recent breakdown of security that continues to delay the implementation of conservation activities and risks to threaten the achievements of these past years that had halted large-scale poaching of elephants and other flagship species;
5. Expresses its great concern with regards to the possible extinction of the Northern white rhino of which no evidence has been identified to date, despite intensive searches within the property and in the adjacent hunting areas;
6. Urges the State Party, in cooperation with the Mission of the United Nations Organization for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), to strengthen its efforts to disarm all the national and foreign armed groups operating in and around the property and restore security;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to implement the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee following the 2006 monitoring mission;
8. Reiterates its requests to the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to assess the state of conservation of the property and progress achieved in the implementation of the corrective measures, establish the desired state of conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, update the required corrective measures and the timetable for their implementation;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on the status of the population of the Northern white rhino and other flagship species of the property, an update on the disarmament of the armed groups in the park and progress achieved in the implementation of the corrective measures, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
11. Decides to continue to apply the reinforced monitoring mechanism to the property for one more year;
12. Also decides to retain **Garamba National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

7. Salonga National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (N 280)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.7

The World Heritage Centre,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.7**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with concern the delay in the implementation of the corrective measures established by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007);
4. Urges the State Party to redouble its efforts to implement the corrective measures and in particular those relating to the organization of a combined anti-poaching operation in cooperation with the Congolese Army (FARDC), to secure the property and implement the anti-poaching strategy;
5. Regrets the lack of funding available for the implementation of the corrective measures, and more particularly those relating to participatory delimitation and demarcation activities, and calls upon the State Party and donors to strengthen support to the property;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as well as a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and progress achieved in the implementation of all the corrective measures, in particular those regarding the organization of a combined anti-poaching operation in cooperation with the Congolese Army (FARDC,) to secure the property, and on the implementation of the strategy for anti-poaching, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010 ;
8. Decides to continue to apply the reinforced monitoring mechanism for one more year;
9. **Also decides to retain Salonga National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

8. Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (N 718)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.8**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Taking note of the conclusion of the mission that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property has been seriously degraded but that the security conditions are now in place to enable a beginning of the regeneration of the values and integrity of the property, congratulates the State Party for the progress achieved in this respect and encourages it to continue its efforts;
4. Considers that the indicators that describe the desired state of conservation and measure the restoration of the biological values of the property, its integrity and management, as established by the joint 2009 monitoring mission in co-operation with the management authority, must be reached to enable the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger ;
5. Also takes note of the efforts made by the State Party and the management authority in the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006) ;
6. Urges the State Party to implement the corrective measures as updated by the joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring in 2009, to restore the Outstanding Universal Value of the property:
 - a) Continue efforts to resolve problems concerning the FARDC military involved in large-scale poaching in the south-west peripheral area of the property,
 - b) Officially cancel all the artisanal mining rights as well as those, encroaching the property, granted by the mining cadastre;
 - c) Take measures to mitigate impacts linked to the increase in traffic in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, and in particular secure the necessary technical and financial means to contribute towards the implementation of the system to control immigration and strengthen the surveillance and anti-poaching mechanism;
 - d) Finalise and approve the management plan for the property, with the creation of an integrally protected zone with national park status;
 - e) Integrate the activities of the Immigration Control Committees (CCI) and the Local Committee for Monitoring and Conservation of Nature (CLSCN) in the management activities of the subsistence areas (agricultural and hunting

areas), for which management modalities should be indicated in the management plan;

- f) Legalise and upscale the pilot system to regulate and monitor immigration and traffic on the RN4, and secure the right to close the RN4 to traffic at night and to establish a toll system;
 - g) Continue efforts to strengthen and reinvigorate the surveillance mechanism and render it more effective;
 - h) Request the State Party to halt illegal trafficking of timber, minerals and ivory across its north-eastern border;
 - i) Prepare and implement a zoning plan for forest areas adjacent to the property in order to protect it from the negative impact of unsustainable exploitation of the forest;
7. Requests the State Party to ensure the monitoring of the indicators describing the desired state of conservation and undertake, before the end of 2010, a study to prepare the methodology to be used for the 2012 inventory to enable the monitoring of any increases in wildlife numbers. The State may wish to request assistance from the World Heritage Fund for this purpose;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value as well as the draft desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, based on the proposals developed during the monitoring mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, in particular on progress accomplished in the implementation of the corrective measures and the other recommendations of the 2009 mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
10. Decides, in view of progress achieved in the implementation of the corrective measures and the improvement of the security situation, to no longer apply the reinforced monitoring mechanism to this property;
11. Also decides to retain **Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Democratic Republic of the Congo)** on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.9**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Congratulates the State Party for the positive action it has taken in addressing corrective measures as recommended by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th, 31st and 32nd sessions;
4. Welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), in particular, the efforts to extend the property to include key habitat areas for the *Walia ibex* and Ethiopian wolf and the development of strategies to address the threats from grazing and settlements;
5. Requests the State Party to urgently re-gazette the newly established boundaries and start implementing the strategy to address the grazing pressure and the Alternative Livelihoods Development Project;
6. Expresses its concern that no measures to address the grazing strategy are included in the management plan and urges the State Party to ensure that this key threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is addressed as part of the management plan;
7. Calls upon the international community to financially support the implementation of the management plan and also requests the State Party to organize a donor conference with the assistance of UNESCO and Advisory Bodies to identify potential donors and funding;
8. Requests furthermore the State Party to invite as soon as possible the joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN mission to the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008) to assess its state of conservation, review the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and to develop a proposal for the desired state of conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, with a view to removing it from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on progress in the implementation of the corrective measures and the other recommendations of the 2006 monitoring mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

10. **Decides to retain Simien National Park (Ethiopia) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

10. Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Niger) (N 573)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.10**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Welcomes the fact that in spite of the continuing security problems, the implementation of the corrective measures has now started with support of the Co-management of natural resources of Aïr-Ténéré and its surrounding areas project (COGERAT), but notes that given the size of the property it will take time before a positive impact on the recovery of the Outstanding Universal Value can be registered;
4. Urges the State Party to continue and increase its efforts to fully implement all the corrective measures and other recommendations of the 2005 monitoring mission;
5. Calls upon the international community to increase their support for the implementation of the corrective measures;
6. Requests the State Party to provide copies to the World Heritage Centre of the strategic documents that have been developed for the recovery of the property (action plan for sustainable resource management of the property, restoration action plan for degraded land) as well as the studies on wood and thatch use;
7. Reiterates its request to the State party to organize before the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010 and, in cooperation with the IUCN Species Survival Commission and its relevant specialists groups, a comprehensive survey of the property, in particular populations size and distribution of threatened species, to evaluate the status of its Outstanding Universal Value and develop population recovery and rehabilitation programmes;
8. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

9. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN mission to the property as soon as the comprehensive survey mentioned above is available and before the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2011, to assess its state of conservation and progress made in the implementation of the corrective measures in view of establishing the desired state of conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, update the corrective measures and set a timeframe for their implementation;
10. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the corrective measures and other recommendations of the World Heritage Committee, an overview of current and projected budgets for the management of the property, status of anti-poaching activities, and information on trends in wildlife populations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
11. **Decides to retain Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Niger) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

11. Niokolo-Koba National Park (Senegal) (N 153)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.11**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Expresses its serious concern about reports that poaching pressure is increasing in the property and is further eroding its Outstanding Universal Value;
4. Regrets that it has not been possible for the State Party to implement some of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) within the agreed timeframe;
5. Also regrets that the State Party did not provide information on progress in addressing threats from illegal logging, spread of invasive species and associated drying of marshes, planned construction of a dam on the Gambia river, the planned transnational Tambacounda highway as well as its efforts to establish a public private partnership for the implementation of the corrected measures, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
6. Urges the State Party to increase efforts to urgently implement the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session as well as the other recommendations of the 2007 joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN mission

to avoid the potential imminent loss of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;

7. Calls upon the State Party as well as the international donor community to increase their support for the management of the property and in particular the implementation of the corrective measures;
8. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN reactive monitoring mission to review the state of conservation of the property and to review the implementation of the corrective measures and timeframe;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the corrective measures and all other recommendations of the World Heritage Committee above mentioned in Paragraphs 5 and 6, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
11. **Decides to retain Niokolo-Koba National Park (Senegal) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ASIA-PACIFIC

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.12**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the State Party's efforts to implement the corrective measures adopted by the Committee at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008) and the initiative by the Bodoland Territorial Council to expand Manas National Park to the west which will contribute to the improved integrity of the property;

4. Takes note of the results of the comprehensive wildlife survey which seems to confirm that the recovery of wildlife populations has started but is still at an early stage, and reiterates its position that a clear upward trend of these populations needs to be demonstrated in order to allow for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
5. Requests the State Party to base further monitoring of wildlife trends on the results of the comprehensive wildlife survey and encourages the State Party to consider expanding the monitoring of the property to include the habitat ;
6. Also requests the State Party to continue the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session, as well as the other recommendations of the 2008 World Heritage Centre / IUCN monitoring mission, in particular the finalization of the management plan, and to submit it to the World Heritage Centre and IUCN for information;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, based on the available baseline data on wildlife populations and habitat, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the corrective measures and recommendations of the World Heritage Committee, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. **Decides to retain Manas National Park (India) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

13. Galápagos Islands (Ecuador) (N 1 bis)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.13**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Acknowledges and commends the progress made by the State Party on the implementation of some of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) and included in the Action Plan produced in response to the Presidential Decree No. 270;
4. Notes with concern the continued threats to the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property, arising from very rapid growth of land based tourism and from invasive alien species;
5. Invites the State Party to continue to strengthen its efforts on the implementation of all of the corrective measures established for the property;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010. The State Party is encouraged, if it wishes to do so, to prepare and submit an International Assistant request to support this process;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a comprehensive report on the state of conservation of the property, with particular emphasis on the identified corrective measures in its 15 point Action Plan and on its response to land based visitation trends, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010. The report should also address how corrective measures are contributing to addressing the requirements associated to the anticipated Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and the anticipated desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
8. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ IUCN reactive monitoring mission to assess progress made on the implementation of the decisions of the Committee;
9. Decides to retain the Galápagos Islands (Ecuador) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

AFRICA

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.14**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the state of conservation report on time as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session;
4. Notes with satisfaction the State Party's effectiveness in its recent efforts to strengthen the conservation of the World Heritage property and to improve implementation of its management mechanisms;
5. Takes note of the workshop on Outstanding Universal Value organized by the World Heritage Centre and thanks the State Party for submitting a statement of Outstanding Universal Value for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
6. Warmly welcomes the efforts made by the State Party, with the support of international donors, in the last few years, to respond to the Committee's requests and invites the State Party to consider a request for international assistance to implement the corrective measures in progress;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including the progress in implementing the corrective measures, and the re-evaluation of the timeframe for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. **Decides to retain the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (United Republic of Tanzania) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ARAB STATES

15. Abu Mena (Egypt) (C 90)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.15**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Acknowledges the information provided by the State Party on the actions being taken to implement some of the corrective measures and urges the State Party to continue its work on all the corrective measures adopted at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
4. Recognizes the efforts made by the State Party to ensure the safeguarding of the site and encourages it to continue such efforts in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
5. Reiterates its invitation to the State Party to submit a request for International Assistance to the World Heritage Committee to support the preparation of the requested conservation and management plans, and to provide a basis for shaping and articulating priority needs within the context of developing an international appeal;
6. Urges the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM, as well as any other relevant bodies, to cooperate with the State Party to put in place the corrective measures;
7. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to assess progress in the implementation of all the corrective measures, to review the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, to develop a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and to revise the timeframe;
8. Also requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. **Decides to retain Abu Mena (Egypt) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.16**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the efforts of the State Party to set up a management structure on site;
4. Requests the State Party to take all possible emergency measures to protect the eastern part of the property from the rising waters of the Tigris River, to undertake necessary maintenance and conservation work to avoid further damage, and to ensure continuing site security;
5. Encourages the State Party, should the situation allow it, to implement the corrective measures previously identified:
 - a) Relocation or cancellation of the dam project;
 - b) Emergency excavations and protective measures against seepage;
 - c) Preparation and implementation of a conservation and management plan;
 - d) Protection and consolidation of fragile mud brick structures.
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, as well as to provide a detailed map of the boundaries of the property;
7. Calls upon the international community to provide the necessary assistance to the State Party for the protection of this property;
8. Also requests the State Party, should the conditions allow it, to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to Ashur to assess the state of conservation of the property;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2010, a report for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
10. **Decides to retain Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Iraq) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

17. Samarra Archaeological City (Iraq) (C 276 rev)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.17** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Requests the State Party, should the situation allow it, to implement the corrective measures identified:
 - a) Establishment of a local management unit on the site,
 - b) Preparation and implementation of a conservation and management plan,
 - c) Maintenance and emergency conservation activities;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
5. Encourages the State Party to submit an International Assistance request for technical cooperation in order to address the damages to the property, and the need to develop remedial strategies which take into account the geographical extent of the property and its present security conditions;
6. Calls upon the international community to provide all necessary assistance to the State Party in the protection of this property;
7. Also requests the State Party, should the conditions allow it, to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to Samarra to assess the state of conservation of the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. **Decides to retain Samarra Archaeological City (Iraq) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.18

The World Heritage Committee,

I

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add 2*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.18**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Recalling the relevant provisions on the protection of cultural heritage including, as appropriate, the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls at the request of Jordan on the World Heritage List (1981) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (1982), and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO,
4. Affirming that nothing in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, 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,
5. Thanks international donors for their generous contributions to the UNESCO Action Plan Action for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem and calls upon the international donor community to further support, through extra-budgetary funding, activities aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular in the context of the Action Plan;
6. Asks the World Heritage Centre to make technical expertise and assistance available for the future conservation works foreseen in the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls, taking into consideration the activities foreseen in the context of the Action Plan, as needed;
7. Takes note of the concerns expressed about the archaeological excavations undertaken in the Old City Of Jerusalem, and asks the Israeli authorities to provide the World Heritage Centre with all relevant and detailed information about them;
8. Urges Israeli authorities to prevent any actions that could undermine the authenticity and integrity of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls;
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress in the implementation of the Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem at its 34th session in 2010;

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10. Recalling 176 EX/Special Plenary Meeting/Decision, adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 176th session, Decision **32 COM 7A.18** adopted at its 32nd session (Québec City, 2008), and Decision 181 EX/5 (II) adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 181st session,
11. Reaffirming the purpose and spirit of the professional encounter at the technical level of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of 24 February 2008,
12. Noting the Sixth Reinforced Monitoring Report (February 2009) prepared by the World Heritage Centre,
13. Regretting the postponement of the follow-up meeting of experts which was scheduled on 12 November 2008, as called for in Decision **32 COM 7A.18** due to circumstances that have impeded Jordanian experts from having access to the Mughrabi Ascent site,
14. Recognizing the existence of deep concerns regarding the decision by the Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Commission on the town planning scheme for the Mughrabi ascent,
15. Requests that, despite the decision mentioned in paragraph 14, the process for the design of the Mughrabi ascent be inclusive of all parties concerned, in accordance with the spirit and content of previous World Heritage Committee decisions;
16. Reaffirms in this regard that no measures, unilateral or otherwise, should be taken which will affect the authenticity and integrity of the site, in accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972 and, as necessary, the relevant provisions of the UNESCO Conventions on the protection of cultural heritage;
17. Being aware that the process for the design of the Mughrabi ascent, which allows for the taking into consideration of the designs submitted during the aforementioned professional encounter, is still under way, requests the World Heritage Centre to follow closely, in the context of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism, the developments associated with this process;
18. Thanks the World Heritage Centre for facilitating the holding of the professional encounter at the technical level of 13 January 2008, as well as the follow-up meeting of the 24 February 2008, between Israel, Jordanian and Waqf experts, as requested by Decision **31 COM 7A.18**;
19. Reiterates its request that the Israeli authorities continue the cooperation commenced with all concerned parties, in particular with Jordanian and Waqf experts;
20. Reaffirms the necessity of cooperation in order to arrange for access to the Mughrabi Ascent site, and reiterates the call on the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting of experts as soon as possible, once the parties concerned have reached an agreement;

21. Takes note of the recent exchange of correspondence between Israel (letter dated 31 May 2009) and Jordan (letter dated 12 June 2009) aiming at reaching an agreement that may allow the Director-General to organize a follow-up meeting as soon as possible;
22. Decides to continue applying the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism for the state of conservation of the Mughrabi ascent, and further requests a report from the World Heritage Centre at least every three months, until the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010.

III

23. **Decides to retain the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 7A.19** and **32 COM 7A.19**, adopted respectively at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions;
3. Takes notes of the progress that has been made in generating political support and commitment to the conservation of Zabid and the increase in resources for the General Organization for the Preservation of Historic Cities in Yemen (GOPHCY), supplemented by the socio-economic development project of the German Technical Assistance (GTZ), the Yemeni Government and the Social Fund for Development (SFD);
4. Notes however that many difficult challenges remain in terms of defining violations and putting in place an adequate legal framework, developing a conservation plan, allowing GOPHCY staff to have a clear mandate to deal with violations and construction permits and supporting their implementation work;
5. Also notes that notwithstanding capacity building in construction skills, further support and training is still needed in traditional materials and techniques;
6. Urges the State Party to continue to give the optimum support to the regeneration and conservation of Zabid;

7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to continue its efforts towards the implementation of the corrective measures adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007);
- 8 Requests that priority is given to developing the conservation plan in line with the aims outlined as part of the architectural survey;
- 9 Also reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
- 10 Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to assess progress on the 2007 action plan for the implementation of the corrective measures;
- 11 Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** a progress report on the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
- 12 **Decides** to retain the **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: 33 COM 7A.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.20**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Takes note of the report provided by the State Party on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session;
4. Notes the State Party's efforts and resources deployed to safeguard the property in extremely difficult circumstances and the commitment of the international community in reaching the desired state of conservation for this property;
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to continue its efforts towards the implementation of the corrective measures adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007);
6. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
7. Recognizing the support of the governments of Italy and Switzerland, calls upon the international community, in co-operation with the World Heritage Centre, to continue its technical and financial support with an aim to implement the agreed corrective measures, and particularly those identified as priorities in the recommendations of the Expert Group meeting in Rome (June 2008);
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a progress report on the implementation of the corrective measures, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. **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: 33 COM 7A.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.21**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the report provided by the State Party on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session;
4. Notes the efforts and commitment of the State Party and the international community for the safeguarding of this property and urges the State Party to

continue its work on the corrective measures, particularly the completion of the management plan for the property;

5. Thanks the governments of Germany and Japan for their support and calls upon the international community to continue providing technical and financial support, in particular to achieve the desired state of conservation;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** a progress report on the implementation of the corrective measures, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. **Decides to retain the Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.22**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Warmly congratulates the State Party for its commitment and efforts in reaching the desired state of conservation and thanks the international community for its support;
4. Recognizes the efforts of the State Party in continuing its work on the corrective measures adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007);
5. Requests the State Party to clarify the status of the legal adoption of the comprehensive management plan;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an up-dated Nomination file based on the property boundaries approved in Decision **31 COM 8B.59**, and a report on the progress made in implementing the corrective measures for examination by the World Heritage Committee in view of the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 34th session in 2010;

7. **Decides to retain Bam and its Cultural Landscape (Islamic Republic of Iran) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

23. Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Pakistan) (C 171–172)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.23**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by the State Party in the overall preservation and conservation of elements of the World Heritage property, notably by adopting the master plans and carrying out conservation works at the two sites of the Lahore Fort and Shalamar Gardens;
4. Notes however that some of the corrective measures agreed by the World Heritage Committee remain to be implemented, in order to achieve the desired state of conservation for the property;
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and to submit it to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
6. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Committee a formal request for the modification of the boundaries of the property, according to the provision of paragraphs 163-165 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
7. Urges the State Party to continue its efforts to achieve the desired state of conservation defined by the World Heritage Committee for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and define a clear timeframe for the implementation of the relevant corrective measures;
8. Encourages the State Party to give consideration to the recommendations of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS mission of February 2009, and particularly to strengthen the human resources for the conservation and management of the World Heritage property, notably through appropriate capacity building programmes, possibly with International Assistance under the World Heritage Fund;
9. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the corrective

measures, including a clear timeframe, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

10. **Decides to retain the Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Pakistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 7A.11** and **32 COM 7A.24**, adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with satisfaction and congratulates the State Party for the significant progress achieved in the implementation of the corrective measures towards the removal of the property from the World Heritage List in Danger, particularly the inclusive and community-based nature of actions implemented, and the efforts made in the valorisation and transmission of traditional practices which substantiate the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
4. Urges the State Party to secure the necessary resources to guarantee the continuance of the processes currently in place and the sustainability of the management system;
5. Warmly welcomes the draft of the desired state of conservation prepared by the State Party and requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to review it, in close consultation with the State Party, with a view to examining it at its 34th session in 2010;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, with a view to considering the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
7. **Decides to retain the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Philippines) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.25**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Warmly welcomes the State Party's efforts to improve the state of conservation of the property and the significant progress made in the implementation of the corrective measures for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
4. Notes that the State Party developed a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
5. Also notes that the State Party informed the World Heritage Centre on 15 June 2009 that it has improved the conservation and management of the property and its buffer zone by carrying out the following:
 - a) Preparation of the draft Conservation Master Plan,
 - b) Ensuring that the State Department of the Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" (SDAHRIS) now works in close contact and coordination with the Executive Power of City of Baku as well as other stakeholders,
 - c) Setting up protection for the buffer zone;
6. Requests the State Party, concerning development of its several management instruments:
 - a) To formally approve the draft Conservation Master Plan (CMP), to submit it to the World Heritage Centre, and integrate it within the Integrated Area Management Action Plan (IAMAP),
 - b) To extend and develop the design guidelines for the rehabilitation and restoration of historic buildings, and the design of new constructions and street furniture, already included in the IAMAP, for efficient use by the State Department of the Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" (SDHARIS) and Icherisheher owners,
 - c) To ensure that the integrated CMP and IAMAP acknowledge and reference the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value to be approved by the World Heritage Committee,

- d) To formally adopt the revised IAMAP in the urban planning system of the City of Baku;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and progress made in the implementation of the paragraph 6 above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. **Decides to remove the walled city of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Azerbaijan) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

26. Dresden Elbe Valley (Germany) (C 1156)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **30 COM 7B.77**, **31 COM 7A.27** and **32 COM 7A.26**, adopted at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006), 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively, and in particular its concern that the construction project of the Waldschlösschen Bridge would irreversibly damage the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property in accordance with Paragraph 179 (b) of the *Operational Guidelines*,
3. Also recalling the report provided by the reinforced monitoring mission of February 2008 confirming that the current bridge project would irreversibly damage the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property,
4. Further recalling that, according to Article 6.1 of the *Convention*, the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List constitute World Heritage, the protection of which is the duty of the international community as a whole and recalling further the duty of the international community to assist and to cooperate with States Parties in their endeavour to conserve such heritage,
5. Recalling as well that States Parties have the obligation under the *Convention* to protect and conserve the World Cultural and Natural Heritage situated on their territory, notably to ensure that effective and active measures are taken for the protection and conservation of such heritage,
6. Notes with deep regret that the State Party was unable to fulfil its obligations defined in the *Convention*, in particular the obligation to protect and conserve the Outstanding Universal Value, as inscribed, of the World Heritage property of the Dresden Elbe Valley;

7. Regrets that the entreaties of the World Heritage Committee at its 30th, 31st, and 32nd sessions failed to protect the property;
8. Also regrets the fact that the authorities have not halted the project, detrimental to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and that the damage already caused has not been reversed;
9. **Decides to delete the Dresden Elbe Valley (Germany) from the World Heritage List.**
10. Notes however the commitment of the State Party to fully explore and exhaust all options towards preserving the Outstanding Universal Value inherent in elements of the Dresden Elbe Valley,
11. Considers that a new nomination for the heritage of Dresden which justifies Outstanding Universal Value could be envisaged, governed by the provisions of Section III of the *Operational Guidelines*.

27. Medieval Monuments in Kosovo (Serbia) (C 724 bis)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Decides to adjourn debate on this agenda item until its next ordinary session, it being understood that the report and Decision presented at the present 33rd session will continue to be before the Committee for debate at its next ordinary session, as indicated in documents:

WHC-09/33.COM/7A, Paris, 11 May 2009;

WHC-09/33.COM/7A Add, Paris, 29 May 2009;

WHC-09/33.COM/7A Corr, Seville, 23 June 2009.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

28. Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Chile) (C 1178)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.28** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the progress made in implementing the Priority Interventions Programme;
4. Requests the State Party to finalize the assessment phase and to begin interventions on buildings at risk and to secure the required resources for effective implementation, to revise the management plan and to finalise the definition of regulatory measures for the buffer zone;
5. Invites the State Party to consider another request for International Assistance to invite experts who could assist in developing a concept for interventions, especially the most urgent structural consolidation and conservation measures required and provide training to the conservation team on site;
6. Requests the State Party to submit the intervention proposals to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS for evaluation prior to implementation;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
8. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Also requests the State Party to submit the required documentation for boundary modifications, including appropriate cartography, for approval by the World Heritage Committee;
10. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS/ICCROM monitoring mission to the property to assess progress and to support the State Party in continuing to develop approaches to ensure the stability and long-term conservation of the industrial buildings, and to review the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value ;

11. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
12. **Decides to retain the Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Chile) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.29**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with satisfaction and appreciates the significant progress made in the implementation of corrective measures within the timeframe for implementation, particularly in regard to the implementation of the management plan;
4. Takes note that the State Party has developed a proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and urges the State Party to complete its review in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
5. Also notes the updating of the plan of the property and the establishment of a buffer zone which will be articulated with other planning tools at the territorial and municipal levels and requests the State Party to submit the new boundaries for the buffer zone, including appropriate cartography as well as the legal framework for its regulation and protection, for approval by the World Heritage Committee;
6. Reiterates its concern about the lack of enforcement of protective legislation and regulatory measures in full to guarantee the protection of the site and urges the State Party to conclude the revision process to ensure the sustainability of the management system;
7. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value within the framework of the Retrospective Inventory for Latin America and the Caribbean;

8. Further reiterates its request to the State Party, in light of the new tourism pressures, to revise provisions for public use and visitor management at the property and to integrate measures into the existing management plan;
9. Notes the advances made by the State Party in the preparation of the emergency and disaster preparedness plan and also requests a copy to be sent to World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies upon finalization at the end of 2009;
10. Further requests the State Party to provide secure funding to the management unit (Unidad Ejecutora 110) in order to guarantee the implementation of activities foreseen in the management plan;
11. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
12. **Decides to retain Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Peru) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

30. Coro and its Port (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (C 658)

Decision: 33 COM 7A.30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.30**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a report on the progress made on the implementation of the corrective measures, as requested by the World Heritage Committee;
4. Also regrets that the State Party did not submit a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and reiterates its request to develop it in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
5. Urges the State Party to continue its work on the corrective measures adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

7. **Decides to retain Coro and its Port (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

GENERAL DECISION

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

Decision: 33 COM 7A.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7A.31**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not yet proposed a new date for the high level meeting requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) and urges the State Party to set a date for this meeting as soon as possible in consultation with the Office of the Director General of UNESCO, the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee and the President of IUCN;
4. Welcomes the continued commitment of MONUC to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the protected area authority to improve cooperation for the conservation of the properties and also urges the State Party to follow up on this proposal, in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN;
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to adopt a comprehensive approach involving the different relevant Ministries to address the urgent threats to the five World Heritage properties situated within the Democratic Republic of Congo, in particular in relation to the outstanding issues such as the cancellation of mining and oil exploration and exploitation concessions, the relocation of the Nyaleke army camp, and the measures required to address illegal occupation of the Kahuzi-Biega corridor;
6. Also recalls its request to the State Party and the international community to raise international awareness and promote the implementation of the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee and particularly the proposed corrective measures.

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

NATURAL PROPERTIES

AFRICA

1. Dja Wildlife Reserve (Cameroun) (N 407)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.5**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Regrets that, in its report, the State Party did not consider a number of the threats to the property that have been noted in previous decisions;
4. Expresses its concern that mining activities are progressing near the property and its buffer zone, in advance of consideration of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA);
5. Urges the State Party to ensure that the operations of the mining concessions adjacent to the property, including those operated by the company GEOVIC are fully assessed prior to activity commencing or further permissions being given, and requests the State Party to submit the ESIA to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible, for consideration prior to any permissions for mining being granted;
6. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN monitoring mission to the property, in order to evaluate the state of conservation of the property, the implementation of the recommendations of the 2006 mission and the threats from mining proposals and industrial farming that might affect the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property in relation to the above mentioned threats, and including information on the impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

2. Tai National Park (Côte d'Ivoire) (N 195)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.6**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Welcomes the progress made by the State Party in addressing threats and management issues in the property, in particular; efforts to involve local communities in the management of the property and the development of income-generating activities within the property as well as the development of a regular ecological monitoring plan to monitor the values and integrity of the property ;
4. Notes with satisfaction the results of the 2008 bio-monitoring which indicate that the recovery of several wildlife species has started;
5. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to establish a sustainable funding strategy for the property and calls upon the international community to continue its support for the management of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to continue efforts to combat commercial poaching in cooperation with the local communities as well as to implement the other recommendations of the 2006 monitoring mission;
7. Requests the State Party, in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to review the opportunity to develop an extension to the property in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines* to reflect the recent extension of Tai National Park;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress in curbing poaching and other threats to the property, outcomes of ecological monitoring and progress in establishing sustainable financing for the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

3. Mount Kenya (Kenya) (N 800)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.1** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a report on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session;
4. Notes with satisfaction the findings of the mission that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is intact and that the effectiveness of its management is considered to be at its highest level since the inscription of the property on the World Heritage List;
5. Requests the State Party to carry out the following recommendations of the joint 2008 UNESCO/IUCN reactive monitoring mission:
 - a) Complete the Environmental Impact Assessment of the fence between the local community cropland and the forest reserve as soon as possible, and develop a comprehensive fencing plan for the property; ensure that barriers to minimise human-wildlife conflict in the periphery of the national reserve and adjacent forest reserves are compatible with maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value of the property; and maintain the present moratorium on further fence construction until an approved fencing plan is in place,
 - b) Clarify, agree and formalise arrangements between Kenya Wildlife Service and Kenya Forest Service for the joint management of the property, defining the respective roles of each authority,
 - c) Finalise by **1 February 2010** the alignment, documentation and on-the-ground demarcation of the proposed internal boundary between forestry plantation zones and natural forest,
 - d) Finalise by **1 February 2010** the management plan for the property, according to the new Kenya Wildlife Service protected area planning guidelines, ensuring full consultation with key stakeholders and local communities,
 - e) Maintain and enhance protection activities aimed at eliminating subsistence hunting, illegal logging, forest fires etc. within the property and adjacent reserves. In particular, strengthen the capacity of the Kenya Forest Service in the region, so that it can effectively manage the buffer zone of the property;
6. Notes with concern the reported impacts of climate change on the property and recommends the State Party to exchange experience with other States Parties and experts, including experts of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA),

working on mountain World Heritage conservation, climate change and other environmental phenomena to explore appropriate and practical strategies for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in the long term;

7. Encourages the State Party to consider and assess with the support of the World Heritage Centre, IUCN and local stakeholders the feasibility of extending the boundaries of the property to include undisturbed forest areas;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a copy of the management plan, together with copies of any more specific monitoring reports that have been completed on the values of the property;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and progress in implementing the recommendations of the 2008 joint UNESCO/IUCN mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.7**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the on-going efforts of the State Party to restore the functioning of the wetlands to support birdlife, to improve the overall management of the property and to involve local communities in the management of the property;
4. Also notes the importance of specific monitoring on the state of conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property; and requests the State Party to take this into account in its monitoring programme of birds and other wildlife, including the trends in key species, as well as the status of key threats;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the status of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, in particular on the trends in resident and migratory bird populations, the hydrology of the property, as well as on progress in the implementation of the Action Plan, including the on-going ecological restoration and monitoring activities for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

5. Vredefort Dome (South Africa) (N 1162)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.5**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the report of the State Party, including the noted progress and the assessment of the significant challenges facing the property, notably in relation to protection and effective management of its values, governance and the relationship with private landowners, and wider threats from illegal development and water pollution;
4. Regrets that extensive illegal developments have taken place and have had a negative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Urges the State Party to establish effective legal protection of the World Heritage property, as a matter of urgency, including protection of key vulnerable geological localities within the property and of their landscape setting, proclamation of the status of the property and to provide adequate resources to implement this legislation effectively;
6. Also takes note of the wish of the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN monitoring mission to the property to assess the extent of the impact of developments on the values of the property and how this may be remedied, and invites the mission team to also advise, jointly with the stakeholders, on the development of an action plan to ensure that the property's effective protection and management can be rapidly put in place, as well as to advise on defining clearly the legal boundaries for the three satellite component sites of the serial property;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the 2008 World Heritage Centre/IUCN monitoring mission and the further concerns raised above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

6. Cape Floral Region Protected Areas (South Africa) (N 1007 rev)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.8**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Welcomes the efforts of the State Party to improve connectivity amongst the different components of the property, as well as its intention to prepare an extension for the property;
4. Notes the reported progress towards the establishment of an overall management board for the property as well as efforts to increase financial resources for the control of invasive species and address the impacts of wildfires in the property;
5. Encourages the State Party to further continue and enhance its programmes for fire management, control of invasive species and mitigation of climate change impacts;
6. Urges the State Party to ensure appropriate funding for these and other management activities in the property;
7. Requests the State Party, to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on progress made in fire management, control of invasive species, mitigation of climate change impacts as well as the institutional, financial and staffing provision for the conservation of the property.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.9**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by the State Party in addressing threats and management issues in the property;

4. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to establish a sustainable financing strategy for the property and calls on the international donor community to continue its support for the management of the property;
5. Urges the State Party to take the necessary steps to ensure that all licences for mining within the property are eliminated, and that no further mining licenses are issued within the property, in line with the international policy statement of the International Council of Minerals and Metals (ICMM) of not undertaking these activities in World Heritage properties;
6. Welcomes the development of an ecological monitoring plan to monitor the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property and requests the State Party to submit a copy to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010**, together with copies of any more specific monitoring reports that have been completed on the values of the property as referred to in the State Party report;
7. Invites the State Party to exchange experiences with other States Parties and experts, including experts of the IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), on mountain World Heritage conservation and climate change, to explore appropriate and practical adaptation and mitigation strategies for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in the long term;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including confirmation of the permanent elimination of mining concessions, a detailed ecological monitoring report, and progress on the provision of adequate funding for the management of the property and the other issues noted above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

8. Selous Game Reserve (United Republic of Tanzania) (N 199)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.3**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the conclusion of the World Heritage Centre / IUCN monitoring mission that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property appears to be intact but that pressures on the property are again increasing;

4. Expresses its utmost concern about the on-going mineral exploration within the property, as well as planned oil exploration activities and potential dam projects inside the property;
5. Regrets that the State Party did not follow the procedure outlined in Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines* and urges the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre of all planned activities within and in the vicinity of the property which could impact its Outstanding Universal Value, including dam and mining projects, and provide an Environmental Impact Assessment before taking a decision on these projects;
6. Reiterates its position that mineral exploration, mining, oil exploration and exploitation are incompatible with the World Heritage status, in line with the international policy statement of the International Council of Minerals and Metals (ICMM) of not undertaking these activities in World Heritage properties; and considers that any decision to go forward with the oil exploration inside the property would constitute a clear case for inscribing Selous Game Reserve on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
7. Recalls that any request of change of boundaries of the property should be submitted to the World Heritage Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 163-165 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
8. Also urges the State Party to implement as soon as possible the recommendations of the 2007 and 2008 monitoring missions, in particular:
 - a) Reinforce the capacity of the management authority, the Wildlife Division, to manage the property, in particular by increasing its human and financial resources and by reinstating the Revenue Retention Scheme,
 - b) Strengthen the implementation of the General management plan (GMP) and ensure regular and independent evaluations of its implementation,
 - c) Develop a detailed Tourism Strategy for the property, in line with the recommendations and principles outlined in the GMP, with a clear vision for both consumptive and non-consumptive tourism,
 - d) Further optimize the wildlife management in and around the property, by:
 - (i) Developing a transparent system for allocating hunting blocks,
 - (ii) Establishing hunting quotas in a transparent way based on improved scientific and technical information systems,
 - (iii) Improving ecological monitoring systems, including the development of integrated databases that capture and analyse existing information from trophy reports provided by hunting companies, ranger patrol reports, anti-poaching reports and aerial surveys. Such systems would fill information gaps and provide a better basis for wildlife management,
 - (iv) Reinforce efforts to further develop community based wildlife management around the Property and draw upon lessons learned from other African

countries who have successfully developed community managed wildlife areas,

- (v) Enhance the capacity to carry-out anti-poaching activities;
9. Recommends that the property should be managed within the context of the larger Selous ecosystem and that the State Party considers strategic extensions to the property and designation of a formal buffer zone;
 10. Notes with concern the reported significant declines of several species during the 2006 aerial survey of the Selous ecosystem and also recommends that a new survey is undertaken in 2010, involving technical support from the international conservation community and in particular the IUCN Species Survival Commission;
 11. Appreciates the State Party's efforts in improving the draft statement of Outstanding Universal Value based on the proposal developed by the 2008 monitoring mission which will be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
 12. Invites the State Party to organize a workshop with the participation of the World Heritage Centre, IUCN and other stakeholders, to discuss the implementation of the above mentioned recommendations (8, 9, and 10). The State Party may wish to request international assistance from the World Heritage Fund to organize this meeting;
 13. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on the status of the mining exploration, planned oil exploration and the Kidunda and Stiegler's Gorge dams and on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2007 and 2008 monitoring missions, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.2**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with concern that while progress was made on certain issues, many of the recommendations of the 2007 mission are not yet fully implemented and in some cases, decisions were made against the recommendations;

4. Also expresses its concern that human pressure on the ecosystem, resulting from a growing resident population is leading to over grazing and increasing agricultural use of the land, and increasing tourism pressure is already affecting the integrity of the property and threatening its Outstanding Universal Value;
5. Urges the State Party to implement all the recommendations of the 2007 reactive monitoring mission, and in particular to:
 - a) Implement all the recommendations of the Environmental Impact Assessment relating to vehicle congestion within the crater, in particular putting a clear maximum limit of 100 vehicles allowed in the crater per day,
 - b) Develop an overall tourism strategy for the property to guide the public use of the property, prioritizing the quality of the tourism experience, not the quantity of visitors and tourism facilities,
 - c) Implement as quickly as possible a census and scientific study of the carrying capacity within the conservation area, based on the needs of the Maasai population and the assessment of the ecological impact of the human populations on the ecology of the property;
6. Also urges the State Party to engage a dialogue between the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Authority (NCAA), Maasai community leaders as well as other stakeholders, based on the results of the scientific study, to develop a joint strategy to address the issue of human population impact on the ecology of the property, including the issue of increasing agricultural use in the property;
7. Requests the State Party to ensure the active participation of resident communities in decision-making processes and develop benefit-sharing mechanisms to encourage a sense of ownership of, and responsibility for, the conservation and sustainable use of the property's natural resources;
8. Also requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to develop a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2007 and 2008 monitoring missions, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

10. Serengeti National Park (United Republic of Tanzania) (N 156)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.10**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Urges the State Party to ensure that the water resource studies recommended by Environmental Impact Assessment studies are carried out as quickly as possible; and to provide copies of these studies to the World Heritage Centre;
4. Notes the steps taken towards transboundary collaboration on integrated water resource management of the Mara River between the State Party of Tanzania and the State Party of Kenya and encourages the States Parties to enact necessary policies to ensure that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not degraded due to insufficient water resources;
5. Also encourages the State Party to consider and assess with the support of the World Heritage Centre, IUCN and local stakeholders the feasibility of extending the boundaries of the property;
6. Expresses concern over the potential impact of installation of optical cables through the property and urges the State Party to ensure that the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the fibre optic cable are submitted to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible;
7. Requests the State Party to implement the recommendations of the Environmental Impact Assessment with the objectives of the management plan of the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, **by 1 February 2010**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property including information on planned fibre optic cables route, water management measures and progress in implementing the Environmental Impact Assessment recommendations.

ARAB STATES

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.6**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the State Party's efforts to manage sustainably the marine resources of the property; and establish a fund to ensure sustainable financing for the property;
4. Also notes the significant international support of International Banc d'Arguin Foundation (FIBA) and international partners and welcomes the partnerships being developed on remote sensing;
5. Urges the State Party to complete the «Plan d'Intervention en cas d'Écoulement d'hydrocarbures et de substance chimiques dangereuses » (POLMAR) and to provide a copy to the World Heritage Centre, as soon as possible and preferably before **1 February 2010**;
6. Further notes with concern that threats from ongoing low rainfall are contributing to a decline in terrestrial habitats and wildlife; and encourages the State Party to assess adaptation measures to respond to climate change and other environmental phenomena with assistance from the international community;
7. Also encourages the State Party to continue and enhance its efforts against poaching and wood harvesting, which have degraded the terrestrial portion of the property, and to establish a thorough terrestrial monitoring programme which includes wildlife populations, vegetation cover, and threats to the property;
8. Requests the State Party to pursue its efforts to designate a 'particularly sensitive sea area' (PSSA) in and near the property, in recognition of risks from the international West African shipping lane;
9. Also requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the new management plan to the World Heritage Centre and IUCN;
10. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in addressing the threats to the terrestrial portion of the property and in implementing the previous decisions of the World Heritage Committee;

11. Request the State Party to work with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to strengthen cooperation on management and research activities in conserving migratory species along the East Atlantic Flyway.

ASIA-PACIFIC

12. The Sundarbans (Bangladesh) (N 798)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.10**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the efforts made by the State Party, with the support of International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund and the UNESCO Special Appeal fund, in restoring damaged or destroyed infrastructure;
4. Commends the State Party for its efforts in developing a longer term response through a 5 year rehabilitation project for the property, as requested in Decision **32 COM 7B.10**;
5. Takes note of the further needs for the restoration of the property and its management capacity and urges the international community to treat the State Party's request for financial support for the implementation of its recovery plan with the utmost priority;
6. Requests the State Party to develop a programme of ecological monitoring, also documenting the impact of climate change on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including on progress made in restoring of damaged infrastructure for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

13. Kaziranga National Park (India) (N 337)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.12**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Welcomes the efforts of the Government of Assam to upgrade the conservation status of a part of the North Karbi Anglong reserve forest to a Wildlife Sanctuary, which will support the protection of the values of the property;
4. Encourages the State Party to report on trends in key wildlife populations, in order to allow effective monitoring of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and to assess the impact of poaching, and monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the 2007 Enhancing Our Heritage Management Effectiveness Evaluation Report;
5. Requests the State Party to increase efforts to prevent poaching, by ensuring adequate financial and equipment support to the anti-poaching activities in the property and by engaging the local communities;
6. Notes the proposed alternatives to the planned upgrading of the NH37 and reiterates its request to prepare and to submit to the World Heritage Centre an Environmental Impact Assessment taking into account the three options identified and their potential impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, before a final decision is taken;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, in particular on the question of the approval and location of the alternative route to the highway NH37, efforts to curb poaching and results of monitoring, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.13**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the prescribed water supply measures have not yet been completed and urges the State Party to ensure that the infrastructure requirements necessary to ensure the needs of the property for water supply are completed in 2009;
4. Reiterates its request for the State Party to conduct a detailed study of the trends in the biodiversity values of the property including time series data;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including on the establishment of adequate water supplies, a detailed ecological monitoring report, and the other issues above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the possible inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

15. Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (Indonesia) (N 1167)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.14**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes that substantial progress has been made by the State Party in implementing the Emergency Action Plan, to improve the management of the property and address illegal logging and other illegal activities;
4. Notes with extreme concern that the property continues to face heavy pressure from illegal activities, including encroachment, which are a major threat to the integrity of the property, as confirmed by three monitoring missions since 2004;

5. Calls upon the State Party to take decisive action to secure the conservation of the property, including the demonstration of support from the highest national political level and from the World Heritage National Working Group, to achieve the actions needed to address the severe threats in the property;
6. Requests the State Party to strengthen its efforts to implement the Emergency Action Plan and to involve all relevant ministries and other stakeholders at both national and local levels;
7. Urges the State Party to update and further detail the Emergency Action Plan, to extend the timeframe to ten years and to address the following issues in particular:
 - a) Establish an effective and prioritised monitoring system to assess the status and trends of key factors affecting the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including wildlife populations, invasive species, deforestation, poaching, wildlife trade and any observed climate change and other environmental phenomena in all components of the property. This system should, as a priority, map in detail and monitor the encroachments in and around the property and assess their changes and impacts since the inscription of the property,
 - b) Assess the feasibility to relocate and restore endangered species such as tiger and rhinoceros, following the relevant IUCN advice and guidelines, in cooperation with the relevant IUCN species specialist groups,
 - c) Improve coordination with socio-economic development programmes and institutions to promote sustainable socio-economic activities in and around the property and ensure that they are fully compatible with maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
 - d) Close all illegal roads and develop appropriate regulations and infrastructure on existing legal public roads to reduce the negative impacts of traffic on wildlife and to ensure ecological connectivity,
 - e) Note that the establishment of new provinces, districts and sub-districts in the property may add to the complexity of its management and increase threats from development,
 - f) Support and strengthen the human resource capacities of the National Park Service of the property, in the field of social science and resource economy,
 - g) Provide law enforcement agencies with adequate resources for expanding their law enforcement activities to encroachment and poaching,
 - h) Develop and implement an ecosystem-based restoration plan of the degraded forests in the property and neighbouring landscape,
 - i) Consider establishing an appropriate buffer zone or other measures to secure the conservation of the property;
8. Takes note of the recommendations made by the current and previous reactive monitoring missions (2006, 2007, 2009), to consider the extension of the property by including habitats considered as critical for the key species of the property, and also takes note that the 2009 mission concludes that there are some areas in the property that do not have Outstanding Universal Value and recommends that the

State Party in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN submit a proposal to the World Heritage Committee for significant modifications with adjusted boundaries to reflect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;

9. Invites the State Party to submit an International Assistance request to obtain support for the implementation of the above recommendations, and also requests the World Heritage Centre to support the State Party in the elaboration of such a submission if requested;
10. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to the property in 2011 to assess the progress made in the implementation of the measures noted above;
11. Requests furthermore the State Party to urgently develop and submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
 - a) in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value; and
 - b) a comprehensive report demonstrating how the State Party is addressing the Emergency Action Plan;
12. Noting, in the absence of substantial demonstrated progress, the likely inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010,
13. Taking note of the efforts that have been made by the State Party in order to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, encourages the State Party to continue with those efforts in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies as well as with the support of the international community.

16. Gunung Mulu National Park (Malaysia) (N 1013)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **26 COM 21B.15**, adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002),
3. Takes note of the reports of on-going conflict of land rights within and adjacent to the property which, if not urgently resolved, could threaten the effectiveness in managing the property and impact its integrity;

4. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the above allegations concerning unresolved claims of traditional land use as well as on ways in which the State Party and the management authority of the property have been engaging with community leaders to effectively resolve conflicts surrounding land rights and benefit sharing from tourism;
5. Also requests the State Party, in line with the provisions under Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to provide information on development of dams in the region surrounding the property and to carry out an assessment of potential impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a progress report on the above issues, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

17. Sagarmatha National Park (Nepal) (N 120)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.19**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a report on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to provide information on the Kongde View Resort and the Supreme Court decision, and any other developments within the property and to carry out consultation with stakeholders on mitigation measures before any development operations begin, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
5. Requests the State Party to strengthen the implementation of its strategies to achieve the objectives of the property's management and tourism plan, and prioritise the following:
 - a) Protecting endangered species and habitats,
 - b) Clarifying the extent and location of mining of rock, sand, and turf,
 - c) Reducing pressure on forest and rangelands from wood gathering,
 - d) Controlling environmental pollution,
 - e) Monitoring the state of conservation of the property;

6. Invites the State Party to exchange experiences with other States Parties and experts, including experts of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), working on mountain World Heritage conservation and climate change, to explore appropriate and practical adaptation and mitigation strategies to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in the long term;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property including progress on the issues outlined above, in particular on the measures that will be taken to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in the face of climate change and growing tourism pressure, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.20**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the efforts of the State Party for the management of the property and the strong commitment of NGOs to providing financial assistance, research and monitoring and capacity-building activities to support the property;
4. Welcomes the inter-agency cooperation at the provincial and national levels to support the property and encourages these stakeholders to continue this work particularly towards improving enforcement and halting illegal fishing activities, assessing relevance of designation of Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) for the region surrounding the property, and ensuring sustainable financing;
5. Regrets that illegal fishing continues to affect the property, and urges the State Party to continue to seek ways to increase compliance, particularly among fishermen from Roxas;
6. Requests the State Party to put in place a programme of ecological monitoring of the property, particularly the effect of climatic events on sea surface temperature and coral bleaching, storm frequency and other factors that could be related to climate change;
7. Also requests the State Party to develop a tourism strategy in collaboration with stakeholders and the fishing community to ensure that increased tourism does not impact the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;

8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including progress in reducing illegal fishing activities, provision of adequate funding for the management of the property and the other issues noted above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.21**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a report on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session;
4. Notes the establishment of a single management association for the property, but expresses its concern that there is no confirmation about the finalisation of the World Heritage Protection Bill, nor up to date information on the other issues facing the property;
5. Reiterates its recommendation that the State Party seeks international assistance from the World Heritage Fund for the establishment of a more effective protection and management system for the property;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by the **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property together with information on the status of the World Heritage Protection Bill and previous requests of the World Heritage Committee, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

20. Ha Long Bay (Viet Nam) (N 672 bis)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.23**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the progress made by the State Party in the management of the property, including the banning of jet-skis and the cancellation of the tourism project on Lam Bo;
4. Takes note of the need to continue to protect the values of Lam Bo from tourism development, and to ensure that revised plans for eco tourism activities are not implemented unless supported by a thorough and objective environmental assessment;
5. Recommends that the future of the Cua Van Cultural Centre be carefully assessed, and a plan developed to ensure its sustainable operation in an appropriate location, including considering its relocation to a less sensitive location in the buffer zone of the property;
6. Expresses serious concern that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property remains under pressure due to tourism, fishing and other activities within its boundaries, and from major economic development projects and landfill activities in the areas surrounding the property;
7. Requests the State Party to ensure that no development having a significant direct or indirect impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property takes place, and to:
 - a) Strictly enforce the protective legislation for the property, and ensure that all developments that could impact the Outstanding Universal Value of the property are subject to rigorous Environment Impact Assessment in accordance with internationally accepted standards of best practice, taking into account its Outstanding Universal Value,
 - b) Further reinforce the Ha Long Bay Management Board and in particular enhance its capacity through additional staff and financial resources in relation to:
 - (i) monitoring of impacts on the property,
 - (ii) regulation of use,
 - (iii) regulation of threats from outside the property including development and landfill projects, waste, fisheries, and visitors management;

8. Recommends that the State Party carries out a management effectiveness assessment for the property, considering the model provided by the UNESCO/IUCN/UNF Enhancing Our Heritage methodology, and to also put in place a three year programme to implement the outcomes of this assessment;
9. Also recommends that the State Party considers requesting international assistance from the World Heritage Fund to support the assessment and enhancement of the management effectiveness of the property;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on steps taken to implement the recommendations set out above, and especially to provide information on the landfill and other major developments taking place outside the boundaries of the property, and the assessments that have been made on their impacts, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.27**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Also recalling that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property has been repeatedly and significantly impacted by the development of ski facilities and extension of tourism zones, to the extent that the property may be considered for inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger,
4. Notes that the State Party has resubmitted a proposed extension for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
5. Considers that continued ski development is a critical threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Strongly urges the State Party to ensure that no further development of ski facilities or extension of the tourism zones takes place within the property, and to ensure all necessary steps to provide for rigorous enforcement of protection and planning

requirements within Pirin National Park, and in relation to developments outside its boundaries that could affect it;

7. Requests IUCN, in carrying out its evaluation of the proposed extension of the property, to also consider the state of conservation of the existing property, and to review and advise whether its Outstanding Universal Value, has been negatively affected by the recent developments;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, with particular reference to its effective protection from inappropriate development and human use within and beyond its boundaries, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the possible inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

22. Waterton Glacier International Peace Park (Canada / United States of America) (N 354 rev)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 11A** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) on the Periodic Report for North America, which noted the continued excellent cooperation between the States Parties of Canada and the United States of America,
3. Noting the information provided by the State Party of Canada during its 33rd session, in particular that there is currently no coal mining or coalbed methane extraction in the property or the adjacent Flathead Valley,
4. Also recalling the conclusions of the 1988 International Joint Commission study of a proposed coal mine at Cabin Creek in the Flathead Valley, which determined that the effects of the proposed mine could not be fully mitigated,
5. Notes that the 1994 nomination document indicated that the integrity of the property is inextricably linked with the quality of stewardship of the adjacent areas within the international Crown of the Continent ecosystem and that therefore the protection of the property's Outstanding Universal Value require that it be managed within the context of this greater ecosystem;
6. Notes with concern the potential threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property from potential mining and energy development within the Flathead Valley and, in particular, to the continued quantity and quality of water supplies and

ecosystem connectivity between the property and important habitats outside its boundaries;

7. Also notes the high level of public concern regarding this potential threat and any effects of climate change on the property;
8. Urges the State Party of Canada not to permit any mining or energy development in the upper Flathead River basin until the relevant Federal and Provincial environmental assessment processes have been completed;
9. Requests the State Party of Canada to provide timely opportunities for the State Party of the United States of America to participate in these environmental assessment processes and to fully consider its contributions;
10. Invites the States Parties to exchange experiences with other States Parties whose properties contain glaciers to explore appropriate and practical adaptation and mitigation strategies to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in the long term;
11. Also requests the States Parties to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN monitoring mission to take place as soon as possible to evaluate and provide recommendations on the requirements for ensuring the protection of the property's Outstanding Universal Value, including, but not limited to, the need for baseline and comparative research on the resources of the broader ecosystem;
12. Further requests the States Parties to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a joint state of conservation report on the property, including the status of all mining and energy development proposals in the Flathead Valley, as well as on other developments in the broader ecosystem, such as residential, industrial and tourism development, their potential impacts and cumulative effects, and progress in developing climate change adaptation strategies for the management of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

23. Ilulissat Icefjord (Denmark) (N 1149)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.28**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),

3. Notes the improved legal protection through the Executive Order of 15 June 2007 and the completion of the management plan 2009-2014 in 2008 and requests the national, regional and local authorities to ensure their implementation;
4. Requests the State Party to collaborate with other States Parties whose World Heritage properties contain glaciers to monitor the impacts on those properties of global climate change, and to develop adaptive management strategies to ensure the long-term protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of the properties in response to climate and other environmental change.

24. Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest (Belarus / Poland) (N 33-627)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.20**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the report of the 2008 joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission, and notes with concern that an area of 82,371 ha within the property in Belarus has not been managed in a way compatible with its Outstanding Universal Value;
4. Also notes that there are a number of threats to the property including fragmentation resulting from fencing of the border and vehicular trails, impacts of invasive red oak, and overgrazing of flora by deer and bison ;
5. Welcomes the expressed intent on behalf of both States Parties to jointly prepare a re-nomination for the transboundary property in accordance with Paragraph 166 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
6. Requests the States Parties to implement the recommendations of the reactive monitoring mission, and to:
 - a) Develop a joint management framework for the property to define a common overall conservation vision and objectives, joint management activities (such as monitoring, research, communications and strategies to address the issues raised by the World Heritage Committee), and a work plan,
 - b) Develop and implement an integrated management strategy for the whole forest complex within which the property is located, ensuring connectivity with neighbouring, related ecosystem components,

- c) Ensure the participation of National Park management authorities in landscape level management processes to ensure the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
 - d) Reduce, through a clear time-bound plan, the total length of the network of forest roads and trails and encourage cooperation between the Polish and Belarusian components of the property to achieve this,
 - e) Restore natural processes in drained marshes and bogs such as encouraging the role of resident beavers as well as human-based support by direct management activities,
 - f) Facilitate trans-boundary movement of wildlife, particularly large ungulates, across the fence separating both sides of the property to support the establishment of property-wide populations of various ungulate species,
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in addressing the above mentioned issues.

25. Laurisilva of Madeira (Portugal) (N 934)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Acknowledges the detailed report and environmental impact assessment (EIA) according to international standards provided by the State Party on the cable car project consisting of three stations of which one station is located within the inscribed property;
3. Notes with concern that the EIA did not directly consider the Outstanding Universal Value of the property as a key consideration in its evaluation of the project;
4. Requests that the State Party carry out a rapid assessment of the possible impacts of the project on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and to take these fully into account at each implementation phase of the project;
5. Also notes the information on improving the interpretation, education facilities and visitor information at the property, including an interpretation centre to be created in line with the decision adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 23rd session (Marrakesh 1999);
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the completion of the cable car project, the

rapid assessment on impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, as well as the implementation of the interpretation centre and the monitoring system for the property, for review by the World Heritage Centre and IUCN.

26. Danube Delta (Romania) (N 588)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.21**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party of the Republic of Moldova did not provide a report as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th and 32nd sessions;
4. Welcomes the progress made with exchange of information and cooperation between the States Parties of Romania and Ukraine concerning the Danube Delta ecosystem;
5. Encourages the harmonization and coordination of all European Union projects in the River Basin of the Danube and requests that this be taken into account in the revision and update of the management plan for the World Heritage property as well as in the consideration of any potential impacts on its Outstanding Universal Value;
6. Notes the recommendations of the 2008 Ramsar mission to the Danube Delta region and the relevance of the recommendations of this mission to the maintenance of the integrity and protection of the property, and also requests the States Parties to collaborate as recommended by the Ramsar Secretariat;
7. Also notes that the State Party of Romania has already implemented recommendations and agreed actions of the Odessa Conference of 2006, and encourages the States Parties of Romania and Ukraine to invite the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to participate in this cooperation;
8. Further notes that the State Party of Romania adopted Rules for navigation in the Danube Delta and Guidelines on architecture and building activities in the Danube Delta and but regrets that a tourism master plan has not been submitted as requested;
9. Further requests the State Party of Romania to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property, including on the status and impacts of the relevant development projects

affecting the Delta on its Outstanding Universal Value, and especially those related to dredging and navigation as well as a copy of the River Basin management plan for the Danube Delta and the tourism plan for the property, for review by IUCN and the World Heritage Centre.

27. Golden Mountains of Altai (Russian Federation) (N 768 rev)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.22**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the progress reported in the state of conservation report submitted by the State Party on enhancing the management of the property and in responding to the recommendations of the 2007 World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission;
4. Notes with concern that the proposed Altai gas pipeline remains a threat to the property and requests an unequivocal confirmation of the decision to abandon the development of this project or any variant of it that could imply crossing the property;
5. Urges the State Party to take effective measures to stop the illegal hunting and other illegal activities, whether or not linked to tourism development, which are affecting or could potentially affect the values and integrity of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to provide clarification on existing or proposed plans for tourism development in the Ukok Quiet Zone National Park that could lead to the construction of a highway via the Ukok plateau;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010** a report on the state of conservation of the property in order to clarify the issues noted above, as well as on further progress achieved in implementing the recommendations of the 2007 World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission.

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

Decision: 33 COM 7B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.24**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Welcomes the measures taken by the State Party to strengthen the management of the property, to confirm the operating budget and to reduce locally-generated pollution in Lake Baikal, and in particular, to finalise the closed water system within the Baikalsk pulp and paper mill;
4. Notes with concern that measures to halt illegal constructions on the shores still appear to be ineffective, that ongoing problems of local pollution in the Baikal inshore water area persist and that the contents of heavy metals in the water of the Selenga River and its delta exceed the maximum allowed concentrations;
5. Requests the State Party to further enhance its efforts in relation to the conservation of the property, including the following actions:
 - a) Clarify the effectiveness and strengthen, if necessary, the legal provisions relevant to the protection of the property, including on the draft resolution 'On amendment of the list of categories of activities prohibited in central ecological zone of the Baikal natural territory',
 - b) Rapidly establish enhanced town-planning and land-use regulations to prevent illegal development in the property, and increase its control over such development,
 - c) Develop and implement a comprehensive tourism strategy for the property,
 - d) Enhance the regulation and monitoring of pollution in Lake Baikal;
6. Also requests the State Party to provide detailed information on the proposal to lower the water level of the lake and its possible impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property addressing the points above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

29. Western Caucasus (Russian Federation) (N 900)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.25**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Urges the State Party to resolve as soon as possible the issue of the legal protection regime for the property, delimitation of its buffer zones and regulations concerning buffer zones management;
4. Encourages the State Party to increase control and patrolling of the property to discourage illegal activities within the property and to increase awareness-raising and the involvement of the local communities and stakeholders to ensure that appropriate legal protection is enforced;
5. Notes with satisfaction the assurance given by the State Party that no development within the property or the buffer zone will take place;
6. Requests that the State Party provide results of its monitoring activities including the 1999 - 2008 comparative wildlife study;
7. Regrets that the State Party has not provided any maps indicating the location of installations for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games and other infrastructure developments in the property and in the Sochi National Park adjacent to the property;
8. Requests that maps and detailed information be provided on the location and an assessment of potential impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property be provided before any construction begins and encourages the State Party to ensure that the Olympic Games and related infrastructure development do not threaten the property;
9. Further requests the State Party to ensure that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is taken into account in the Environmental Impact Assessments and that these documents, including maps are made public and that mitigation to any threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property are incorporated in the planning of all infrastructure and tourism development activities neighbouring and within the property;
10. Requests furthermore the State Party to review the plans and programmes relating to the 'South of Russia 2008-2012' Federal Target Programme together with plans and programmes of the Krasnodar Territory, Adygei Republic and Karachai-Cherkess Republic to ensure compatibility with the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;

11. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the 2008 World Heritage Centre / IUCN mission and on the additional concerns raised above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
12. Finally requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN reactive monitoring mission to carry out a timely assessment of progress in implementing the above recommendations before the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010.

30. Natural System of "Wrangel Island" Reserve (Russian Federation) (N 1023)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.30

The World Heritage Committee:

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.26**, adopted at its 32d session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes that the State Party has prepared and submitted a management plan for the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004); and encourages the State Party to ensure its implementation to strengthen the integrity, protection and management of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to confirm to the World Heritage Centre that the necessary ministerial approval and adequate finance are in place for the implementation of the management plan, including in relation to infrastructure, increased security and inspection officers and an effective monitoring system, considering climate change impacts on the property;
5. Also encourages the State Party to further develop and implement an effective plan for public use within the property;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including a report on the status of its ecosystems and an assessment of the impacts of climate change, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

31. Virgin Komi Forests (Russian Federation) (N 719)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **22 COM VII.27**, adopted at its 22nd session (Kyoto, 1998),
3. Expresses its serious concern with regard to the possibility of creating an enclave for mining activities within the Yugyd Va National Park, component of the Virgin Komi Forests World Heritage property and requests the State Party not to proceed with any development that could threaten the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to comply with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines* and to inform the World Heritage Centre of any intention to authorize activities which may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Requests the State Party to ensure and to state unequivocally that no commitment has been made on any mining concessions within the boundaries of the inscribed property;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including the confirmation of the removal of any permission or plans to locate extractive industries within the boundaries of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

32. Gough and Inaccessible Islands (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (N 740)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 14B.17** and **32 COM 7B.27** adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,
3. Notes the ongoing research efforts taking place at the property;

4. Notes with concern the threats to the property by invasive species and the decline in conservation status of Northern Rockhopper Penguin, Tristan Albatross and Gough Bunting;
5. Requests the State Party to ensure continuous programmes of eradication of *Sagina* for at least the next three years, and to eradicate mice within five years; and urges the State Party to make sufficient funds available for the rapid implementation of projects for the eradication of the introduced species;
6. Also requests the State Party to support research to identify the causes of bird population declines and identify conservation measures to reverse these declines; including an assessment of possible management interventions to address seabird population declines caused by long line fishing;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, an updated report on the status of the eradication programme and an assessment of the status of and threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, for review by the World Heritage Centre and IUCN.

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33. Belize Barrier Reef System (Belize) (N 764)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.33**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with great concern that the moratorium on mangrove cutting has expired and that the State Party has been facilitating the on-going sale, lease and development of lands within the property, resulting in ascertained danger to its Outstanding Universal Value;
4. Further notes the weak institutional coordination mechanisms with regard to the management and protection of Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Requests the State Party to implement the necessary legal measures to guarantee the permanent cessation of the sale and lease of lands throughout the property, and the cessation of mangrove cutting, coral dredging and other associated real estate development activities;

6. Urges the State Party to implement the following additional corrective measures:
 - a) Ensure that development rights on existing private or leased lands within the property are clearly defined and strictly controlled with a view to conserving the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
 - b) Develop and implement a restoration policy for lands degraded by unauthorized activities,
 - c) Establish a clear institutional coordination mechanism ensuring that the conservation of the property receives priority consideration within relevant governmental decision-making processes,
 - d) Develop a legal framework for co-management under which the respective responsibilities of the State Party and conservation NGOs can be effectively established, monitored and evaluated in relation to the conservation of the property,
 - e) Systematically consider and address the threat of introduced species within the management plans for the property,
 - f) Make publicly available the information on land ownership for all lands within the property, including mangrove islands, in easily accessible format, to ensure transparency in land use and allocations,
 - g) Develop and implement a medium-term plan to increase the no take zones within marine reserves, establishing ecologically effective protection and replenishment areas for heavily exploited fin fish, conch and lobster,
7. Also requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, to finalize the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and to provide a draft proposal for the desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including measures taken to permanently stop the sale and lease of lands for development within the property, the impact on its integrity from real estate development activities and on progress in addressing the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre / IUCN monitoring mission noted above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Noting the information received from the monitoring mission and the oral report presented by the World Heritage Centre, **decides to inscribe the Belize Barrier Reef System (Belize) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

34. Los Katios National Park (Colombia) (N 1083)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.34**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with extreme concern the existing and potential threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property as described in the state of conservation report submitted by the State Party;
4. Welcomes the State Party's request for inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger in order to encourage national and international assistance and support required to address the threats affecting this property and appreciates that the State Party recognizes inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger as a mechanism to promote international collaboration in support of the property;
5. **Decides to inscribe Los Katios National Park (Colombia) on the List of World Heritage in Danger;**
6. Requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and a proposal for the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess the threats facing the property, to advise the State Party regarding the points noted in Paragraph 6 above and to identify the necessary corrective measures and the timeframe for their implementation;
8. Invites the international community to make their utmost efforts to support the State Party to effectively address the existing and potential threats to the property;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on progress in effectively addressing the threats to the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

35. Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park (Costa Rica / Panama) (N 205 Bis)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.35**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Commends the State Party of Costa Rica for its on-going management efforts and its systematic analysis of the conservation challenges to the property, and notes its report on the proposed follow-up actions relating to the World Heritage Committee's previous decisions, and urges it to implement these actions, namely:
 - a) Ensure that tenure and permitted lands uses for all lands within the property boundaries are clarified and communicated to relevant stakeholders,
 - b) Formulate and implement the strategy for long term funding of park rangers,
 - c) Strengthen the National Commission for the Management of La Amistad International Park and expand its scope of responsibilities, including ensuring participation of civil society,
 - d) Establish with greater detail, the status of various extractive industries and other infrastructure development proposals potentially affecting the property, to inform decision-making regarding the conservation of the property,
 - e) Redirect current monitoring initiatives so that information pertaining to indicators of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property can be better tracked,
 - f) Monitor land use changes within the property to identify and deal with incursions,
 - g) Provide information on the detailed analysis of all development proposals within the property and the procedure for addressing the threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
4. Notes with concern that the state of conservation report for the State Party of Panama lacks sufficient detail to be considered as a full response to issues raised in decision **32 COM 7B.35**;
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party of Panama to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report containing full technical details on the progress made in the identification and implementation of mitigation measures necessary to maintain the migratory corridors of affected aquatic species of the Changuinola and Bonyic rivers, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

6. Also reiterates its request to the States Parties to develop jointly, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. Requests the States Parties of Costa Rica and Panama to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a joint report, describing in detail progress made on the items set out in the World Heritage Committee decision **32 COM 7B.35**, and, for the State Party of Costa Rica, on items 3.a) to 3.g) above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

36. Alejandro de Humboldt National Park (Cuba) (N 839 rev)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.36**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the progress achieved by the State Party in enhancing the management of the property, including the support for effective management capacity for the property;
4. Also welcomes the support provided by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), WWF Canada and other international NGOs towards management activities and programmes that are under implementation in the context of the new management plan for 2009-2013;
5. Notes with concern that the State Party has not confirmed its commitment to close down the mining concessions granted within the boundaries of the property, or those in its periphery that could affect the property, as specifically requested by the World Heritage Committee in Decision **32 COM 7B.36**, the continued existence of which represents a potential danger to the property, as per Paragraph 180 of the *Operational Guidelines*; these activities, if undertaken, would lead to the loss of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to make a clear and unequivocal commitment to eliminate the mining concessions granted within the boundaries of the property or those in its periphery that could seriously and irreversibly affect its Outstanding Universal Value if activated;

7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the specific actions undertaken regarding the issues mentioned above.

37. Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Honduras) (N 196)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.37

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.38**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not provided a state of conservation report for the property, as requested in Decision **32 COM 7B.38**;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on further progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations made by the 2006 monitoring mission, including a response to the report on illegal logging by Global Witness, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to consider the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger**.

38. Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection (Panama) (N 1138 rev)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.38

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 8B.13**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes that the State Party has recently adopted the Coiba National Park management plan, as recommended in Decision **29 COM 8B.13**;

4. Urges the State Party to finalize the management plan for the Special Zone of Marine Protection of the property and to ensure its effective implementation, and reminds the State Party of the recommendation made by IUCN in its evaluation of the nomination, that commercial fisheries need careful management and a clear fisheries monitoring system be implemented;
5. Notes with concern the continued and growing presence of cattle in the property, which is the source of increasing damage to its Outstanding Universal Value, and strongly urges the State Party to ensure its complete removal as a priority matter;
6. Also notes with concern the growing potential for coastal development on the shores opposite the property, and requests the State Party to develop and implement a coastal zone development and conservation policy with the purpose of ensuring that cumulative development impacts to the property's Outstanding Universal Value are foreseen and effectively averted;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including on progress made in removing cattle from the property finalizing and implementing a management plan for the Special Zone of Marine Protection and establishing a formal policy on development and conservation of the coastal zone opposite the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

39. Pitons Management Area (St Lucia) (N 1161)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.39

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.40**, adopted at its 32nd (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the activities reported in the State Party's report on the state of conservation of the property but also notes that this does not address many of the key points of Decision **32 COM 7B.40**, nor include detailed baseline information on current land use within the property and a description of the development application and review process as previously requested by the World Heritage Committee;
4. Expresses its serious concern that the State Party has not complied with all the requests expressed by the World Heritage Committee in Decision **32 COM 7B.40**, and that:

- a) The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the property was approved without further reflection on the level of development foreseen, which may lead to a level of development that is incompatible with its Outstanding Universal Value,
 - b) The moratorium on approval of developments within the property has been lifted without such an assessment of the IDP and without clear legal systems of planning advice being in place,
 - c) A significant development has taken place that does not conform to the requirements of the IDP, and which is acknowledged to have damaged the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Regrets that a range of critical issues are in evidence that pose a threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and that a number of threats to its integrity exist in relation to the protection, planning and management of the property, and the apparent reconsideration of the boundaries of the property;
 6. Requests the State Party to urgently re-establish and maintain a moratorium on development decisions within or affecting the property, to allow a reconsideration by the State Party of the level of development foreseen in the IDP and for effective systems for protection and management of the property to be put in place, and to complete the previously requested baseline assessment of land use in the property;
 7. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess its current state of conservation and the effectiveness of its protection, planning and management, including from development within and outside its boundaries;
 8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to respond to the concerns listed above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

MIXED PROPERTIES

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.40**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.42**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the actions taken by the State Party of France in relation to the increased support for agropastoralism but regrets the lack of strategy and clear links to conservation of the cultural landscape features;
4. Requests the two States Parties to establish, on a joint and mutually agreed basis, a management and monitoring body for the property, including national natural and cultural focal points for World Heritage;
5. Also requests both States Parties, through the joint management and monitoring body mentioned above, in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to organize a transboundary workshop to draft a joint vision and management planning structure for the property as a whole, and to consider the finalization of the interim management plan for the property, as discussed during the July 2007 reactive monitoring mission to the property;
6. Also regrets that the State Party of France considers the Gavarnie Festival within the inscribed property should continue, despite the consideration by the World Heritage Committee that it represents an ascertained danger to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, as defined by Paragraph 180 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
7. Strongly urges the State Party of France to take the necessary steps to relocate the Festival in line with its previous commitments and past decisions of the World Heritage Committee; as well as to close the upper section of the Troumouse road;
8. Further requests the States Parties to develop with the joint management and monitoring body in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value by 1 February 2010;
9. Finally requests the States Parties to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a joint report on progress in addressing the above recommendations and including a detailed plan and schedule for the relocation of the Gavarnie Festival or mitigation of all its negative impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to consider, in the absence of substantial progress, the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

41. Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture (Spain) (C/N 417 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.41**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,

2. Recalling Decision **23 COM B.1**, adopted at its 23rd session,
3. Notes the information provided by the State Party on the state of conservation of the property, but regrets that the State Party did not follow the procedure outlined in Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines* to inform the World Heritage Centre of all planned activities within and in the vicinity of the property which could impact its Outstanding Universal Value, before taking a decision on these projects;
4. Also notes that there seems to be a lack of understanding at the local level on the nature of this mixed World Heritage property, its boundaries and the requirements to maintain the values and conditions of integrity that justified the inscription of the property in the World Heritage List;
5. Expresses its concern on the conflicting information received in relation to the actual conservation status of this property and on the potential impacts on the property from the project to expand the facilities of the existing port, and therefore requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property;
6. Also requests the State Party to provide details on the Environmental Impact Assessment to the World Heritage Centre, IUCN and ICOMOS, and not to start the construction of the proposed expansion of the port's facility until the reactive monitoring mission to the property has been carried out in order to address any recommendations arising from this mission;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on how to address key recommendations arising from the proposed monitoring mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

42. Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (Peru) (C/N 274)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.42**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.44**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Recognizes that there has been progress in the reactivation of the Management Unit, improvements to the visitor management system, the initiation of risk prevention plans, the cancellation of helicopter flights over the Sanctuary and outreach activities to enhance the management and presentation of the property and raise awareness of conservation;
4. Notes the limited progress in addressing governance issues in the implementation of effective measures to address risk and in the continued uncontrolled development at Machu Picchu Village, issues with congestion and visitor management, and the unplanned development at the western access and urges the State Party to ensure strengthening collaboration with the Municipality of Machu Picchu, with the municipalities within the buffer zone and with other stakeholders for the effective implementation of the urban development plan;
5. Decides not to continue to apply the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism to the property;
6. Requests the State Party to implement the action plan recommended by the Reinforced monitoring mission of January 2009, and to determine the timetable for the completion of the emergency action plan, management assessment, regulatory measures and legal frameworks in coordination with the Advisory bodies and the remaining recommendations of the six previous reactive monitoring missions to the property, in particular:
 - a) Implementation of participatory and conflict resolution workshops commencing in 2009 to address community interests and demands, particularly in regard to access to the site, public use, urban development and planning, both inside the inscribed property and in the buffer zone so as to promote the shared responsibility in the management of the property and to improve governance at the site,
 - b) Submission by **1 February 2010** of a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and desired state of conservation, through a participatory workshop in conjunction with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies,

- c) Completion of an emergency action plan for risk reduction and disaster recovery at the Historic Sanctuary, supported by geodynamic and vulnerability studies, to respond to identified risks,
 - d) Implementation of a management effectiveness assessment of the work of the Management Unit, and agreement of a three-year plan to address the improvement of its effectiveness,
 - e) Establishment and implementation of regulatory measures for the western access to the Sanctuary and definition of public use regulations,
 - f) Harmonization of existing legal frameworks and regulatory measures and definition of strategies for efficient implementation,
 - g) Analysis of land tenure status and mapping of current uses to identify adequate measures to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
7. Also requests the international community to work closely with the State Party, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to provide additional technical and/or financial support to enhance the local and national capacity in order to allow the prompt and effective implementation of these measures;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the 2009-2010 actions foreseen within the action plan, as well as the recommendations established in the Reinforced monitoring mission report, and the recommendations of previous missions for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

CULTURAL PROPERTIES

AFRICA

43. Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela (Ethiopia) (C 18)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.43**

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
- 2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 7B.46** and **32 COM 7B.47**, adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively;

3. Deeply regrets that the State party did not submit a report on the state of conservation of the property that would have enabled to evaluate the progress in restoration works of churches, monitoring of shelters, identification of the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone and provision of legal and regulatory; and the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value;
4. Encourages the State Party to implement the Conservation action plan and to take all precautionary measures for the protection of the property throughout the World Bank tourism project studies and their sustainable implementation;
5. Reiterates its requests in relation to the conservation of the Aba Libanos church and, particularly the monitoring of its shelter which is on unstable ground, identification of the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone and the provision of legal and regulatory protection for the property and its buffer zone;
6. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to establish a management plan for the property, integrating the Conservation action plan, the measures for sustainable development involving local populations and the touristic enhancement of the property;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property along with maps clearly identifying the boundary of the property and the buffer zone, and the construction and monitoring of the shelters, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

44. Lamu Old Town (Kenya) (C 1055)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.44**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.48**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the progress made with the finalisation of the management plan, the extension of the buffer zone, the development of infrastructure projects and the identification of possible donors;
4. Also notes that the oil and gas exploration has ceased and that the current plans for the second national port are unlikely to impinge adversely on the property; but nevertheless stresses the need for National Museums of Kenya (NMK) to be involved in the whole planning process for the proposed port;
5. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the management plan which is due to be completed shortly, together with an action plan, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;

6. Also requests that the proposal to extend the buffer zone to cover the Ras-Kitau-Manda skyline be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval;
7. Urges the State Party to continue with its exploration of a wider extension of the buffer zone to cover the Lamu peninsula and the wider water catchment area supported by the Donor Conference;
8. Requests that the proposals for major developments at Fort Lamu and the Lamu seafront be submitted to the World Heritage Centre in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
9. Expresses its continuing concern at pressures on the property from informal settlements and projects in the buffer zone;
10. Also urges the State Party, in collaboration with the relevant ministries, to support the NMK and the Lamu County Council to put in place strong planning mechanisms and protection measures in order to provide a robust structure and ensure the protection of the property;
11. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS / ICCROM reactive monitoring mission to the property in 2010 to assess the state of conservation and in particular, the potential threat to the Shella sand dunes and other parts of the buffer zone, and also the overall sustainable development of the property;
12. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011** a progress report on the implementation of the above for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

45. Timbuktu (Mali) (C 119 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.45**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.49**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the results of the World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission to the property, and of the correctives measures already implemented, in particular the process to create an inter-Ministerial Committee on Timbuktu;
4. Also notes with satisfaction the conservation work that is in progress on the Djingareyber Mosque, and in particular the recent discovery of ancient pillars of great importance inside the mosque, and encourages the submission to the World Heritage Centre of documentation for current and future work for assessment by ICOMOS;

5. Expresses its concern that progress in the implementation of corrective measures does not show an improvement away from the danger situation with which the property is confronted, and regrets that the measures recommended by the Committee have not been implemented as requested;
6. Welcomes the announcement of the State Party to relocate the classrooms and public toilets in the medium term;
7. Requests the State Party to make the corrections recommended by the mission to the exterior colours of the Ahmed Baba Centre, so that the Sankoré Mosque can regain a greater visibility;
8. Urges the State Party to implement as soon as possible appropriate planning controls to revitalise the traditional architectural forms with appropriate design guidelines, in order to reverse the apparent accelerated change in building materials and form in the old city, to prohibit all new public projects in the old city which will affect the Outstanding Universal Value, and to re-engage the local community in the overall planning processes;
9. Also urges the State Party to develop a technical strategy for the urgent restoration of the Sidi Yahia Mosque, for assessment by ICOMOS, and to put in place appropriate conservation processes for the mausoleums;
10. Reiterates its requests to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
11. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS monitoring mission to the property to assess progress and define a timeframe for the implementation of the corrective measures;
12. **Decides not to continue to apply the Reinforce Monitoring Mechanism** to the property and encourages the international community to assist the State Party in its efforts to fully implement Decision **32 COM 7B.49**;
13. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the recommendations set out above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

46. Island of Mozambique (Mozambique) (C 599)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.46**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.51**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Notes the work carried out to sensitise owners and users to the value of their heritage properties and the need for conservation, and encourages the State Party to continue these efforts;
4. Also notes the completion of the first phase of the rehabilitation of San Sebastian Fortress and notes the considerable extra work that will be needed to deal with the additional damage caused by Cyclone Jokwe;
5. Further notes the progress made in relation to training staff and the increased State budget allocation for the conservation work; and in obtaining funding for the conservation and management plans and emphasizes the need for these to be properly coordinated so as to provide an integrated strategy and avoid duplication;
6. Reaffirms its great concern that the Island of Mozambique continues to be threatened by serious degradation of its historical monuments and urban structure and is in danger of losing part of its authenticity; and considers that there needs to be efforts to halt the collapse of buildings while an overall management plan and approach are being developed;
7. Expresses its concern at the lack of sewage and water systems, particularly in Macuti town, and the lack of appropriate urban planning, rehabilitation and improvement of traditional Macuti houses, including the development of a sustainable way forward, and urges the State Party to work towards a sustainable development plan for Macuti town;
8. Encourages the State Party to continue implementing the Emergency action plan and to establish a stronger legal framework for the protection of the heritage of the Island of Mozambique, including the underwater heritage;
9. Also encourages the State Party to provide the responsible authority with additional technical staff and necessary equipment required;
10. Further encourages the State Party to delineate a buffer zone for the property in relation to the underwater heritage and to submit this as a minor modification;
11. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM reactive monitoring mission, in order to assess the progress made in implementing the Emergency action plan as well as the steps taken to implement the recommendations set out by the mission;
12. Also request the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including on progress made with implementing the emergency action plan, in particular the points raised above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the possible inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

47. Island of Saint-Louis (Senegal) (C 956 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.47**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.53**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note with appreciation of the actions taken by the State Party to improve the state of conservation of the property, including the establishment of a Safeguarding Committee for the property to bridge site management until full development of planned management mechanisms;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to:
 - a) Implement the recently adopted Safeguarding and Enhancement Plan,
 - b) Urgently appoint a site manager for the property,
 - c) Launch preparation of the conservation and management plan first foreseen in the joint World Heritage Centre/ICCROM/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission report of 2006;
5. Encourages the State Party to improve coordination of international co-operation partners while ensuring their contributions strengthen the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre to plan a future international donor's conference in 2010 or 2011;
6. Considers that the property continues to be threatened by the State Party's inability to implement the management initiatives requested by the World Heritage Committee, and by modern interventions which do not respect the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010**, a report on the progress made to improve the property's state of conservation, and in responding to the World Heritage Committee's requests, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

48. Island of Gorée (Senegal) (C 26)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.48**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.52**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),

3. Takes note with satisfaction of the creation of a Safeguarding Committee for the management of the property by the State Party;
4. Notes the progress made by the State Party in regard to the collection of a tourist tax and the use of the derive revenue from it for the daily maintenance of the property;
5. Expresses strong concern about the ongoing erosion of the coastline, particularly in the western part of the island, and its effect on the Relais de l'Espadon and other buildings in the area;
6. Also expresses concern about the lack of progress on the conservation of the architectural heritage, and on the development of adequate measures to resolve the problems of squatting and illegal occupation of lands;
7. Encourages the State Party to elaborate a package of proposals to be presented to potential donors to allow it to carry out the implementation of needed conservation works, and requests the World Heritage Centre to assist the State Party in the creation of this package;
8. Reiterates its request to the State Party to appoint a site manager for the property as soon as possible to ensure the implementation of the necessary conservation and management activities;
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM reactive monitoring mission to examine progress made on the points above, and in particular possible and ascertained or potential threats of coastal erosion and its effect on the architectural heritage;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a report on the state of conservation of the property by **1 February 2011**, with respect to the points above for the consideration of the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

49. Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape (Republic of South Africa) (C 1265)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.49**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.52**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party has confirmed that prospecting/mining activities are not allowed within the property and its buffer zone, in line with the "No-go" commitment of the International Council for Minerals and Metals (ICMM) in World Heritage properties (2003);

4. Also notes the actions implemented by the State Party to address the specific prospecting permit at the property and urges the State Party to expedite the process for the final cancellation of this permit as soon as possible and inform the World Heritage Centre;
5. Takes note of the results of the 2009 joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission, endorses its recommendations and requests the State Party to implement them, particularly in respect to presenting the property and addressing potential threats derived from overgrazing, desertification and plant poaching;
6. Welcomes the State Party's decision not to reduce the buffer zone and invites the State Party to probe the possibility of a potential extension into the Richtersveld National Park to strengthen the sustainability of the Outstanding Universal Value of the cultural landscape, in line with Decision **31 COM 8B.20**, paragraph 4a, at the time of inscription;
7. Encourages the State Party to carry out an assessment of the impact of mining activities in areas close to the buffer zone on the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property and to identify measures to comprehensively address them;
8. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the revised management plan, including measures to address Paragraph 7 above, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
9. Also requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations.

50. Robben Island (Republic of South Africa) (C 916)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.50**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.53**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the continued progress by the State Party on the implementation of the Integrated Conservation management plan, specifically in relation to physical conservation and preventive conservation work, ongoing improvements in interpretation and visitor management, and better cooperation with the Department of Public Works ;
4. Encourages the State Party to continue working on stabilizing and reorganizing the institutional/managerial aspects of the property, including the creation of a statutory authority under the World Heritage Convention Act with a permanent Chief Executive Officer, and to implement the Memorandum of Understanding with the

Department of Public Works and to make available resources for all the planned maintenance works ;

5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property, in 2010/2011, to assess the effectiveness of the management plan and structure in conserving the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed progress report on management/institutional aspects of the property as well as ongoing conservation, maintenance, interpretation, and visitor management.

ARAB STATES

51. Tipasa (Algeria) (C 193)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.51**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.56**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on progress made with the completion and implementation of the "Protection and Valorisation Plan for the archaeological site of Tipasa and its zone of protection";
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, prior to carrying out the work, the detailed design and plans of the proposed port development, together with an assessment of its impact on the property;
5. Also requests that the State Party submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.52**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.59**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the State Party on the activities carried out in view of the conservation of the Kasbah of Algiers, and regarding the carrying out of emergency work, as outlined in the first phase of the implementation of the Permanent Safeguarding Plan;
4. Also takes note of the concerted activities undertaken in order that the Algiers metro work does not affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Congratulates the State Party for all the measures undertaken and encourages the pursuit of its efforts to conserve and rehabilitate the property;
6. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Committee informed on a regular basis of the progress achieved regarding the metro project;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit before **1 February 2010**, a cadastral plan on the biggest scale available, showing the boundary of the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, before **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property, regarding the implementation of the Safeguarding Plan and rehabilitation activities, for examination by the Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

53. Qal'at al-Bahrain – Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun (Bahrain) (C 1192)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.53**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 7B.60** and **32 COM 8B.54**, adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved by the State Party in the implementation of a series of important measures aiming at conserving and protecting the property;
4. Requests the State Party to provide, by **1 February 2011**, three printed and electronic copies of the final integrated management and conservation plan, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies.

54. Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (Egypt) (C 87)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.54**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.57**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the detailed state of conservation report provided by the State Party does not respond to many of the requests made by the Committee in its decisions of the 31st and 32nd sessions:
 - a) Revision of the design of the Avenue of the sphinxes and its surroundings,
 - b) Preparation and/or finalisation of the management plans for Karnak, Luxor and the West Bank and integration of these plans into one comprehensive and coordinated Management plan, including conservation plans for individual site elements and a tourism control strategy,
 - c) Establishment of a formal coordination mechanism under the responsibility of the Supreme Council of Antiquities to review all projects with the potential to affect the property and its buffer zone,
 - d) Development in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as a central part of the establishment of the management plan and related co-ordinated mechanisms;
4. Accepts the arguments offered by the State Party and the recent mission to relocate the landing stage for cruise boats to the west bank of the Nile, with the constraint that a buffer zone be developed for the West Bank to limit new developments;
5. Urges the State Party to adopt the recommendations made by the recent joint reactive monitoring mission as summarized in the report above, concerning the development of the Corniche, the Avenue of the sphinxes, the Marina project, the Hassan Fathy New Gurnah Village, and in particular requests the State Party to submit a revised proposal for the Avenue of the Sphinxes' project, with appropriate details of a long-term vision, and the multi-disciplinary evidence and justification on which it is based;
6. Suggests that the State Party organises an international consultation in order to design projects and plans to highlight and present the property's Outstanding Universal Value;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed progress report on the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

55. Historic Cairo (Egypt) (C 89)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.55**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.58**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the State Party's commitment to obtain a modification of the design of the Cairo Financial Centre so as to mitigate its impact on the urban landscape of the Citadel;
4. Takes note of the steps taken by the State Party for the preparation of a Management and Conservation plan for the property and welcomes its decision to involve the World Heritage Centre in this process, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and a progress report on modifications to the Cairo Financial Centre and on the elaboration of the management plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.56**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.59**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with appreciation the State Party's continuing efforts to improve the state of conservation of the property;
4. Expresses its concern that the road building described in the State Party's report may have been carried out in spite of the objections raised by the World Heritage Centre-ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of March 2008, and requests the State Party to provide detailed information including maps and photographs to the World Heritage Centre on the completed road system;

5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre a technical document including detailed documentation for all initiatives described in its state of conservation reports for 2008 and 2009;
6. Also requests the State Party to provide a progress report on the technical studies serving as a basis for the restoration project of the Stylite tower;
7. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to report on the progress in developing the management plan (including a comprehensive conservation plan and an archaeological research policy) for the site, as requested by the World Heritage Committee, and to urgently develop a financial system which will support annual operations, a possible revision of the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone, and timeframe for the implementation of short and long term corrective measures already identified;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on its progress in implementing the above recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

57. Tyr (Lebanon) (C 299)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.57**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.60** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not submitted the report requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session;
4. Notes with great regret the many difficulties being experienced by the State Party in protecting the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, as identified in the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS joint reactive monitoring mission of 16-20 February 2009;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS monitoring mission to the property to help the State Party develop a recovery programme to address the key issues identified by this report and the previous requests of the Committee;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to prepare a recovery programme, as set out above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

58. Archaeological Site of Cyrene (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) (C 190)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.58**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.63**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not submitted a report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of its recommendations, nor a map indicating the boundaries of the property;
4. Strongly urges the State Party to implement the measures recommended by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission of January 2007 and its earlier decisions;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of its Decision **31 COM 7B.63**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

59. Ancient Ksour of Ouadane, Chinguetti, Tichitt and Oualata (Mauritania) (C 750)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.59**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.64**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not submitted a state of conservation report for the property and implementation of its recommendations;
4. Strongly urges the State Party to implement its earlier recommendations;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and implementation of its Decision **31 COM 7B.64**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

60. Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou (Morocco) (C 444)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.60**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.65**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the continuing efforts of the State Party to improve the state of conservation of the property;
4. Also notes with satisfaction the completion of the management plan in 2007, and initial efforts to implement it;
5. Reiterates its concern that no progress has been made in establishing a satisfactory overall management structure and in putting in place sustainable funding arrangements for conservation and management of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to undertake the following:
 - a) Put in place a fully resourced management structure to co-ordinate the planning process for the property, take responsibility for the decision-making and implementation,
 - b) Integrate the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property into the management plan;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011** an updated report on the state of conservation of the property, and on the progress achieved in implementing the measures identified above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

61. Bahla Fort (Oman) (C 433)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.61**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.62**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not yet finalise and adopt the management plan taking into account the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies and did not establish the necessary legal and administrative frameworks for its implementation;

4. Notes that the State Party has provided a revised detailed project proposal for the restoration of the Souq and the concerns expressed by ICOMOS on the overall approach of the project, and requests the State Party not to commence the work until a further revised proposal has been agreed;
5. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess the overall state of conservation of the property, in particular the activities in the Qasaba area and the Souq, and their effects on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, the adopted management plan in three printed and electronic copies and a detailed progress report on its implementation, the legal framework and administrative structure, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

62. Aflaj Irrigation Systems of Oman (Oman) (C 1207)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.62**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.68**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Acknowledges the details of the legal protection now in place for all aspects of the property;
4. Notes the considerable progress that has been made in putting in place a well-researched framework for the development of the management plan, in promoting wider understanding of the value and attributes of the property, in involving local communities and their expertise in working towards sustainable management, and in supporting the restoration of Aflaj channels and their associated buildings;
5. Also notes that the management plan is due for completion in the near future;
6. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the completed management plan to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies.

63. Ancient City of Damascus (Syrian Arab Republic) (C 20)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.63**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.63**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Requests to be informed in detail of any future proposals to re-design or re-shape the King Faisal street area;
4. Regrets that the requested information on the new cultural centre on Medhat Pasha Street was not provided and reiterates its request to receive it as soon as possible for review;
5. Takes note of the progress made in protecting the historical neighbourhoods of the Ancient city and in defining a buffer zone and also reiterates its request to the State Party to complete the establishment of the buffer zone to be submitted for approval by the World Heritage Committee;
6. Also notes the numerous conservation and rehabilitation projects on-going in the property, however, while acknowledging the need for infrastructure improvement and the importance of upgrading buildings for the quality of life of the local community, also requests the State Party to ensure that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property be respected and its authenticity and integrity maintained, through employing traditional approaches to conservation, restoration, repair and maintenance of building fabric;
7. Further requests the State Party to ensure proper archaeological studies and salvage excavation prior to undertaking infrastructure work and to present the archaeological remains discovered in an appropriate setting;
8. Urges the State Party to ensure coordination of all actions undertaken in the property and to develop a comprehensive management plan;
9. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a progress report on the above recommendations and on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.64**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.64**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the State Party on the steps taken in the past year and the readiness for cooperation of its authorities;
4. Regrets that issues of drainage, management and conservation of the property have not been adequately addressed by the State Party despite International Assistance;
5. Urges the State Party, as a matter of priority, to address the recommendations made by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission carried out in February-March 2009, in particular to:
 - a) Draft in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
 - b) Elaborate in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies a comprehensive management plan which includes conservation policies and provisions for a buffer zone,
 - c) Refrain from carrying out any major conservation works until the management plan has been developed and adopted and to ensure in the meantime that all necessary maintenance works are carried out in line with the recommendations made by the 2009 reactive monitoring mission,
 - d) Ensure that the necessary professional staff are recruited to fill the vacant posts in the Department of Archaeology, including additional guards at the property,
 - e) Remove the incompatible light fittings installed within the courtyard of the monastery once additional guards have been deployed at the property,
 - f) Build the capacity of the staff of the Department of Archaeology in heritage management and conservation, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
6. Invites the State Party to request International Assistance to implement the recommendations contained in paragraph 5 above;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

65. Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia) (C 1224 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.65**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 8B.24** and **32 COM 8B.102**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd Session (Quebec City, 2008) respectively,
3. Notes the developments that have occurred at the property since its inscription on the World Heritage List, the information contained in the State Party report and the preliminary findings of the Reinforced monitoring mission;
4. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations by the Committee in its Decision **32 COM 8B.102**, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

66. Old Town of Lijiang (China) (C 811)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.66**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.67**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the continued efforts made by the State Party to improve management of the property, and its timely response to the requests made by the World Heritage Committee;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Complete as a matter of urgency the comprehensive Conservation Master Plan,
 - b) Consider a re-submission of a request for minor modification to the buffer zones and the possibility of an extension to the boundaries of the property in order to protect the property and the area between its three components,

- c) Continue to strengthen the capacity of the World Cultural Heritage Management Bureau to implement and coordinate more effectively these planning initiatives;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on the progress made in implementing the actions mentioned above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

67. Historic Centre of Macao (China) (C 1110)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.67**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.68**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Welcomes the measures taken by the State Party of China to mitigate possible negative impacts of development projects on the visual integrity of the property by reducing height limits for construction in sensitive areas surrounding the Guia Hill and the Monte Fortress;
4. Notes with concern, however, the apparent inadequacy of the current management system, with its buffer zone and legal provisions, to protect effectively the very important visual and functional linkages between the inscribed monuments and the wider urban land and seascape of Macao;
5. Requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value including the above-mentioned linkages;
6. Also requests the State Party to develop the appropriate legal and planning tools to protect these linkages, including a comprehensive urban plan that seeks to protect the heritage significance of what is left of the historic urban landscape that contributes to the setting and views of the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, an updated report on the progress made in implementing the measures mentioned above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.68**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.77**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the efforts made by the State Party to revise and extend the boundaries of the proposed buffer zones;
4. Acknowledges progress with the Urban Development Plan for Lhasa and with elaboration of conservation plans for the three areas of the property and requests that the State Party ensures that they are:
 - a) Coherent and complementary,
 - b) Include conservation policies for the traditional buildings within the protected sectors and other parts of the property,
 - c) Based on an assessment of the foreseeable socio-economic impacts of the conservation policies on the local communities and include proposed mitigation measures, and
 - d) Implemented through an institutional coordination body;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit the drafts of the above-mentioned Plans to the World Heritage Centre, before their finalisation and enactment by the competent authorities, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

69. World Heritage properties in Beijing (China)

- A. **Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shengyang (China) (C 439bis)**
- B. **Summer Palace, and Imperial Garden in Beijing (China) (C 880)**
- C. **Temple of Heaven: an Imperial Sacrificial Altar in Beijing (China) (C 881)**

Decision: **33 COM 7B.69**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.78**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),

3. Expresses its appreciation for the organization of the International Seminar on Conservation of Painted Surfaces on Wooden Structures in East Asia (29 October – 2 November 2008), carried out in order to improve knowledge on the restoration of polychromy within East Asia, as well as to strengthen the theoretical framework for conservation decision-making, notably in relation to the authenticity of World Heritage properties;
4. Notes the special efforts of the State Party to strengthen conservation of the World Heritage properties in Beijing, including the development of conservation plans for the World Heritage properties of the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace in Beijing, and the Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties;
5. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of each of the three Conservation Master Plans to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.70**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.79**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not yet finalise and adopt the management plan, developed with full involvement of the established management authority, and built around a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, to ensure the integrated conservation of the property;
4. Urges the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, the adopted management plan in three printed and electronic copies;
5. Also urges the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed progress report on the implementation of the management plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.71**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.70**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the substantial work undertaken at the property by the Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority (HWHAMA), notably the identification of the new proposed boundaries of the property and its buffer zone as part of the new integrated management plan (IMP);
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Draft, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, an updated Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and submit it to the World Heritage Centre, for examination by the World Heritage Committee,
 - b) Consider officially submitting a request for the extension of the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone according to the procedures indicated in the paragraphs 163-164 of the *Operational Guidelines*, and
 - c) Adopt and implement the IMP and incorporate fully its recommendations in the Master Plan, notably through the development and official adoption of detailed building regulations applicable for each category of zones within the new proposed boundaries of the property and its buffer zone, as well as the related urban design guidelines;
5. Offers its condolences for the death of eight persons and its sympathy for some twenty injured due to the collapse of the Anegundi Bridge during construction;
6. Encourages the State Party to demolish the remaining pillars of the collapsed bridge (taking into account security concerns and negative visual impacts) and to consider a new, more appropriate location for a vehicular bridge outside the current and possible future boundaries of the property;
7. Expresses its concern over illegal constructions and other developments, such as social housing projects, within the extended boundaries which are being considered for the possible extension of the property, particularly in Virupapura Gada Island and Hampi Villages, which appear to have a negative impact on the integrity of the landscape;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, the adopted IMP, and a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 4 and 6 above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

72. Sangiran Early Man Site (Indonesia) (C 593)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.72**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.71**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Expresses its satisfaction regarding the progress made by the State Party in implementing some recommendations of the 2008 joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission;
4. Urges the State Party to give full consideration to implementing the remaining recommendations of the 2008 mission, in particular:
 - a) Ensuring the authority of the site manager to control development through appropriate land-use regulations,
 - b) Setting up of archaeological and socio-cultural impact procedures for development, and
 - c) Involving the residents as key stakeholders of the property;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the above issues, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

73. Prambanan Temple Compounds (Indonesia) (C 642)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.73**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.83**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with satisfaction that the continuing efforts made by the State Party towards the rehabilitation of the property, in co-operation with the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and other international partners, following the May 2006 earthquake, have led to the reopening of all damaged temples to the public;
4. Recommends to the State Party that it continues these efforts to make good the remaining earthquake damage, including the restoration of the Siwa Temple, as in the Action Plan defined at the International Expert Meeting of March 2007;

5. Encourages the international community to support the implementation of the Action Plan;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property with information on the progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned Action Plan, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.74**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.84**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the State Party's efforts in revising the legal and institutional framework for the protection and management of the property and its surrounding area, and encourages it to continue the development of the new Presidential Decree and updated Master Plan;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Update the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies, to include conditions of integrity and authenticity of the property and the protection and management requirements necessary to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value,
 - b) Develop in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies a management plan, based on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and integrating, visitor management and community development;
5. Also requests the State Party to:
 - a) Discontinue the practices that appear to have a negative impact on the stone of the Borobudur temple,
 - b) Continue monitoring, research and testing activities, to find a substitute for the epoxy resin;
6. Also encourages the State Party to apply for International Assistance to develop a pilot project in order to formulate a protocol for the long-term conservation of the stone;
7. Further requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies informed of progress made in the implementation of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.75**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.72**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
3. Acknowledges the steps taken by the State Party to implement the decisions of the World Heritage Committee in particular with regard to the proposed extension of the property to include the Historical Axis of Esfahan;
4. Regrets that no further progress has been made in the reduction of the height of the Jahan-Nama building despite the repeated assurance provided by the State Party in the past years, and urges the authorities to complete its reduction by the proposed two floors as soon as possible;
5. Also urges the authorities to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment of the metro line project as a matter of priority and to submit the findings to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies in advance of the project moving forward;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property, to advise on the issue of the metro line once the Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** a report on the progress made in reducing the height of the Jahan-Nama Commercial complex tower and in the proposed metro line project, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

76. Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara (Japan) (C 870)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.76**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.73** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes that plans are being developed for a groundwater monitoring system and risk mitigation plans to protect the buried cultural properties from possible fluctuation of groundwater levels, and further requests the State Party to submit as soon as possible a concrete timetable for their completion to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;

4. Further notes that the proposed design for temporary structures to be set up on the Heijo Palace site for the 1300th Anniversary Commemorative Events in 2010 would not have a negative impact on the buried cultural objects and the visual integrity of the landscape and requests that a date for their removal be established;
5. Recalling that any reconstruction project within the property would have to be based only on complete and detailed documentation and to no extent on conjecture, and on all provisions for authenticity and integrity as outlined in the *Operational Guidelines*, and appropriately interpreted,
6. Also requests the State Party, in case it wished to proceed with the proposed reconstruction of certain structures within the Nara Palace site, to submit to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies a full justification of the rationale for the reconstruction, including the detailed evidence on which it is based;
7. Further requests the State Party to clarify how the new administrative and institutional framework for the management of the Nara Palace site “National Government Park” impacts on the overall management system for the entire inscribed serial property, i.e. in which ways the conservation policies at each of the eight sites forming the listed property are harmonised and coordinated so as to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property is maintained and presented;
8. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report including information on the points above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

77. Town of Luang Prabang (Lao People’s Democratic Republic) (C 479 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.77**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.74**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Recognizing the commitment of the State Party to improve the state of conservation of the property, including the measures to develop a revised Urban Plan that will include a buffer zone and priority zones for development, and the efforts undertaken to improve institutional and technical capacity of the Heritage House thus enabling a more efficient implementation of the conservation plan for the property (PSMV),
4. Requests the State Party to integrate the necessary management mechanisms into the Urban Plan to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including by preserving the urban fabric through the prevention of agglomeration of plots and by promoting land development for sustainable tourism;

5. Also recognizing the State Party's assurances regarding the Chompeth new town, primary school and Fine Arts College, and the lighter pedestrian bridge, but also noting with concern that the State Party proposes to go ahead with the extension and realignment of the airport runway,
6. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and the international partners, in order to implement all the remaining recommendations made by the November 2007 mission and especially to ensure the strict and timely application of the Luang Prabang conservation plan (PSMV) and prepare an updated inventory and maps of the property, indicating the changes since the inscription;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, at the latest by **1 February 2011**, the revised Urban Plan, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the above recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

**78. Melaka and George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca (Malaysia)
(C 1223)**

Decision: **33 COM 7B.78**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 8B.25**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Considering that the proposed developments within the inscribed area of George Town, particularly the AGB project near the clock tower, are in contradiction with the protective measures described in the Nomination File and would, if constructed, have a significant adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
4. Also considering the potential impacts of the two approved developments in the buffer zone;
5. Further considering that the introduction of a provision in the protective measures for George Town allowing for buildings higher than 18 metres in the World Heritage property and its buffer zone under certain circumstances, as well as the lack of legal mechanisms that would enable the Federal Government to exercise control on the property constitute a potential threat for the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,

6. Regrets that adequate information on these development proposals and the status of their approval, as well as on the modification of the protective regulations, was not provided by the State Party in the Nomination File and during the evaluation process;
7. Takes note with satisfaction of the official letter dated 15 June 2009 and oral statement by the State Party of Malaysia during its 33rd session, informing the Committee that:
 - a) The height of the two proposed development projects within the inscribed area, Bousted and AGB, will be reduced to 18 metres,
 - b) The impact of the two projects in the buffer zone, E&O and Bintang, has been reduced through the implementation of the modifications negotiated between the Council and the developers,
 - c) The provision allowing building higher than 18 metres within the inscribed property under certain circumstances in Georgetown has been abolished,
 - d) The existing "Guidelines for Conservation Areas & Heritage Buildings" will be renamed "Regulations for Conservation Areas & Heritage Buildings",
 - e) Special Area Plans for the inscribed property and its buffer zone that would provide planning controls and guidance at a more detailed level, will be prepared,
 - f) There will be no approval given for developments higher than 18 metres in the buffer zone until such time as the Special Area Plans are adopted,
 - g) A Technical Review Committee will be established, including a representative of the Federal Government (Department of National Heritage) to review all major development proposals and proposed planning controls and policies that could impact adversely on the Outstanding Universal Value,
 - h) Other measures to support the conservation of Georgetown have been taken, including the creation of a World Heritage Office, the strengthening of the Heritage Department within the City Council of Penang, and the creation of a World Heritage Day in Penang;
8. Commends the State Party for its efforts to negotiate with the developers with an aim to identify alternative solutions to the approved projects and reduce their adverse effect, including by commissioning heritage impact studies, as well as for the spirit of genuine concern and cooperation manifested in its attempts to clarify the issues with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS ;
9. Requests the State Party to continue its efforts to implement the recommendations made by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission, and notably to:
 - a) Develop the above-mentioned Special Area Plans for the inscribed property and its buffer zone, based on a careful analysis of important views, typologies and urban fabric the composition of the social fabric of George Town, and submit these to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS by **1 February 2011**, for review,
 - b) Introduce new legal provisions in the protection and management system for the World Heritage property that would enable the central authorities at the level of the Federal Government to review and, if necessary veto proposals for

major development projects, draft Special Area Plans and other relevant planning controls and policies both for George Town and Melaka;

10. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit a comprehensive conservation plan dealing with all the buildings and its schedule for implementation in both cities, to develop measures for decreasing motor traffic, and to improve the definition of key indicators for monitoring the urban and architectural heritage components;
11. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the points above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.79**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.75**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the efforts and commitment of the State Party for the safeguarding of this property;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to draft, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, an updated Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and submit it to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
5. Also reiterates its request to the State Party to continue its work on the development of the integrated management plan (IMP), based on the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and avoid carrying out any development project within the property and the adjacent areas identified as having potential archaeological significance, pending completion of the IMP;
6. Calls upon the international community to provide technical and financial support to assist the State Party in the development of the IMP and in particular in identifying and implementing the appropriate conservation measures for the archaeological remains contained within the Maya Devi Temple;
7. Requests the State Party to submit detailed information to the World Heritage Centre on any proposed developments in the vicinity of the property which might have an impact on its Outstanding Universal Value, and particularly on the proposed ring road surrounding Lumbini, in line with the provisions of Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;

8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011** a report on the progress made on the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

80. Historical Monuments of Thatta (Pakistan) (C 143)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.80**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.85**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the ongoing conservation work undertaken by the State Party including the documentation of monuments and tombs, repair work and the installation of interpretive signs and boards;
4. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the Master Plan, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
5. Also requests the State Party to continue progress in the implementation of the following:
 - a) Overall monitoring programme,
 - b) Management plan,
 - c) Condition report for all monuments and tombs,
 - d) Prioritized emergency intervention plan, and
 - e) Identification of the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone;
6. Further requests the State Party to make progress with the soil investigations and stabilization of the tomb of Jam Nizamuddin, in the light of comments received from the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre;
7. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011** on the progress in implementing the recommendations of the 2006 mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

81. Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro (Pakistan) (C 138)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.81**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.86**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes that a comprehensive Master Plan has been prepared, that a Medium Term Action Plan is being implemented and that work is in progress to identify the actual extent of the archaeological area of Moenjodaro;
4. Requests the State Party, however, to clarify if the Master Plan has been updated since January 2006; and whether the updated Medium Term Action Plan referred to above integrates the World Heritage Committee's previous request to revise the Action Plan according to the recommendations of the 2006 mission;
5. Encourages the State Party to convene the Technical Consultative Committee for Moenjodaro as soon as possible, to review the on-going activities and the contents of the Master Plan;
6. Also requests the State Party to:
 - a) Continue its work to redefine the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone,
 - b) Develop an archaeological research strategy, including non-invasive methods of investigation, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, and refrain from undertaking any major archaeological interventions until this strategy is in place,
 - c) Ensure that adequate protection measures are in place to prevent encroachments within the areas of potential archaeological interest, which may be subject to a future extension of the property,
 - d) Submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the progress made in the implementation of the above mentioned recommendations, and associated documentation, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.82**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.77**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the efforts of the State Party in the conservation and restoration of the property and sewage system, and progress made in implementing the recommendations of the 2008 mission concerning the removal of constructions of the cricket stadium;
4. Also notes the intention of the State Party to downscale the port development project;
5. Urges the State Party to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed port development project as a matter of priority and to submit the findings to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** for review by the Advisory Bodies;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property in 2010, to advise on the issue of the port development once the Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible additional details regarding the demolition of the illegal buildings in the Galle international cricket ground, including clarification on which building has been demolished, which buildings are planned to be demolished, what the new proposed building referred to in the State Party report comprises and the schedule for completion of this work at the latest by **31 October 2009**;
8. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session, a detailed report including:
 - a) Revised boundaries of the property and buffer zone to reflect the recent underwater archaeological discoveries made in the bay to the east of the Old Town,
 - b) Finalised comprehensive conservation and management plan, and
 - c) Detailed report on the progress made concerning the above mentioned recommendations.

83. Parthian Fortresses of Nisa (Turkmenistan) (C 1242)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.83**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 8B.30** and **32 COM 7B.78**, adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,

3. Notes the summary management plan submitted by the State Party and progress that has been made by the State Party on the implementation of the management plan, including interpretation and visitor management;
4. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies informed on the design and location of the proposed new site museum and visitor facilities;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a progress report on the implementation and revision of the management plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.84**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add and WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Corr,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.79**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Acknowledging, as recommended by the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reinforced monitoring mission of March 2009, the need to complete the management plan, to undertake further conservation work on monuments within the property, to establish an effective management framework for the site and to sustain and plan for infrastructural work respecting the traditional urban fabric,
4. Urges the State Party to put in place strategic approaches to urban conservation;
5. Also urges the State Party to consider a cooperation project with the Ministry of Culture, local authorities, UNESCO and ICOMOS, and possibly other partners, to advance the strategic planning processes and finalize the management plan with a focus on technical assistance and guidance concerning the conservation of the traditional urban fabric, the development of structural restoration projects and the creation of an adequate management framework;
6. Suggests that the State Party might wish to consider an application for international assistance under the World Heritage Fund to support such a collaboration project;
7. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, information about any major development proposals;

8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including progress made in the management plan and strategic planning for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011;
9. **Decides not to continue to apply the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism on this property.**

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.85**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.76**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the progress made by the State Party in dealing with illegal buildings, preparing an inventory of heritage properties, starting the development of a management plan and carrying out mitigating measures at the Minh Mang and Khai Dinh Tombs to reduce the impact of the new highway;
4. Notes, however, that no significant progress appears to have been made in developing a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value that includes consideration for the geomantic elements associated with the inscribed monuments, and in redefining accordingly the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone;
5. Encourages the State Party to consider, in due time, renominating the property and, in preparation for this, ensure that the management plan under preparation covers the areas being considered for the extension of the property and is based on a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property that includes consideration for the geomantic elements associated with the inscribed monuments;
6. Requests the State Party to ensure that the management plan is integrated in the larger regulatory framework being developed for the city of Hue (Master Plan);
7. Urges the State Party to complete the works needed to minimize the negative impact of noise and visual pollution on the Minh Mang and Khai Dinh tombs;
8. Reiterates its request to the State Party to consider refraining from carrying out major infrastructure projects within the areas being considered for the extension of the property, as recommended by the 2006 mission, until an appropriate regulatory framework is approved, including the management plan for the property;
9. Notes press reports concerning ongoing international projects for the conservation of the World Heritage property and recommends to the State Party to ensure that all works are carefully coordinated within the framework of the management plan under elaboration;
10. Invites the State Party to request International Assistance to implement the recommendations of paragraph 5 above;

11. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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86. Butrint (Albania) (C 570 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.86**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.92**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Acknowledges considerable progress made with the development of Management and conservation plans and putting in place adequate resources;
4. Expresses its concern that adequate measures are yet to be taken to control the illegal construction in the Ksamili village;
5. Urges the State Party to fully implement the 2007 mission recommendations and in particular, in parallel with the finalisation of the management plan, the establishment of a planning system for controlling development around the property that acknowledges the Outstanding Universal Value;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011** a report on progress made concerning the issues above and the implementation of the recommendations of the 2007 World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM reactive monitoring mission.

87. Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (Albania) (C 569 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.87**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 8B.56**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Urges the State Party to fully comply with the requests of the World Heritage Committee;
4. Acknowledges progress made with the development of an inventory of planning violations;
5. Expresses its concern that violations are continuing to occur in a prominent part of the buffer zone in Berat opposite the castle gates, as well as in Old Bazaar area of Gjirokastra;
6. Also urges the State Party to put in place an agreed action plan and timescale to address these violations and to stop further violations;
7. Requests the State Party to put in place more detailed and appropriate monitoring indicators related to the attributes that carry the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
8. Also acknowledges some progress in planning better provision of water hydrants, to enhance fire protection, but expresses concern at the lack of an overall agreed fire response plan for the property and encourages the State Party to address this issue as a matter of urgency;
9. Expresses its great concern, in view of the ambitious targets for the tourism industry, that there is a lack of an overall tourism development plan that would aim to reconcile the benefits and dis-benefits of tourism for local communities within the framework of the management plan and also requests the State Party to address this issue;
10. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.88**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.81**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the State Party's timely submission of the draft management plan requested by the World Heritage Committee;
4. Also notes the recommendations made by the January 2009 joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission;

5. Calls upon the State Party to ensure that Environmental Impact Assessments are carried out for all large-scale development projects even if located outside the buffer zone, with particular reference to the potential impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Also calls upon the State Party to carry out an Environmental and Cultural Impact Assessment for the hydroelectric power station to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre;
7. Requests the State Party to take steps towards implementing the mission's recommendations, particularly by ensuring clear mechanisms for a co-ordinated and integrated approach among all decision-making entities;
8. Also requests the State Party to revise the draft management plan taking into account the recommendations of the joint mission and elaborating on enhanced coordination mechanisms;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, and its efforts to strengthen and re-orient the management plan, for review by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

89. Historic Centre of Vienna (Austria) (C 1033)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.89**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.82**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with appreciation the reduction in planned height of the tallest of the structures planned for the Vienna Central Train Station project from 100m to 88m;
4. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the requested comprehensive visual impact assessment of the entire project, and that there was no visual impact assessment used as a basis for determining the appropriate height for the planned building;
5. Strongly urges the State Party to carry out the comprehensive visual impact assessment of the entire project, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session;
6. Requests the State Party to halt any building permission for this project until the visual assessment has been reviewed by ICOMOS so that the project would not have any negative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property

including the visual impact assessment requested above for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.90**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.83**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes that the State Party maintained the moratorium on construction of the project;
4. Expresses its continuing concern that the project plans for the new Kometgründe-Meidling structure exceed the 60m height which the State Party had agreed to maintain in June 2006;
5. Requests the State Party to ensure that construction of the Kometgründe-Meidling project remains halted until the World Heritage Committee has examined satisfactorily its potential impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, as soon as possible, the visual impact studies requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session in order to review any potential adverse impacts of the proposed building of 73m on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, as soon as possible, detailed plans of the new hotel complex adjacent to the Technical Museum, as well as the high-rise construction plan of the city of Vienna, for review by ICOMOS;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011**, a report on the issues above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

91. City of Graz – Historic Centre (Austria) (C 931)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.91**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.106**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with appreciation the detailed description of projects and initiatives underway provided by the State Party in the state of conservation report;
4. Acknowledges the initiatives undertaken in the last years by the State Party (since the 2005-2006 debate about the appropriateness of the design of the Kastner and Ohler Department) to improve the quality of the planning process and the planning instruments available to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property;
5. Requests the State Party to examine the implementation of the recommendations made in this report to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the planning system to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Also requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the state of conservation of the property and on its efforts to implement the recommendations above mentioned.

92. Fertö / Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape (Austria/Hungary) (C 772 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.92**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.107**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with appreciation the States Parties' joint efforts and activities and welcomes the fact that the controversial heart clinic project has been abandoned;
4. Also notes the development of Construction Guidelines, however expresses its concern that these appear to be encouraging development that is larger in scale than the existing vernacular buildings and would allow development in inappropriate locations and may impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Requests the State Party of Austria to re-assess the Construction Guidelines to ensure that they respect the form and scale of traditional buildings, do not

encourage development on open land, and are based on zoning that reflects the attributes of this cultural landscape, and submit them to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies.

93. Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family at Nesvizh (Belarus) (C 1196)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.93**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 8B.34**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Regrets the significant amount of dismantling as well as the intention to rebuild the Eastern Gallery;
4. Requests the State Party to urgently clarify, for review by the Advisory Bodies:
 - a) The methodology to be adopted in rebuilding the Eastern Gallery,
 - b) The types of proprietary materials and technologies being used in the conservation work,
 - c) The intended degree of conservation, restoration and reconstruction work in the adopted approach to the project;
5. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to review the work in progress, to consider the conservation approaches and to review the overall state of conservation of the property;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including all above-mentioned clarifications, as well as the technical analysis of the stability of all structures of the Complex, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

94. Historic Centre of Brugge (Belgium) (C 996)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.94**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Takes note of the information provided by the State Party in response to concerns raised regarding the state of conservation of the property and the proposals for new construction and interventions at the Historic Centre;
3. Requests the State Party to submit, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to the World Heritage Centre the specific details of the project for the Museum of History and for the interventions at the Casselberg, Sept Tours and Bouclier Français and results from the studies and consultations for consideration by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS prior to their approval;
4. Also requests that the State Party invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to assess the potential impact of these and other projects on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
5. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

95. Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (C 946 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.95**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.85**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Also recalling the results and recommendation of the reactive monitoring missions of 2006, 2007 and 2008,
4. Acknowledges the receipt of the report of the experts submitted with the State Party report, as well as the additional information received by the World Heritage Centre in April 2009 after the deadline established by the World Heritage Committee;
5. Commends the State Party for the monitoring system that has been put in place to ensure the structural stability of the bridge;

6. Requests the State Party to provide the detailed drawings to the World Heritage Centre and also requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to cooperate with the State Party to ensure that the best solution be found in the redesign of the Ruza Hotel;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a progress report on the state of conservation of the property including the status of the redesign, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

96. Historic Centre of Prague (Czech Republic) (C 666)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.96**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.86**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the information provided and progress made by the State Party in the preparation of the new Land Use Plan and the management plans;
4. Expresses its deep concern at the potential impacts of the Blanka Tunnel Complex on the property, on the lack of information so far provided and on the apparent lack of an impact assessment of this project on the attributes and value of the property, and requests the State Party to urgently provide full details of this project;
5. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess the implications of the Blanka Tunnel Complex, the concerns over new traffic proposals, changes to Wenceslas Square, the possible creation of Prague's "Museum Mile" and the issue of historic railway stations;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010**, a detailed progress report on the above mentioned issues, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

97. Historic Centre of Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic) (C 617)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.97**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.109**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the efforts of the State Party to ensure the protection and management of the World Heritage property;
4. Also notes that the dismantling the revolving amphitheatre is extended to 31 December 2009 and the deadline for rehabilitating the affected areas into the original condition is extended to 30 April 2010 and requests the State Party to submit the detailed project for the new theatre location and its exact position as well as an impact assessment;
5. Further notes with serious concern that the State Party plans to continue using the property for open-air theatre activities;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party that in accordance with Paragraph 119 of the *Operational Guidelines*, the State Party should ensure that the sustainable use has no negative impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, an up-dated report on progress made on the measures taken to address the above issues, for review by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

98. Jelling Mounds, Runic Stones and Church (Denmark) (C 697)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.98**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Takes note of the results of the ICOMOS advisory mission to the property;
3. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Urgently provide information on any conservation and development plan to address the issue of an environmental covering for the stones to the World Heritage Centre for review by ICOMOS,
 - b) Consider extending the buffer zone in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;

4. Also requests the State Party to submit a report on the steps taken to implement the advisory mission recommendations to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011** for review by ICOMOS.

99. Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn (Estonia) (C 822)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.99**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.87**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the quality and usefulness of the Development Plan for Old Tallinn in exploring future development and conservation scenarios to preserve the Old Town, developed by the State Party;
4. Strongly regrets that the State Party has not yet put into place an adequate management plan/system for the Tallinn Old Town requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006), 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively;
5. Suggests that the State Party invite, a technical advisory mission, if necessary, to assist local authorities in initiating work on the requested management plan / system;
6. Also notes the progress made in implementing the thematic plan “Framework for high-rise buildings”, and the commendable progress made by the State Party in strengthening the conditions for conservation of the World Heritage;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the state of conservation of the property and on the above issues, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

100. Prehistoric Sites and Decorated Caves of the Vézère Valley (France) (C 85)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.100**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.88**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Considers that the State Party has made progress in putting in place measures to strengthening the functioning of an independent International Scientific Committee and in proposing changes in governance to separate administrative and scientific functions, and requests that these need to be implemented as soon as possible;
4. Notes the work planned to consider the impact of different mitigation approaches and also considers that the Protocol on Intervention that has been developed should be made public, as this could be used as a best practice example for other similar properties;
5. Also notes the progress made in communicating details of work and approaches and considers that it would be helpful to develop a communication strategy to ensure consistency;
6. Further notes with concern the results of the March 2009 reactive monitoring mission to the property;
7. Notes furthermore that although currently only some of the paintings have been directly affected, and the overall impact of the various outbreaks of mould on the paintings has not threatened so far the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property, the situation remains worrisome;
8. Acknowledges the good work that has been carried out by the State Party and urges the State Party to continue its process of research and mitigation;
9. Further considers nevertheless the extreme urgency of the work being undertaken to identify the optimum approaches to mitigation and research to document and map the overall climatic conditions of the cave as a precursor to the development of appropriate climate control mechanisms;
10. Considers furthermore that interventions should be based on prudence and a clearly articulated conservation approach in the absence of further emergencies;
11. Urges the State Party to formalize the new management framework based on a separation between administrative and scientific functions, and also requests the State Party to give appropriate resources to the new independent and international Scientific Committee and invites representatives of ICOMOS and ICCROM to participate in its meetings;
12. Further requests that the State Party continues to evaluate the causes of the problem and the different approaches for conservation and develop, on the basis of the priorities adopted by the International Scientific Committee, a detailed action plan with a timeframe for the next three years;
13. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property with respect to the points above and on progress made in the creation of the above-mentioned action plan, for the examination of the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

101. Bordeaux, Port of the Moon (France) (C 1256)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.101**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.89**, adopted at its 32d session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes that the State Party regrets the demolition of the Pont de Pertuis which crossed the *bassin à flot*, and has begun an inventory of the harbour remains that are attributes of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
4. Requests that in order to avoid any similar impacts to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property in future, consistent planning regulations be applied to the entire property including the *bassin à flot* and also requests the State Party to indicate its time frame and work programme for ensuring that this is achieved ;
5. Regrets that potential impacts of the replacement bridge for the Pont de Pertuis on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property were not assessed prior to construction and further requests that consideration be given to restoring the now narrowed passage channel to its original dimensions;
6. Urges however the State Party to reconsider the proposed Bacalan-Bastide bridge project and to study alternatives that do not include the transit of large vessels in front of the historic areas, allowing only smaller ships to access the harbour, in order to limit visual impact on the property, as well as to consider the relocation of the large vessel berthing area downstream of the proposed location of the bridge;
7. Requests furthermore the State Party to continue with studies aiming to limit the visual impact on the property;
8. Further considers that the facade of the former chai (wine warehouse), now part of the College Cassagnol, should be kept and not demolished, as it contributes to the attributes of Outstanding Universal Value, and also notes that a building permit for its demolition has been refused and that a revised scheme is being prepared; and requests also the State Party that details of the new scheme be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for assessment by ICOMOS;
9. Decides not to continue to apply the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism to the property;
10. Finally requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the results of the studies carried out taking into account the Committee's observations with respect to the points above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

102. Historical Monuments of Mtskheta (Georgia) (C 708)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.102**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.90**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Expresses its serious concern about the state of conservation of the different components of the property;
4. Regrets that the State Party report did not adequately address the preparation of legal and technical provisions to address the various threats, the aspect of land privatization, the development of an integrated management plan and the development of a special programme on the protection of all archaeological components;
5. Further regrets that the State Party did not submit documents clarifying the exact boundaries of the protected area of the property and its buffer zone;
6. Notes with regrets that some components have lost their authenticity due to restoration works conducted with unacceptable methods;
7. Decides to inscribe the Historic Monuments of Mtskheta (Georgia) on the List of the World Heritage in Danger;
8. Urges the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value a proposed desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of the World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission to the property in early 2010 to assess the state of conservation of the property;
10. Also requests to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendation contained in Decision **32 COM 7B.90**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.103**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.91**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Reiterates its request to the State Party to urgently prepare, approve and submit to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies the management plan of the Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery, including the boundaries clarification document clearly indicating its buffer zones;
4. Requests the State Party to provide detailed and complete information concerning the monitoring of the state of conservation of property as well as the reconstruction project and a progress report on works carried out;
5. Invites the State Party to prepare relevant documentation in order to initiate an international donors conference designed to address major problems identified for all World Heritage properties in Georgia;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report, including the complete and detailed documentation concerning the new reconstruction project for Bagrati Cathedral, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

104. Upper Middle Rhine Valley (Germany) (C 1066)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.104**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.93**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the summary version of the Environmental Impact Study of the Rhine crossing options and the traffic analysis provided by the State Party and that an architectural competition has taken place for the proposed bridge;
4. Regrets that the full version of the Environmental Impact Study was not submitted on time;
5. Considers that the summary version of the Environmental Impact Study fails to set out an adequate methodology to interrogate the impact of the proposed bridge on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Further requests the State Party in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. In order that the recommendations of the 2008 World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS advisory mission be fully considered in terms of the potential impacts of a proposed crossing on the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property, including on important views, requests ICOMOS to consider the complete Environmental

Impact Study to allow for a full assessment of the proposed bridge, tunnel and other solutions on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and defer any further action until these alternatives have been evaluated;

8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010** a report on progress in the decision making on the Rhine crossing for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

105. Old Town of Regensburg with Stadtamhof (Germany) (C 1155)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.105**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.98**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the detailed report submitted by the State Party;
4. Welcomes the initiative and progress made on setting up a Steering Committee for the World Heritage property and recalls the procedures stipulated by the *Operational Guidelines* in view of responsibilities, information flow and review requirements between the State Party, Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the planning process for a new bridge, including relevant impact assessments and on the experiences gained with the work of the Steering Committee, for review by ICOMOS.

106. Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape (Hungary) (C 1063)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.106**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.95**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with satisfaction the thorough impact assessment carried out for the proposed straw burning power plant;

4. Also notes that this assessment has produced a basis for dialogue on how the property might be developed in a sustainable way and how the Outstanding Universal Value and development might be reconciled;
5. Urges the State Party, in view of the considerable potential visual, environmental and ecological impact of the proposed straw burning power plant on the property, to reconsider and significantly modify the design of the project and eliminate all traffic impacts on the cultural landscape values and integrity of the property;
6. Further notes that the drafting of a World Heritage Bill could considerably strengthen the legal environment for the preservation of World Heritage properties in Hungary;
7. Recalls its Decision adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002) to encourage collaboration with Slovakia concerning a transboundary extension;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the negotiations over the possible development of the power plant, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

107. Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue (Hungary) (C 400 and 400 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.107**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.94**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the specific measures undertaken to re-examine demolition permits and promote a fund for rehabilitation, and urges the State Party to continue with its vigilance in preventing further losses and inappropriate development in the buffer zone of the property;
4. Welcomes the various strategic measures being planned, in particular the revision of the management plan, the establishment of a management body, the reassessment of the buffer zone, the assessment of the relationship between the property and the buffer zone, and the drafting of a national World Heritage Bill;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the issues above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.108**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.112**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes the progress made with mapping of the rock art sites with view to delineating the 182 parts of the property and their buffer zones and requests the State Party to submit the completed plans as soon as possible;
4. Also requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on further progress with actions identified in the Management, Conservation and Research components of the management plan, in particular those applying to the recommendations of the 2004 reactive monitoring mission report.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.109**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.113**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with appreciation the submission of the final management plan of the property and the activities towards its implementation;
4. Notes with concern the advanced stage of the highway project, and urges the State Party to submit as soon as possible the revised plans to ensure that they are in line with the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of 2005;
5. Requests the State Party to halt the project until an assessment of the revised plans has been made to ensure that they are in line with the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of 2005;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit, to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the implementation of the project of the A31 motorway Valdstico-South for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

110. Historic Centre of Naples (Italy) (C 726)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.110**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Notes the report of the *World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS* advisory mission carried out in December 2008 at the invitation of the State Party;
3. Welcomes the State Party's efforts to obtain major funding for restoration projects at the Historic Centre of Naples for key monuments and encourages the State Party to ensure funding for the overall conservation of the vulnerable urban fabric;
4. Regrets that the management plan announced by the Periodic Report in 2006 has not been prepared and urges the authorities to commence its preparation in full consultation with all stakeholders, the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;
5. Requests the State Party to consider the conclusions of the advisory mission and to take into account the detailed recommendations;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed progress report on the implementation of the recommendations as well as the management plan for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.111**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.97**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with appreciation the comprehensive efforts made by the State Party in the last year to respond to the decisions of the World Heritage Committee and the recommendations by the 2008 reactive monitoring mission;
4. Acknowledges the efforts of the State Party to modify the "Daugava Left-bank Silhouette Development Concept" in reducing the height and density of planned buildings, and re-locating these buildings farther from the water's edge, in ways which reduce the visual impact of the planned projects on the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property;
5. Requests the State Party to provide a report on:

- a) How the revised “Daugava Left-bank Silhouette Development Concept” project is implemented in terms of the existing legal framework for the preservation and development of Old Riga and in the amended territorial planning regulations and how control mechanisms are guaranteed,
 - b) The progress on the five recommendations of the Council for the Preservation and Development of the Historic Centre of Riga on the Daugava river left-bank Silhouette Development conception as specified in the State Party’s report,
 - c) The progress on the additional view points of the visual analysis as suggested by the Council for the Preservation and Development of the Historic Centre of Riga as specified in the State Party’s report;
6. Encourages the State Party to apply a holistic planning approach for the city, at both a large and a small scale, fully taking into account the impact of projects on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
 7. Also requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2008 mission report.

112. Vilnius Historic Centre (Lithuania) (C 541)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.112**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.99**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the documentation on the “Regulation on the Protection of the Vilnius Old Town” and the updated documentation on the development of high-rise buildings in the buffer zone as requested by the Committee at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
4. Commends the State Party for the innovative quality of the guidelines proposed to improve coordination and integrated management of all World Heritage properties in Lithuania and the World Heritage City of Vilnius in particular, and encourages the State Party to continue to explore and develop this mechanism for full implementation;
5. Requests that the new commission for the property begin its regular work as soon as possible, with a clear set of conservation objectives and procedures, as well as a decision-making process which emphasizes the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Encourages the continued work on the development of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, based on the values recognized at the time of inscription, and the additional analysis and evaluation of the existing management

system, and a proposal for reconciling the various planning instruments to ensure an integrated approach to the management of the property;

7. Reiterates its request for the State Party to submit the information requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session related to the legislation covering the property (including any new legislation), the planning instruments in force for the protection of the property, and the regulations concerning the construction of high buildings which may have an impact on the visual integrity;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the further development and implementation of the guidelines proposed to improve coordination and integrated management of World Heritage properties in Lithuania with particular reference to the Vilnius Old Town for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

113. City of Valletta (Malta) (C 131)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.113**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Notes the boundary definition of the property as provided in the report by the State Party;
3. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Provide a clear map showing the boundary of the property,
 - b) Establish a declared buffer zone in accordance with Paragraph 103 of the *Operational Guidelines*, with height controls around the property as a means of protecting the skyline configuration of the city and prepare a “Views and Vistas Analysis” from strategic points within and outside the property,
 - c) Establish clear policies in relation to height controls within the property as a means of protecting the skyline configuration of the city, by means of a “Views and Vistas Analysis” covering key areas and streetscape,
 - d) Submit detailed information on the proposed large scale developments within the property to the World Heritage Centre in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
4. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a state of conservation report on the issues above and in particular on the progress made with the establishment of a buffer zone and height controls within the property, together with information on the proposed large scale development projects.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.114**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.101**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the follow-up activities to the February 2008 World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission to the property taking into account the key recommendations concerning the proposed bridge at Verige, the adoption and implementation of the management plan, and the coordination of conservation activities and development planning for the whole area of Kotor Bay;
4. Regrets that no coordination body has been established yet as recommended and requests the State Party to fully implement all recommendations in accordance with Decision **32 COM 7B.101**;
5. Welcomes that funding has been obtained to carry out the visual impact study of the proposed bridge at Verige with the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GTZ);
6. Expresses great concern at the proposed bypass road and associated tourist development and urges the State Party to suspend further consideration of this until a buffer zone has been established, with adequate protection, and management mechanisms have been put in place to allow full impact studies to be undertaken;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a copy of the visual impact study and information on the management system, including the establishment of a coordinating body as well as the implementation of the management plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

115. Auschwitz Birkenau

German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945) (Poland (C31))

Decision: **33 COM 7B.115**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.102**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Notes progress made with the conservation strategy and the negotiations concerning the register of additional areas in the register of monuments to further enhance the protection of the authenticity and integrity of the property;
4. Welcomes the new variant of the expressway S1 which takes into account the values, integrity and authenticity of the property and does not adversely impact on its Outstanding Universal Value;
5. Encourages the State Party to continue stakeholder and local community consultations towards the finalization of the management plan;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the status of the consultations, the management plan as well as the implementation of the conservation strategy.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.116**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decisions **30 COM 7B.89** and **31 COM 7B.116**, adopted at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006) and 31st (Christchurch, 2007) sessions respectively, and the detailed recommendations made by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN reactive monitoring mission of March 2006,
3. Takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the short-term Action Plan 2007-2009, in particular in the restoration and gradual opening of the palaces and parks;
4. Notes with serious concern the uninterrupted urban encroachment both on the territory of the property and its buffer zone and beyond it, as well as the pressure caused by increased visitation;
5. Expresses its concern about the continuing lack of coordination mechanisms involving all relevant stakeholders responsible for the management of the property and its buffer zone;
6. Strongly encourages the State Party to consider establishing a Steering Committee for the property in order to enhance coordination and coherent decision-making among all relevant stakeholders on the territory of the property and its buffer zone;
7. Urges the State Party to amplify its efforts, to set up a comprehensive management plan for the property clearly defining the roles of all relevant stakeholders, the conservation measures and development objectives for the property as well as the appropriate financial resources;

8. Further encourages the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property, as a sound basis for its management;
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess the overall state of conservation of the property;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.117**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.104**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Appreciating the continuing efforts by the Kizhi Museum Reserve to improve maintenance, monitoring and presentation of the World Heritage property,
4. Regrets that the State Party has not implemented any requested activities and strongly urges the State Party to establish a Special State Group in charge to coordinate the implementation of all World Heritage Committee's decisions concerning this property;
5. Expresses its deep concern over the continuing deterioration of the structural fabric of the Church of the Transfiguration;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to progress on all issues mentioned over a decade including the following documents:
 - a) Detailed report on the main restoration works,
 - b) Three copies of the draft integrated management plan for Kizhi Pogost including a tourism strategy (in particular with an accent on any eventual threat to the property from the fluvial tourism), risk preparedness measures,
 - c) Revised and approved documents concerning protected areas of the Kizhi Museum Reserve including the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, with a progress report on the implementation of the above mentioned activities, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;

8. Also requests the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, a desired state of conservation, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, a set of corrective measures, as well as a timeframe for their implementation and to submit them to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to considering in the absence of substantial progress the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger**;
9. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the Kizhi Museum Reserve to assess the state of conservation of the property.

118. Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments (Russian Federation) (C 540)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.118**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-08/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.105**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not provide a state of conservation report, or a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value;
4. Notes with concern, that the maps provided by the State Party define boundaries that include a significantly smaller area than that inscribed, and encourages the State Party to submit formally a significant boundary modification (according to Paragraph 165 of the *Operational Guidelines*) to allow the Committee to consider this issue;
5. Also notes with concern that the buffer zone proposed does not extend to encompass the landscape setting of the property and in particular the panorama along the Neva River, and requests the State Party to reconsider this buffer zone and submit it formally to the World Heritage Centre;
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to develop, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
7. Expresses again its grave concern that the proposed “Ohkta Centre Tower” could affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and requests the State Party to suspend work on this project and submit modified designs, in accordance with federal legislation and accompanied by an independent environmental impact assessment;

8. Also expresses its grave concern about the continuous lack of a leading management system and defined mechanisms of coordination for the management of the property;
9. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments to assess the state of conservation of the property;
10. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a state of conservation report for the property that addresses the above points for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to consider, in the absence of substantial progress, to inscribe the Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and related Groups of Monuments (Russian Federation) on the List of the World Heritage in Danger at its 34th session 2010.**

119. Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow (Russian Federation) (C 545)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.119**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.106**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not provided a state of conservation report for the property, as requested in Decision **32 COM 7B.106**;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and further progress achieved on the implementation of the recommendations made by the 2007 reactive monitoring mission, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

120. Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl (Russian Federation) (C 1170)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.120**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.107**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Acknowledges the results of the May 2009 World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission;
4. Notes the restoration and renovation efforts of the Regional and local authorities in the preparation of the celebration of the millennium of the City of Yaroslavl;
5. Expresses its serious concern about the changes to the horizontal urban skyline and in particular the construction of a new cathedral of the Assumption;
6. Reiterates its concern about numerous planned constructions within the boundaries of the property which could affect its Outstanding Universal Value;
7. Requests the State Party to pay particular attention to paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines* and to provide to the World Heritage Centre information on all major projects within the boundaries of the property which could affect its Outstanding Universal Value prior to its evaluation, review, recommendations and approval by the authorities;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011**, a detailed progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the May 2009 World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission and on state of conservation of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2011.

121. Works of Antoni Gaudí (Spain) (C 320 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.121**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.108**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008)
3. Regrets that no consideration has been given to halting the construction of the tunnel or to re-routing it further away from the temple of Sagrada Familia;
4. Urges the State Party to allow a thorough analysis of the potential adverse impacts and mitigation measures on the design and implementation of the

tunnel and relevant impact assessment systems for examination by the Advisory Bodies;

5. Encourages the State Party to invite an independent technical expert mission to the property in 2009, to review the project, its potential adverse impacts, and possible irreversible damage to the structure of the temple of Sagrada Familia;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2010**, a detailed updated report on the project for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.122**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.109**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Requests the State Party to abandon the projects of the “Huerto de las Adoratrices” and the “Plaza de los Bandos”, given their potential negative impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property;
4. Notes the work undertaken towards setting up the requested integrated management plan for the property, and asks the State Party to ensure the full integration of this planning instrument with the “Special Plan” for urban management mandated by regional legislation (2002);
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to prepare, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, and to ensure that the draft Statement is fully taken into account in the preparation of the integrated management plan;
6. Urges the State Party to implement the recommendations made by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of February 2009;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a progress report on the efforts of the State Party to

respond to the requests of the World Heritage Committee on efforts to implement the recommendations of the February 2009 mission report, and on the preparation of the integrated management plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

123. Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias in Seville (Spain) (C 383 rev)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.123**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Expresses its concern that the State Party has not provided any information on the proposed Cajasol tower, in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
3. Notes the documentation provided by the State Party in May 2009;
4. Urges the State Party to carry out, if not already undertaken, a comprehensive impact assessment of the proposed developments on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property and its setting;
5. Also urges the State Party to halt any construction works on this project until such a comprehensive impact assessment has been completed and reviewed by ICOMOS;
6. Requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
7. Also requests the State Party to define a buffer zone for the World Heritage property and to submit a map by **1 February 2010**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the recommendations set out above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.124**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.110**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the results of the 2009 joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission and endorses its recommendations;
4. Also notes the appointment of a site manager of the property and encourages the State Party to implement fully the management structure adopted in 2006 and clarify roles and responsibilities;
5. Further notes that, although some progress has been made in drafting the scope of a management plan, little progress has been made with its drafting, and urges the State Party to expedite this work to provide the framework for ensuring that development and improved infrastructure respects the attributes and value of the property;
6. Reiterates its request for awareness raising on the scope and value of the property amongst stakeholders and particularly the local community;
7. Also reiterates the recommendations of the 2006 and 2008 missions that all such development and redevelopment projects should respect the conservation of existing historic structures, and expresses concern that no significant modification appears to have been made to urban renewal projects proposed within the framework of Law 5366 for the “Preservation by Renovation and Utilization by Revitalizing of Deteriorated Immovable Historical and Cultural Properties” in order to incorporate conservation plans appropriate for the property;
8. Expresses its grave concern at the potential impact of the proposed new metro bridge across the Golden Horn, as its towering cable-stay structure would have a significant adverse impact on the property and its setting and on the Süleymaniye Mosque in particular, and also urges the State Party to abandon this project or consider alternative proposals and submit details of these, together with an independent environmental impact assessments for assessment by ICOMOS before any irreversible decisions are made;
9. Also expresses its concern at the potential impact of the implementation of the Traffic Plan on the historic peninsula, in particular (as well as the Golden Horn bridge) the Bosphorus road tunnel from Harem on the Asian shore to Kumkapı in the Historic Peninsula, just to the west of the

Sultanahmet core area, which would undoubtedly bring large volumes of traffic from the suburbs to the east of the Bosphorus directly into the heart of the property, and requests the State Party to provide details of the scheme and an independent environmental impact assessment before any irreversible commitments are made;

10. Also expresses its concern that many Ottoman style timber houses are in danger and increasing numbers are empty and further urges the State Party to develop an holistic conservation or rehabilitation strategy or programme as part of the overall management plan;
11. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a state of conservation report for the property that addresses the above points for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the possible inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

125. Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra (Ukraine) (C 527 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.125**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.111**, adopted at its 32d session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the findings of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of March 2009 and in particular that the current fragmented management is failing to address the needs of the property and recommended that a unified system is put in place together with a unified management plan;
4. Also notes the satisfactory condition of the key monuments of the property, but expresses concern that other monuments are in a less satisfactory condition and that the catacombs at the Lavra site remain in a critical condition;
5. Requests the State Party to ensure an integrated planning framework of the urban area through the development of a detailed urban development plan for the property and its buffer zone;
6. Also expresses great concern at the threats to the property from development in the buffer zone and setting from construction that appears not to be in conformity with current regulations, and urges the State Party to

put in place a moratorium on the following projects until an urban development plan has considered appropriate uses for these sites:

- a) Buildings on the territory around the Arsenal and the earth fortification following the international competition,
 - b) A hotel complex around Saint Spas of Berestove Church,
 - c) A hotel and residential complex on the land of the former military factories near the Arsenal,
 - d) Tall buildings that could compromise the panorama of the historical monastic landscape along the Dnieper;
7. Recommends the State Party to consider extending the eastern boundary of the buffer zone of the Saint Sophia site to include Maidant Nezalejnosti Square an important part of the urban structure, and to initiate a study on visual perspectives of the property in the wider context of the monastic riverside landscape;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the March 2009 reactive monitoring mission and the requests set out above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

126. L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre (Ukraine) (C 865)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.126

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.120**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Expresses its concern about numerous construction projects within the World Heritage property and its buffer zone which could affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
4. Urges the State Party to complete the revision of the Master Plan for the World Heritage property;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to assess the state of conservation of the property and the issues identified in Decision **31 COM 7B.120**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007);

6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed state of conservation report of this World Heritage property including the detailed existing projects and description of any intention to undertake or to authorize major restoration or new construction projects which may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.127**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.112**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the information provided by the State Party, in particular that the work is progressing on a brief to define a local setting, for the final publication "Seeing the History in View: a method for Assessing Heritage Significance within Views" in 2009, and that considerations are underway on how a Dynamic Visual Impact Study fits within the planning system, and that a draft revised London Plan is to be published for public consultation in 2009;
4. Regrets that a buffer zone with protection has still not been put in place;
5. Also regrets that there is no overall study of the setting of the Tower yet in place that would allow a full impact assessment of proposed development;
6. Requests the State Party to ensure that:
 - a) The original intentions of the suggested "Skyline Study" are incorporated in related work being progressed as part of the Dynamic Visual Impact Study and the London Views Management Framework,
 - b) The new Mayor's review of the supplementary planning guidance, the London Views Management Framework, fully takes into account the relevant views of the November 2006 joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission,
 - c) The sub-group of the Tower of London World Heritage Site Consultative Committee, fully considers the need for protection of the immediate surrounding of the Tower of London through an adequate and commonly agreed buffer zone;

7. Urges the State Party to progress towards a buffer zone as soon as possible and bringing together guidance on visual impact in order to put in place a coherent approach;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement the recommendations set out above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the possible inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

128. Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey and Saint Margaret's Church (United Kingdom) (C 426)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.128**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.113**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes that work was at an advanced stage on the visual impact study as requested, that "Seeing the History in View: a method for Assessing Heritage Significance within Views" is expected to be published in 2009, and that the Westminster World Heritage property Dynamic Visual Impact Study Steering Group selected five views considered to best encapsulate the Outstanding Universal Value of the property for assessment using the draft methodology set out in "Seeing the History in the View", and acknowledges that any reference to a "Skyline Study" be omitted from future Decisions;
4. Requests the State Party to ensure that:
 - a) The original intentions of the suggested "Skyline Study" are incorporated in other related work being progressed as part of the London Views Management Framework,
 - b) The review of the supplementary planning guidance, and the London Views Management Framework, fully takes into account the relevant recommendations of the November 2006 joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission,

- c) In considering the establishment of a buffer zone in the light of discussions following on from the emerging Dynamic Visual Impact Study, further analysis of the five selected views, and as part of the broader spatial planning process, the World Heritage Centre be informed of the outcome, and the agreed and protected buffer zone be submitted for approval by the World Heritage Committee as soon as possible,
 - d) The World Heritage Centre receive copies of relevant documents as they emerge, including "Seeing the History in the View: a method for Assessing Heritage Significance within Views" due in 2009, "Metropolitan Views" draft supplementary planning guidance to be revised in 2009, as well as the revised "London Plan" to be published for public consultation in autumn 2009;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011**, a progress report on the issues above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

129. Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (United Kingdom) (C 373)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.129**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.114**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party continues to make little progress in the urgent resolution of the significant A344 road closures and visitor facility issues at the property, despite assurances made as long ago as 1986;
4. Requests that the State Party keeps the World Heritage Centre informed of any progress, particularly the Ministerial announcement, as it occurs;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011** a report on progress made on the road closure and visitor facilities, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

130. Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City (United Kingdom) (C 1150)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.130**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.115**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the detailed information provided by State Party and particularly:
 - a) The development of the new Supplementary Planning Document addresses the management issues raised by the World Heritage Committee in paragraphs 3b and 4b of Decision **31 COM 7B.121** and paragraph 3b and 3c of Decision **32 COM 7B.115**,
 - b) The final version of the Supplementary Planning Document is expected to be formally adopted by Liverpool City Council in June 2009,
 - c) The revised Evidential Report will be provided to the World Heritage Centre when available,
 - d) Progress on the improvement of the protection of World Heritage properties in England through changes to the planning system,
 - e) Preparation of an expanded Statement of Outstanding Universal Value,
 - f) The initiatives taken by the Liverpool City Council and other partners during 2008, particularly regarding the national statutory lists;
4. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on progress on the issues above.

131. City of Bath (United Kingdom) (C 428)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.131**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.116**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),

3. Notes the results of the November 2008 joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission and the good overall state of conservation and management of the property;
4. Expresses its satisfaction that the Dyson Academy Project has officially been withdrawn;
5. Strongly recommends that the State Party submit to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, for review, a revised plan showing that all necessary social facilities have been included in the first Phase of the Bath Western Riverside project;
6. Urges the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, for review, a time-bound revised plan for the second and third phases of the Bath Western Riverside project, including revised density and volume of the ensemble, so as not to impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, its integrity and on important views to and from the property;
7. Also recommends that the State Party enhance the protection of the surrounding landscape of the property to prevent any future developments which could have adverse and cumulative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
8. Invites the State Party to embark on a reinforced, integrated and homogenous interpretation for all the attributes bearing the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
9. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, for information and by **1 February 2011**, the draft of the revised management plan, including the integrated and comprehensive Tourism management plan, the integrated Public Realm and Movement Strategy, respecting both the authenticity and integrity of the property, and the integrated Traffic Control Plan, before its final adoption.

132. Old and New Towns of Edinburgh (United Kingdom) (C 728)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.132**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.117**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the results of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the Edinburgh Old and New Towns World Heritage property of November 2008 and the State Party's response;
4. Urges the State Party to take into account the recommendations by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission, specifically addressing improvements for the Caltongate and Haymarket development; and requests that the mission's findings on the Haymarket development are made available to the public enquiry;
5. Welcomes that the St James Centre project improves the integrity of the property with the demolition of a building block impacting on the values and integrity of the property;
6. Also welcomes the skyline study as an important tool in future development and planning of the site to protect important views in compliance with Paragraph 104 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
7. Also requests the State Party to establish a declared buffer zone for the Edinburgh Old and New Towns World Heritage property in accordance with Paragraph 103 of the *Operational Guidelines*, in which height restrictions are established on the basis of key views and vistas from within and from outside across the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to establish clear policies in relation to height controls within the property on the basis of key views and vistas from within and outside the property;
9. Requests furthermore the State Party to raise awareness among potential developers and stakeholders of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and the meaning of this for development projects within the property and its buffer zone;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a report on the state of conservation of the property taking into account the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property, and on progress with the review of the management plan and establishment of the buffer zone, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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133. Brasilia (Brazil) (C 445)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.133**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.108**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the response provided by the State Party in regard to current issues of concern and notes progress made in developing the management plan;
4. Encourages the State Party to finalize the delimitation of the buffer zone and submit the proposed new boundaries for the buffer zone, including appropriate cartography and the legal framework, to the World Heritage Centre, for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
5. Takes note of the projects planned for the property and requests the State Party, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit to the World Heritage Committee the technical documentation for Orla project, Vila Planalto development, transportation solutions W3 and changes in land use of superquadras for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
6. Also requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the management plan, as soon as possible, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

134. San Agustín Archaeological Park (Colombia) (C 744)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.134**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.124**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with satisfaction the efforts and progress made by the State Party in implementing the decisions of the World Heritage Committee,
4. Encourages the State Party to finalise the delimitation of the inscribed archaeological sites and their buffer zones and reiterates its request that the proposed new boundaries for buffer zones, including appropriate cartography as well as the legal framework, be submitted for examination by the World Heritage Committee;
5. Also reiterates its request to submit alternative roads for the local community;
6. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the management plan, as soon as possible, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
7. Also requests the State Party to continue to implement the recommendations made by the reactive monitoring mission of 2006;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.135**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.125**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),

3. Encourages the adoption, and strict enforcement of the new law on monumental heritage, the Integrated Revitalization Plan and the implementation of the related actions proposed, and the adoption and full implementation of the Risk management plan for the Zona Colonial;
4. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Submit to the World Heritage Centre, as soon as possible, the complete technical documentation of the Sans Souci project to be undertaken in the South Area, in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*,
 - b) Withhold any approval of the development until the World Heritage Committee has had the opportunity to fully review the project,
 - c) Invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to consider its overall state of conservation and particularly the possible impact of the Sans Souci project on the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property and to review the proposal for the delineation and protection of the buffer zone ;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

136. City of Quito (Ecuador) (C 2)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.136**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.121**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Concerning the intervention in the tower, requests the State Party to:
 - a) Cease the reconstruction project of the tower of the Jesuit Church in light of the potential impact that the proposed reconstruction could entail,
 - b) Carry out a holistic and multi-sector assessment of the architectural ensemble and establish an assessment of the attributes that contribute to Outstanding Universal Value as a basis for decision-making in the future,
 - c) Identify and submit to the World Heritage Centre a proposal to restore the use of the tower as a bell tower for consideration by the Committee prior to taking action,

- d) Submit a report concerning the touristic operation foreseen by the Compañía de Jesús to ensure that international standards security measures are in place,
 - e) In accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit information regarding new interventions foreseen in the Jesuitic complex;
4. Also requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value;
 5. Further encourages the State Party to define the limits of the inscribed property and buffer zone and further requests that the appropriate cartography and legal framework for protection, be submitted for approval by the World Heritage Centre;
 6. Notes the results of the 2009 joint World Heritage Centre/ ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission, endorses its recommendations and requests furthermore the State Party to implement them, particularly with respect to:
 - a) The need for a clear definition of the national and local responsibilities for the World Heritage City of Quito,
 - b) The creation of a coordination policy between local and national institutions to ensure that the decision-making process mechanism guarantees the effective implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*,
 - c) The establishment of precise regulations and principles for interventions at historic buildings at the property,
 - d) To inform the World Heritage Committee on the measures taken to improve the technical consultation process when approving interventions affecting World Heritage;
 7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

137. Maya Site of Copan (Honduras) (C 129)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.137**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.122**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes progress by the State Party in implementing the decisions of the World Heritage Committee and invites the State Party to submit further details on the implementation of the management plan and conservation interventions at the property;
4. Urges the State Party to officially submit the limits of the World Heritage property and its potential buffer zone, in light of the requirements of the retrospective inventory;
5. Requests the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies on the definitive decision on the location for the construction of the airport and related tourism management issues;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.138**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.123**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not submit its report in one of the two working languages of the *World Heritage Convention* (French and English);
4. Urges the State Party to finalize the management plan as soon as possible and provide three printed and electronic copies of the management plan for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
5. Expresses its concern that the lack of a management plan appears to have allowed developments to take place, which have had a negative impact on the property;

6. Notes that the State Party has decided to temporarily halt the implementation of the lighting and sound project but that even so, the initial works have had a negative impact on the surface structure of the pyramid;
7. Requests the State Party to submit full technical details of any revised Resplandor Teotihuacano project together with an impact assessment study to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS for evaluation and examination prior to any approval or implementation;
8. Reiterates its request to the State Party to set up an intersectorial working group specifically for the World Heritage property, with representatives from local, federal and national levels to collaborate in the management of the archaeological site and its surroundings;
9. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

139. Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco (Mexico) (C 412)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.139**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.124** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Expresses its concern to the fact that a holistic heritage conservation policy has not been agreed upon to guide the participatory decision making process for the World Heritage property and urges the State Party to develop an integrated management plan;
4. Takes note of the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission and requests the State Party to implement them as a matter of urgency;
5. Notes with concern that the threats of abandon, collapse and the lack of proper sanctions will affect the authenticity and integrity of the built heritage; and also requests the State Party to submit a proposal for a better implementation of technical and administrative procedures on demolition issues;

6. Also notes the progress made by the Comision Interinstitucional in implementing the management plan for Xochimilco and also urges the State Party to finalise arrangements to put into operation the management unit to secure the sustainable application of the management plan;
7. Also expresses its concern about the infrastructure works such as the new subway line in Xochimilco, and further requests the State Party in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit to the World Heritage Centre, detailed information on any major projects that may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
8. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.140**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.125**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not provide updated information concerning the state of conservation of the property since 2006, and did not submit a comprehensive progress report as requested by the World Heritage Committee;
4. Requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
5. Requests the State Party, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit to the World Heritage Committee the Work Plan of the Patronato 2010-2013 by **30 September 2009**, for review by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;
6. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to assess the current state of conservation, identify

any ascertained or potential threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and to assist in developing an emergency action plan;

7. Reiterates its invitation to the State Party to submit a request for International Assistance to support in particular the development of a management plan for the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of World Heritage Committee decisions, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, **with a view to considering, in the absence of substantial progress, the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

141. Archaeological site of Panamá Viejo and Historic District of Panamá (Panama) (C 790 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.141**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.126**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes the progress report on the preparation of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the property and requests the State Party to further develop it in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to integrate all components of the inscribed property and to meet the requirements of the *Operational Guidelines*;
4. Also notes the results of the 2009 joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission, endorses its recommendations and requests the State Party to implement them by **30 November 2009** and in particular to:
 - a) Develop an Emergency Plan for corrective measures that delineates a precise course of action for the conservation of the historic buildings and the rehabilitation of neglected buildings to address social lodging concerns.
 - b) Prepare the Emergency Plan within the framework of a broad participatory decision-making process and guarantee the commitment of the highest levels of authority to the conservation of the property;
5. Urges the State Party to:

- a) Approve of the revised legislative proposal to enhance the protection and the regulatory measures of the property and to establish one permanent management authority to ensure the sustainability of the management system of the property;
 - b) Continue developing a housing policy for the urban district in order to improve the living conditions of the low-income families and to reactivate technical and financial assistance from international cooperation agencies;
 - c) Define alternative routes to the Avenida Cincuentenario given the impacts on the property's Outstanding Universal Value, integrity and authenticity;
6. Also requests the State Party to, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, submit the following information to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS for evaluation and consideration by the World Heritage Committee prior to implementation :
- a) The intervention proposals for historic buildings within the protected area;
 - b) The proposed boundaries for the buffer zones of Panama Viejo and the Historic District, including the appropriate cartography and the legal framework for their regulation and protection;
 - c) A final report including the analysis and monitoring of the potential impacts derived from the construction of the Cinta Costera;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.142**

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Documents WHC-09/33.COM/7B and WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Corr,
- 2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.127**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
- 3. Notes the progress reported by the State Party in implementing the recommendations from the 2008 reactive monitoring mission report, particularly in regard to starting the revision of the buffer zone;

4. Also notes progress in deterring illegal demolitions and in strengthening institutional frameworks for the management of the property and requests the State Party to ensure the regulatory procedures for demolitions are strictly enforced;
5. Regrets that the State Party did not submit a completed Disaster Preparedness Plan, as requested in Decision **32 COM 7B.127** and notes with concern that it has not been finalised in light of the vulnerability of the place;
6. Takes note of the projects planned for the Historic Centre and also requests the State Party, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit to the World Heritage Committee their specific details for consideration by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

143. Chavín Archaeological Site (Peru) (C 330)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.143**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.129**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Notes with satisfaction progress made in measures to guarantee the conservation of the property and in developing the management plan and urges the State Party to finalise it to begin its implementation;
4. Requests the State Party to provide three printed and electronic copies of the finalised management plan for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies as soon as possible;
5. Encourages the State Party to precisely define a risk preparedness plan in light of the vulnerability of the site;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, in accordance to Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, architectural plans and specifications for public use facilities to be implemented at the property, as well as projects for river defences and the proposed new bridge, for review by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;

7. Further requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations.

144. Lines and Geoglyphs of Nasca and Pampas de Jumana (Peru) (C 700)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.144**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.130**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Urges the State Party to finalise the development of the management plan for the property and to secure adequate resources to sustain its implementation;
4. Takes note of the projects planned that might impact the property, in particular the Interoceanic Highway, the construction of a national airport and the proposed investment by the Regional Government, and requests the State Party, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit to the World Heritage Centre their specific details for review by ICOMOS;
5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

145. Historic Centre of Lima (Peru) (C 500 bis)

Decision: **33 COM 7B.145**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.120**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Requests the State Party to submit more detailed technical information in regard to current intervention projects.
4. Urges the State Party to reconsider the construction of a cable car, considering the potential impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and to implement the Directorial Resolution so that the Corredor Segregado is not constructed in light of the effects it would have on the Historic Centre,
5. Regrets that no specific information concerning Decision **28 COM 15B.120** was sent; and reiterates its request to provide updated information on the state of the management system, including the implementation of the Master Plan and the operation of the management unit;
6. Also requests the State Party, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to develop a draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. Takes note of the projects presented by the State Party and also requests the State Party, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit additional information on the current status and technical specifications for interventions at the Municipal Theatre, the Metropolitan Museum and the Municipal Programme for the Integral Urban Renovation of Lima, including an assessment of the potential impact of these programs on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property for review by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;
8. Also requests the State Party to invite a jointed World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess its current state of conservation and the potential impact of the proposed and approved projects on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

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

Decision: **33 COM 7B.146**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,

2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.128**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008), and the recommendations of the previous monitoring missions of 2002, 2004 and 2008,
3. Takes note of the decision taken by the State Party to halt construction of the planned “Marinas de Sacramento” project;
4. Notes with satisfaction progress made in establishing a management authority and encourages the State Party to technically and financially support its efficient operation as a coordinating and regulatory entity;
5. Requests the State Party, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to submit to the World Heritage Committee any new proposed projects potentially affecting the inscribed area, for review by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS;
6. Urges the State Party to fully develop and complete a comprehensive management plan for the property, including zoning and land use plans to be integrated into other planning tools;,
7. Invites the State Party to submit as soon as possible an International Assistance request to develop a proposal for the extension of the property;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for the examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

NATURAL PROPERTIES (continued)

AFRICA (continued)

147. Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Madagascar) (N 1257)

Decision: 33 COM 7B.147

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Expresses its utmost concern about the increase in illegal logging as well as other illegal resource exploitation in the Marojejy and Masoala National Parks, which are part of the serial property “Rainforests of the Atsinanana”, which might affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;

3. Takes note of the action plan that was developed by the Madagascar National Parks Board to address these threats and urges the State Party to ensure its urgent implementation;
4. Calls upon all State Parties to the *Convention* to ensure that illegal timber originating from Madagascar is prevented from entering their national markets;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 December 2009**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property, in particular on the impacts of illegal logging on Masoala and Marojejy National Parks as well as a report on the implementation of the action plan and other measures taken to address the threats from illegal logging and other threats, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

7C. REFLECTION ON THE TRENDS OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION

General Decision on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties

Decision: **33 COM 7C**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/7B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.129**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the process being followed to consult State Parties to ensure the accuracy of the state of conservation reports during their preparation, as presented in the introduction of Document *WHC-09/33.COM/7B* and requests the World Heritage Centre to make every effort to ensure that States Parties' input is included in these reports before they are distributed;
4. Recognizes the efforts on the inclusion of references in the Working Documents on State of Conservation to the image gallery of the web-pages of the World Heritage Centre and encourages States Parties to provide the World Heritage Centre, whenever possible, with verified electronic illustrative material;
5. Considers that its request, in Decision **32 COM 7B.129**, to add a link to illustrative material also aimed at providing background information on cases indicating the potential of visual impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of a property and to make visual impact simulations provided by States Parties available to Members of the World Heritage Committee;;

6. Encourages States Parties to provide electronic illustrations of proposed projects in their State of Conservation Reports and to make these available to the Members of the World Heritage Committee;
7. Acknowledging the increasing number of State of Conservation reports and that reviewing these is a key tool for ensuring the effective conservation and credibility of World Heritage properties,
8. Noting the results of the analytical document on trends provided with Circular Letter CL/WHC-09/03 and the in-depth discussion that took place at the 32nd session of the World Heritage Committee,
9. Also noting the increasing number of natural disasters affecting World Heritage properties, requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to prepare a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction at World Heritage properties and submit it for the examination by the Committee at its 34th session in 2010,
10. Also considers it desirable to receive from the World Heritage Centre a methodological framework for the processes of:
 - a) Initiating the consideration of a property in the State of Conservation reports,
 - b) Requesting a State Party progress or state of conservation report within a defined timeframe, and
 - c) Evaluating desired State of Conservation Statements submitted by State Parties;
11. Requests the World Heritage Centre to:
 - a) Prepare, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies, information on criteria, thresholds and processes applied for the initiation of State of Conservation reports and review of Desired State of Conservation statements for discussion at the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010;
 - b) Also prepare, in consultation with the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, a summary of the trends, changes and threats based on an analytical summary of the state of conservation of World Heritage properties over 5 years for discussion at the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010, with a view to make recommendations for prioritizing management efforts in the context of the Global Strategy;
12. Further requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, when preparing state of conservation reports, to distinguish between issues that impact or have the potential to impact on a site's Outstanding Universal Value from issues that may impact values that are not recognized as being of Outstanding Universal Value;
13. Notes that all reactive monitoring missions proposed in the draft decisions on State of Conservation of properties on the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger are currently suggested to be joint missions of the World Heritage Centre and at least one Advisory Body, and considers that this

has the potential to increase the overall budgetary requirements for missions and human resources;

14. Requests the World Heritage Centre to introduce a section on proposed missions to the relevant State of Conservation reports which outlines the objectives of a proposed mission as well as the specific roles and tasks of all bodies involved;
15. Also notes the petition on the Role of Black Carbon in the endangering of World Heritage properties and encourages all States Parties to exchange information on existing national policies, regulations and opportunities for immediate voluntary action to control the generation of black carbon that can affect World Heritage properties;
16. Also requests the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies to adopt a consistent approach to reporting on the impact of climate change on World Heritage properties and to ensure that future decisions in this respect are based on the Committee's Strategy to assist States Parties to implement appropriate management responses to climate change;
17. Further noting the profusion of terms used to describe the spatial and functional relationships among World Heritage properties, their buffer zones and the areas around these properties, requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to develop a glossary of terms in this respect, as well as proposed revisions to the *Operational Guidelines* regarding buffer zones, taking into account the results of the Expert Meeting on this issue for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
18. Also encourages all States Parties to fully implement paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines* by informing the World Heritage Centre of restorations, constructions and other projects that may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of a property in their territory.

8A. TENTATIVE LISTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES AS OF 15 APRIL 2009, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE *OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES*

Decision: 33 COM 8A

The World Heritage Committee

1. Having Examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 8.1** and **32 COM 8A** adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007); and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,

3. Stressing the importance of the process of revision and updating of Tentative Lists, as a tool for the regional harmonization of the World Heritage List and of long term planning of its development;
4. Takes note of the Tentative Lists presented in Annexes 2 and 3 of this document;
5. Also takes note that several States Parties (including, among others, Afghanistan, Brazil, Israel, Libya, Oman, Paraguay, São Tomé e Príncipe and Uruguay) are currently preparing revised or updated Tentative Lists;
6. Decides to adjourn the discussion on these matters to its 34th session in 2010.

8B. NOMINATIONS TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

CHANGES TO NAMES OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Decision: 33 COM 8B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Historical Monuments of Thatta as proposed by the Pakistani authorities. The name of the property becomes **Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta** in English and **Monuments historiques à Makli, Thatta** in French.

A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

A.1 ASIA / PACIFIC

A.1.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.2

The nomination of the **Korean Cretaceous Dinosaur Coast** has been withdrawn.

A.1.2 Extension of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Decision: 33 COM 8B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2*,
2. Approves the extension of the **Tubbataha Reef Marine Park, Philippines**, inscribed under natural **criteria (vii), (ix) and (x)** and takes note of the consequent revised name of the extended property of **Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park lies in a unique position in the centre of the Sulu Sea, and includes the Tubbataha and Jessie Beazley Reefs. It protects an area of almost 100,000 hectares of high quality marine habitats containing three atolls and a large area of deep sea. The property is home to a great diversity of marine life. Whales, dolphins, sharks, turtles and Napoleon wrasse are amongst the key species found here. The reef ecosystems support over 350 species of coral and almost 500 species of fish. The reserve also protects one of the few remaining colonies of breeding seabirds in the region.

Criterion (vii): Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park contains excellent examples of pristine reefs with a high diversity of marine life. The property includes extensive reef flats and perpendicular walls reaching over 100m depth, as well as large areas of deep sea. The remote and undisturbed character of the property and the continued presence of large marine fauna such as tiger sharks, cetaceans and turtles, and big schools of pelagic fishes such as barracuda and trevallies add to the aesthetic qualities of the property.

Criterion (ix): Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park lies in a unique position in the middle of the Sulu Sea and is one of the Philippines' oldest ecosystems. It plays a key role in the process of reproduction, dispersal and colonization by marine organisms in the whole Sulu Sea system, and helps support fisheries outside its boundaries. The property is a natural laboratory for the study of ecological and biological processes, displaying the ongoing process of coral reef formation, and supporting a large number of marine species dependant on reef ecosystems. The presence of top predator species, such as tiger and hammerhead sharks, are indicators of the ecological balance of the property. The property also offers a demonstration site to study the responses of a natural reef system in relation to the impacts of climate change.

Criterion (x): Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park provides an important habitat for internationally threatened and endangered marine species. The property is located within the Coral Triangle, a global focus for coral biological diversity. The reefs of the property support 374 species of corals, almost 90% of all coral species in the Philippines. The reefs and seas of the property also support eleven species of cetaceans, eleven species of sharks, and an estimated 479 species of fish, including the iconic and

threatened Napoleon wrasse. The property supports the highest population densities known in the world for white tip reef sharks. Pelagic species such as jacks, tuna, barracuda, manta rays, whale sharks and different species of sharks also are common here and the property is a very important nesting, resting and juvenile development area for two species of endangered marine turtles: green turtles and hawksbill turtles. There are seven breeding species of seabirds and Bird Islet and South Islet are breeding grounds to seven resident and endangered breeding species of seabirds. The critically endangered Christmas Island Frigatebird is a regular visitor to the property.

Integrity

The property comprises two atolls (North and South Atoll) and an emergent coral cay, Jessie Beazley Reef. It includes open sea with an average depth of 750 m and still displays a well preserved marine ecosystem with top predators, and a large number and diversity of coral reef and pelagic species. The property also hosts an important population of resident, nesting and feeding seabirds. The area is free of human habitation and activities and is of a sufficient size to maintain associated biological and ecological processes. The property is of an adequate size to ensure the complete representation of the key features and processes of the reef systems within it, although the maintenance of these values also requires measures to be taken outside the boundaries of the property in relation to some migratory species and the buffering of the property from threats to the marine environment that could occur in the wider area. A key aspect of the integrity of the property is the low level of fishing pressure, due to the no-take policies which are in place throughout its area.

Management and protection requirements

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park is legally protected through national protected areas legislation and a range of other environmental legislation which enable action to be taken against a wide range of threats. The implementation of the legislation is assisted by clear delegation to the management authority for the property. This is a remote property and its management is therefore a significant logistical challenge, requiring a well-equipped team with operational boats, well trained and well equipped staff and a sufficient operating budget for fuel, maintenance and accommodation to ensure a strong and responsive presence on the water. Tourism visitation requires careful planning and management to ensure the values of the property are maintained, and to respect the capacity of the property, as well as visitor safety and to ensure income is returned to both site management and local communities. There are threats to the property from shipping, marine litter, fishing, marine pollution and oil exploration. Thus effective buffer zone arrangements are needed, and internationally supported legislation to protect the property from shipping threats, and greater enforcement of marine litter regulation on the High Seas by the appropriate international organisations would be a significant benefit to the property.

4. Appreciates the State Party's efforts for acting on the Committee's 1993 recommendation that the area of the property be extended, and for the action in response to the Committee's previous consideration of state of conservation issues affecting the existing property;

5. Commends the State Party and specifically the Province of Palawan and the Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board for the progress in managing the property, and the allocation of increased budgets and equipment to the property, and also acknowledges the important technical and financial support provided by the Non Governmental Organisation partners;
6. Welcomes the inter-agency cooperation at the Provincial and National levels to support the extended property; and encourages these stakeholders to continue this work particularly towards improving enforcement and halting illegal fishing activities, assessing the relevance of designation of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas for the region surrounding the property, and ensuring the sustainable financing of the management of the property;
7. Also welcomes the boundary changes to oil concession areas near to the extended property which will reduce their potential impacts, and encourages the State Party to ensure that concession holders respect the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property; noting in particular the sensitivity of marine mammals to acoustic research methods and the potential risk to the values and integrity of the property from pollution;
8. Regrets that illegal fishing continues to affect the existing and extended property, and urges the State Party to continue to seek ways to increase compliance with the no-take policies within the extended property;
9. Requests the State Party to put in place a programme of ecological monitoring of the extended property, particularly the effect of climatic events on sea surface temperature and coral bleaching, storm frequency and other factors that could be related to climate change;
10. Also requests the State Party to develop a sustainable tourism strategy in collaboration with stakeholders and fishing community to ensure that increased tourism does not impact the Outstanding Universal Value or integrity of the property;
11. Further requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2011** a report on the state of conservation of the property, including progress in establishing a buffer zone, reducing illegal fishing activities, continued provision of adequate funding for the management of the property and the other issues noted above, for examination by the Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

A.2 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

A.2.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2*,
2. Inscribes the **The Wadden Sea, Germany and Netherlands**, on the World Heritage List under natural **criteria (viii), (ix) and (x)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The Wadden Sea is the largest unbroken system of intertidal sand and mud flats in the world, with natural processes undisturbed throughout most of the area. It encompasses a multitude of transitional zones between land, the sea and freshwater environment, and is rich in species specially adapted to the demanding environmental conditions. It is considered one of the most important areas for migratory birds in the world, and is connected to a network of other key sites for migratory birds. Its importance is not only in the context of the East Atlantic Flyway but also in the critical role it plays in the conservation of African-Eurasian migratory waterbirds. In the Wadden Sea up to 6.1 million birds can be present at the same time, and an average of 10-12 million pass through it each year.

Criterion (viii): The Wadden Sea is a depositional coastline of unparalleled scale and diversity. It is distinctive in being almost entirely a tidal flat and barrier system with only minor river influences, and an outstanding example of the large-scale development of an intricate and complex temperate-climate sandy barrier coast under conditions of rising sea-level. Highly dynamic natural processes are uninterrupted across the vast majority of the property, creating a variety of different barrier islands, channels, flats, gullies, saltmarshes and other coastal and sedimentary features. It is also one of the best-studied coastal areas on the planet, providing lessons of wider scientific importance for wetland and coastal management of international importance.

Criterion (ix): The Wadden Sea is one of the last remaining natural large-scale intertidal ecosystems, where natural processes continue to function largely undisturbed. Its geological and geomorphologic features are closely entwined with biophysical processes and provide an invaluable record of the ongoing dynamic adaptation of coastal environments to global change. There are a multitude of transitional zones between land, sea and freshwater that are the basis for the species richness of the property. The productivity of biomass in the Wadden Sea is one of the highest in the world, most significantly demonstrated in the numbers of fish, shellfish and birds supported by the property. The property is a key site for migratory birds and its ecosystems sustain wildlife populations well beyond its borders.

Criterion (x): Coastal wetlands are not always the richest sites in relation to faunal diversity, however this is not the case for the Wadden Sea. The salt marshes host around 2,300 species of flora and fauna, and the marine and brackish areas a further 2,700 species, and 30 species of breeding birds. The clearest indicator of the importance of the property is the support it provides to migratory birds as a staging, moulting and wintering area. Up to 6.1 million birds can be present at the same time, and an average of 10-12

million each year pass through the property. The availability of food and a low level of disturbance are essential factors that contribute to the key role of the nominated property in supporting the survival of migratory species. The nominated property is the essential stopover that enables the functioning of the East Atlantic and African-Eurasian migratory flyways. Biodiversity on a worldwide scale is reliant on the Wadden Sea.

Integrity

The boundaries of the property include all of the habitat types, features and processes that exemplify a natural and dynamic Wadden Sea. The large area of the property encompasses over 66% of the entire Wadden Sea ecosystems and is sufficient to maintain the critical ecological processes and to protect the key features and values. However the inscribed property would be strengthened by its further extension to include the area of the Wadden Sea which lies within the territory of Denmark.

The property is subject to a comprehensive protection, management and monitoring regime which is supported by adequate human and financial resources. Human use and influences are well regulated with clear and agreed targets. Activities that are incompatible with its conservation have either been banned, or are heavily regulated and monitored to ensure they do not impact adversely on the property. As the property is surrounded by a significant population and contains human uses, the continued priority for the protection and conservation of the Wadden Sea is an important feature of the planning and regulation of use, including within land/water-use plans, the provision and regulation of coastal defences, maritime traffic and drainage. Key threats requiring ongoing attention include fisheries activities, harbours, industrial facilities and maritime traffic, residential and tourism development and climate change.

Management and protection requirements

Maintaining the hydrological and ecological processes of the contiguous tidal flat system of the Wadden Sea is an overarching requirement for the protection and integrity of this property. Therefore conservation of marine, coastal and freshwater ecosystems through the effective management of protected areas, including marine no-take zones, is essential. The effective management of the property also needs to ensure an ecosystem approach that integrates the management of the existing protected areas with other key activities occurring in the property, including fisheries, shipping and tourism.

Specific expectations for the long-term conservation and management of this property include maintaining and enhancing the level of financial and human resources required for the effective management of the property. Research, monitoring and assessment of the protected areas that make up the property also require adequate resources to be provided. Maintenance of consultation and participatory approaches in planning and management of the property is needed to reinforce the support and commitment from local communities and NGOs to the conservation and management of the property. The State Parties should also maintain their commitment of not allowing oil and gas exploration and exploitation within the boundaries of the property. Any development projects, such as planned wind farms in the North Sea, should be subject of rigorous Environmental Impacts

Assessments to avoid any impacts to the values and integrity of the property.

4. Encourages the State Party of Denmark to submit a nomination of the Danish part of the Wadden Sea as soon as feasible to extent and complement the existing property and also encourages the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat as well as relevant experts that participated in the preparation of this nomination to provide support as required to the State Party of Denmark in preparing this nomination;
5. Requests the States Parties of Germany and the Netherlands to prepare and implement an overall Tourism Development Strategy for the property that fully considers the integrity and ecological requirements of the property and that provides a consistent approach to tourism operations in the property;
6. Acknowledges the research and control system provided by the States Parties of Germany and the Netherlands to mitigate the introduced species and encourage them to implement a strict monitoring programme to control invasive species associated with ballast waters and aquaculture in the property;
7. Also requests the States Parties of Germany and the Netherlands to strengthen cooperation on management and research activities with States Parties on the African Eurasian Flyways, which play a significant role in conserving migratory species along these flyways.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.5

The nomination of **Lena Pillars Nature Park** has been withdrawn.

A.2.2 Properties deferred or referred back by previous sessions of the World Heritage Committee

Decision: 33 COM 8B.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2*,
2. Inscribes **The Dolomites, Italy**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural **criteria (vii) and (viii)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:
Brief Synthesis

The nine components of The Dolomites World Heritage property protect a series of highly distinctive mountain landscapes that are of exceptional natural beauty. Their dramatic vertical and pale coloured peaks in a variety of distinctive sculptural forms is extraordinary in a global context. This property also contains an internationally important combination of earth science values. The quantity and concentration of highly varied limestone formations is extraordinary in a global context, whilst the superbly exposed geology provides an insight into the recovery of marine life in the Triassic period, after the greatest extinction event recorded in the history of life on Earth. The sublime, monumental and colourful landscapes of the Dolomites have also long attracted hosts of travellers and a history of scientific and artistic interpretations of its values.

Criterion (vii): The Dolomites are widely regarded as being among the most attractive mountain landscapes in the world. Their intrinsic beauty derives from a variety of spectacular vertical forms such as pinnacles, spires and towers, with contrasting horizontal surfaces including ledges, crags and plateaux, all of which rise abruptly above extensive talus deposits and more gentle foothills. A great diversity of colours is provided by the contrasts between the bare pale-coloured rock surfaces and the forests and meadows below. The mountains rise as peaks with intervening ravines, in some places standing isolated but in others forming sweeping panoramas. Some of the rock cliffs here rise more than 1,500 m and are among the highest limestone walls found anywhere in the world. The distinctive scenery of the Dolomites has become the archetype of a “dolomitic landscape”. Geologist pioneers were the first to be captured by the beauty of the mountains, and their writing and subsequent painting and photography further underline the aesthetic appeal of the property.

Criterion (viii): The Dolomites are of international significance for geomorphology, as the classic site for the development of mountains in dolomitic limestone. The area presents a wide range of landforms related to erosion, tectonism and glaciation. The quantity and concentration of extremely varied limestone formations is extraordinary in a global context, including peaks, towers, pinnacles and some of the highest vertical rock walls in the world. The geological values are also of international significance, notably the evidence of Mesozoic carbonate platforms, or “fossilized atolls”, particularly in terms of the evidence they provide of the evolution of the bio-constructors after the Permian/Triassic boundary, and the preservation of the relationships between the reefs they constructed and their surrounding basins. The Dolomites also include several internationally important type sections for the stratigraphy of the Triassic Period. The scientific values of the property are also supported by the evidence of a long history of study and recognition at the international level. Taken together, the combination of geomorphological and geological values creates a property of global significance.

Integrity

The nine component parts that make up the property include all areas that are essential for maintaining the beauty of the property and all or most of the key interrelated and interdependent earth science elements in their natural relationships. The property comprises parts of a national park, several

provincial nature parks and Natura 2000 sites, and a natural monument. Buffer zones have been defined for each component part to help to protect it from threats from outside its boundaries. The natural landscapes and processes that are essential to maintaining the property's values and integrity are in a good state of conservation and largely unaffected by development.

Management and protection requirements

As a serial property, the Dolomites require an adequately resourced, inter-provincial governance arrangement that ensures all five provinces with territory in the property are bound together within a common management system, and with an agreed joint management strategy and a monitoring and reporting framework for the property as a whole. Common policies and programmes for the management of public use and the presentation of the property are also required for the property and its buffer zones. The property requires protection from tourism pressures and related infrastructure.

Each of the component parts of the serial property requires its own individual management plan, providing not only for the protection and management of land use, but also the regulation and management of human activities to maintain its values, and in particular to preserve the qualities of its natural landscapes and processes, including extensive areas which still have wilderness character. Areas that are subject to more intensive visitation need to be managed to ensure visitor numbers and activities are within the capacity of the property in relation to the protection of both its values and the experience of visitors to the property. Adequate resources and staffing, and coordination between the staff teams in the different components of the property are also essential.

4. Notes that the decision to inscribe the property is made on the understanding that the State Party is in agreement with the following requests of the Committee, which should be implemented prior to the 35th session of the Committee in 2011 in order to address fully the requirements of the *Operational Guidelines*:
 - a) That the anticipated inter-provincial foundation: "Dolomiti – Dolomiten – Dolomitis – Dolomites UNESCO" is established following the inscription of the property and provided with the budget indicated by the State Party;
 - b) That an action-oriented overall management strategy for the whole of the serial property is developed, in consultation with the full range of relevant stakeholders, to establish:
 - (i) governance arrangements for the effective management of the property;
 - (ii) operational management actions, in relation to key themes specific to the nominated World Heritage property and the criteria for which it is inscribed;
 - (iii) monitoring and reporting on the State of Conservation of the property as a whole and the management effectiveness of the property and,
 - (iv) practical options to achieve the financial sustainability for conserving and managing the property;

- c) That complete individual management plans for each one of the component parts of the serial property are completed, to ensure consistent and effective delivery of the overall framework, as well as effective local management of conservation and use appropriate to the component part in question;
 - d) That a comprehensive strategy for sustainable tourism and visitor use covering the property, its buffer zones and considering appropriate links to the wider region is developed, in order to fully consider the requirements for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value and conditions of integrity of the property under the scenario of expected increase in visitation after the inscription. This strategy should aim to manage visitor levels in areas already at or over capacity, to prohibit intensification of infrastructure or inappropriate uses that could impact the values of the property, and to ensure effective presentation and tourism benefits compatible with the long-term conservation of the property;
5. Commends the State Party for the considerable efforts in implementing previous recommendations regarding the establishment of an appropriate serial property and for the measures taken to establish overall management arrangements for the property, and also takes note of the presentation of the different component parts in relation to the values of the property as a whole as an example of good practice;
 6. Requests the State Party to invite a mission to the property in 2011 to assess progress with the implementation of the overall management framework and governance for the property, the establishment of management plans for the different component parts of the property, and the establishment of a tourism strategy, in order to allow the World Heritage Committee to assess the progress that has been made in relation to its requests noted above.

B. MIXED PROPERTIES

B.1 ASIA / PACIFIC

B.1.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B*, *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2*,
2. Decides not to inscribe **Mount Wutai, China**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria;

3. Takes note that the geological values of the property are recognised through its inclusion in a national geopark, and encourages further work on this initiative integrated into the overall management of the cultural landscape of Mount Wutai;
4. Inscribes **Mount Wutai, China**, on the World Heritage List under cultural **criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi)**;
5. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief synthesis

Mount Wutai with its five flat peaks is one of the four sacred Buddhist mountains in China. It is seen as the global centre for Buddhist Manjushi worship. Its fifty-three monasteries, include the East Main Hall of Foguang Temple, with life size clay sculptures, the highest ranking timber building to survive from the Tang Dynasty, and the Ming Dynasty Shuxiang Temple with a huge complex of 500 'suspension' statues, representing Buddhist stories woven into three dimensional pictures of mountains and water. The temples are inseparable from their mountain landscape. With its high peaks, snow covered for much of the year, thick forests of vertical pines, firs, poplar and willow trees and lush grassland, the beauty of the landscape has been celebrated by artists since at least the Tang Dynasty – including in the Dunhuang caves. Two millennia of temple building have delivered an assembly of temples that present a catalogue of the way Buddhist architecture developed and influenced palace building over a wide part of China and part of Asia. For a thousand years from the Northern Wei period (471-499) nine Emperors made 18 pilgrimages to pay tribute to the bodhisattvas, commemorated in stele and inscriptions. Started by the Emperors, the tradition of pilgrimage to the five peaks is still very much alive. With the extensive library of books collected by Emperors and scholars, the monasteries of Mount Wutai remain an important repository of Buddhist culture, and attract pilgrims from across a wide part of Asia.

Criterion (ii): The overall religious temple landscape of Mount Wutai, with its Buddhist architecture, statues and pagodas reflects a profound interchange of ideas, in terms of the way the mountain became a sacred Buddhist place, endowed with temples that reflected ideas from Nepal and Mongolia and which then influenced Buddhist temples across China.

Criterion (iii): Mount Wutai is an exceptional testimony to the cultural tradition of religious mountains that are developed with monasteries. It became the focus of pilgrimages from across a wide area of Asia, a cultural tradition that is still living.

Criterion (iv): The landscape and building ensemble of Mount Wutai as a whole illustrates the exceptional effect of imperial patronage over a 1,000 years in the way the mountain landscape was adorned with buildings, statuary, paintings and steles to celebrate its sanctity for Buddhists.

Criterion (vi): Mount Wutai reflects perfectly the fusion between the natural landscape and Buddhist culture, religious belief in the natural landscape and

Chinese philosophical thinking on the harmony between man and nature. The mountain has had far-reaching influence: mountains similar to Wutai were named after it in Korea and Japan, and also in other parts of China such as Gansu, Shanxi, Hebei and Guandong provinces.

Integrity and authenticity

All the temples and landscape associated with the sacred Buddhist mountain are included in the nominated area. The integrity of some of the temple ensembles was threatened by uncontrolled development but this has been either reversed or is being controlled. For the landscape, the visual integrity relies on sustaining the beauty of the mountain and its forests so that the inseparability of the temples and the mountain can be appreciated together with their religious associations. The temples demonstrate a long history of construction and reconstruction. The exception is Foguang East Hall which with its statues has remained largely unreconstructed since the Tang Dynasty. The attributes such as the assembly of temples, the specific buildings that reflect the interchange of cultures, the relationship of buildings to the mountain landscape, the beauty of the forested landscape to the northwest, the pilgrim routes and the masterpieces within the temples, could be said to clearly reflect the outstanding universal value of the property.

Management and protection requirements

The following plans guide the management of the property: Conservation and Management Plan for the nominated World Heritage site (2005-2025) and the Master Plan of the Mount Wutai National Park (1987 and amended in 2005). Both plans are implemented by the National Park. A World Heritage Protection Division, part of the Wutai local administration, and provided with professional staff, will be responsible for the implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan.

6. Recommends that:

- a) Mount Wutai should be managed as a cultural landscape;
- b) More detailed monitoring indicators should be developed for the buildings and the landscape;
- c) The completed Conservation Plan for the Foguang Temple should be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review by ICOMOS.

B.2 EUROPE - NORTH AMERICA

B.2.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.8

The nomination of **Lonjsko Polje Nature Park – A Living Landscape and the Floodplain Ecosystem of the Central Sava Basin** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.9

The nomination of **The Cultural Landscape Orheiul Vechi** has been withdrawn.

C. CULTURAL PROPERTIES

C.1 AFRICA

C.1.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* et *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes **Cidade Velha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande, Cape Verde**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (ii), (iii) and (vi)**.
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

Cidade Velha, historic centre of Ribeira Grande demonstrates Outstanding Universal Value: Ribeira Grande was the first European colonial town to be built in the tropics, and marks a decisive step in European expansion at the end of the 15th century towards Africa and the Atlantic area. Ribeira Grande was subsequently, in the 16th and 17th centuries, a key port of call for Portuguese colonisation and its administration. It was an exceptional centre in the routes for international maritime trade, included in the routes between Africa and the Cape, Brazil and the Caribbean. It provides an early image of transcontinental geopolitical visions. Its insular position, isolated but close to the coasts of Africa, made it an essential platform for the Atlantic trade of enslaved persons of modern times. A place of concentration of enslaved persons and the inhuman practices of the trade of enslaved persons, Ribeira Grande was also exceptional in terms of the intercultural encounters from which stemmed the first developed Creole society. The valley of Ribeira Grande experimented with new forms of colonial agriculture on the boundary between the temperate and tropical climates. It became a platform for the acclimatisation and dissemination of plant species across the world.

Criterion (ii): The monuments, the remains still present in Ribeira Grande and its maritime and agro-urban landscapes, are testimony to its considerable role in international trade associated with the development of European colonial domination towards Africa and America and the birth of Atlantic triangular trade. They are testimony to the organisation of the first intercontinental maritime

trade, and Ribeira Grande's role as centre for the acclimatisation and dissemination of numerous plant species between the temperate and tropical zones, and between the various continents.

Criterion (iii): The urban, maritime and landscape of Ribeira Grande provides eminent testimony to the origins and the development of over three centuries of Atlantic trade of enslaved persons in modern times and its relationships of domination. It was a major place for its commercial organisation and the early experience of using enslaved persons to develop a colonial territory. The mixing of human races and the meeting of African and European cultures gave birth to the first Creole culture.

Criterion (vi): Ribeira Grande is directly associated with the material manifestation of the history of the enslavement and trafficking of African peoples, and with its considerable cultural and economic consequences. Ribeira Grande was the cradle of the first fully fledged mixed-race Creole society. Creole culture then spread across the Atlantic, adapting to the different colonial contexts of the Caribbean and Americas. Its forms affected many fields including the arts, social customs, beliefs, the pharmacopoeia, and cooking techniques. Ribeira Grande is an important initial link in an intangible heritage shared by Africa, the Americas and Europe.

Integrity and authenticity

The authenticity and integrity of the property is generally acceptable, but its fragility must be emphasised, together with the necessity of an ongoing policy of rehabilitation.

Management and protection requirements

The property's management system is satisfactory. However, its legal protection must be completed and the practical methods for the operation of the recent inter-agency management structures specified.

4. Requests that the State Party submits a report to the 34th session of the Committee in 2010 in order to provide elements of progress concerning the implementation of the Management Plan and the effective establishment of the management authority (2008-2012);
5. Further requests:
 - a) to confirm the progress made on the methods to protect the maritime buffer zone and provide the definitive map of the property and its buffer zone; and specify the surface area of the maritime extension;
 - b) to define various urban and architectural monitoring indicators in accordance with international standards, setting out levels of importance and urgency for the work to be carried out;
 - c) to preserve, in the property's future management, the relationship between the city and the rural and natural space of the valley, in order to conserve the spirit and, if possible, the testimony of the rich agricultural history of Cidade Velha.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Refers the nomination of the **Historic town of Grand-Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Include the N'zima village, wholly or partially, in the nominated property, in order to fully express its value;
 - b) Extend the buffer zone so as to make it into a single area;
 - c) Complete the comparative analysis by considering colonial urban planning more widely, primarily and in general on the African continent, at comparable periods;
 - d) Complete and confirm the legal measures and the bodies in charge of the preservation of the property, particularly the Building Permits Commission and the powers of the Cultural Heritage Centre;
 - e) Strengthen the practical and operational dimensions of the Conservation and Management Plan by adding a detailed inventory of the works to be carried out and a timetable of priority actions in order to guarantee the conservation of the property;
 - f) Confirm the setting up of the Operational Management Agency of the property and guarantee its material and human resources;
 - g) Define operational indicators (in addition to the current monitoring indicators), corresponding to precise, periodic, and quantified monitoring actions, by considering international standards in this area; and ensure that skilled personnel are present to implement these actions.

C.1.2 Properties deferred or referred back by previous sessions of the World Heritage Committee

Decision: 33 COM 8B.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Inscribes the **Ruins of Loropéni, Burkina Faso**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criterion (iii)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The dramatic and memorable Ruins of Loropéni consist of imposing, tall, laterite stone perimeter walls, up to six metres in height, surrounding a large abandoned settlement. As the best preserved of ten similar fortresses in the Lobi area, part of a larger group of around a hundred stone-built enclosures, they are part of a network of settlements that flourished at the same time as the trans-Saharan gold trade and appear to reflect the power and influence of that trade and its links with the Atlantic coast. Recent excavations have provided radio-carbon dates suggesting the walled enclosure at Loropéni dates back at least to the 11th century AD and flourished between the 14th and 17th centuries, thus establishing it as an important part of a network of settlements.

Criterion (iii): Loropéni is the best preserved example of a type of fortified settlements in a wide part of West Africa, linked to the tradition of gold mining, which seems to have persisted through at least seven centuries. Loropéni, given its size and scope reflects a type of structure quite different from the walled towns of what is now Nigeria, or the cities of the upper reaches of the river Niger which flourished as part of the empires of Ghana, Mali and Songhai. It thus can be seen as an exceptional testimony to the settlement response generated by the gold trade.

Integrity and Authenticity

The authenticity of the fortified settlements as ruins is not in doubt. Although the precise history of Loropéni is only recently coming into focus through the recent research programme, and its function still remains in part speculative, the integrity of the monument in terms of its status as the largest and best preserved fortified settlement is satisfactory. In time as more evidence emerges, it may be necessary to consider whether a larger area could encompass more of the attributes that are linked to its use, function and history.

Management and protection requirements

The Committee of Protection and Management for the Ruins of Loropéni, the Scientific Council for the study, conservation and development of the Ruins of Loropéni and the Management Plan which has been implemented since 2005 form a good basis for management of the ruins as a focal point for sustainable development within the local community.

4. Encourages the State Party, should further scientific investigations indicate that the values for which this property has been inscribed may be present over a larger area, to consider the presentation of an extension of a larger boundary for the property, or a series of sites within the State Party that are historically linked to the property, to further increase the integrity and/or authenticity of the Outstanding Universal Value.

C.2 ASIA / PACIFIC

C.2.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Refers the nomination of **Historic monuments of Mount Songshan, China**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to:
 - a) Consider further the relationship between some of the nominated sites and the central China sacred mountain, Mount Songshan and;
 - b) Consider how a nomination of some of the selected sites together with part of the mountain might reflect their value as an ensemble that manifests the power and influence the mountain had in constitutional, religious and ceremonial terms and how the simple worship of nature was transformed into a force that legitimized imperial power, under the guidance of Confucian thought;
 - c) Consider nominating the Observatory on its own as a site associated with technological development and the development of scientific ideas;
3. Recommends that, as the collection of ancient trees is a key quality of the area, greater recognition, survey and research should be provided to establish its cultural value as part of any future nominated ensemble;

Decision: 33 COM 8B.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes **Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System, Islamic Republic of Iran**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (i), (ii) and (v)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System demonstrates outstanding universal value as in its present form, it dates from the 3rd century CE, probably on older bases from the 5th century BCE. It is complete, with numerous functions, and large-scale, making it exceptional. The Shushtar system is a homogeneous hydraulic system, designed globally and

completed in the 3rd century CE. It is as rich in its diversity of civil engineering structures and its constructions as in the diversity of its uses (urban water supply, mills, irrigation, river transport, and defensive system). The Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System testifies to the heritage and the synthesis of earlier Elamite and Mesopotamian knowhow; it was probably influenced by the Petra dam and tunnel and by Roman civil engineering. The Shushtar hydraulic system, in its ensemble and most particularly the Shâdorvân Grand Weir (bridge-dam), has been considered a Wonder of the World not only by the Persians but also by the Arab-Muslims at the peak of their civilisation. The Gargar canal is a veritable artificial watercourse which made possible the construction of a new town and the irrigation of a vast plain, at the time semi-desert. The Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System sits in an urban and rural landscape specific to the expression of its value.

Criterion (i): The Shushtar Hydraulic System is testimony to a remarkably accomplished and early overall vision of the possibilities afforded by diversion canals and large weir-dams for land development. It was designed and completed in the 3rd century CE for sustainable operation and is still in use today. It is a unique and exceptional ensemble in terms of its technical diversity and its completeness that testifies to human creative genius.

Criterion (ii): The Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System is a synthesis of diverse techniques brought together to form a remarkably complete and large-scale ensemble. It has benefited from the ancient expertise of the Elamites and Mesopotamians in canal irrigation, and then that of the Nabateans; Roman technicians also influenced its construction. Its many visitors marvelled at it and were in turn inspired. It testifies to the exchange of considerable influences in hydraulic engineering and its application throughout antiquity and the Islamic period under the various Iranian dynasties.

Criterion (v): Shushtar is a unique and exceptionally complete example of hydraulic techniques developed during ancient times to aid the occupation of semi-desert lands. By diverting a river flowing down the mountains, using large-scale civil engineering structures and the creation of canals, it made possible multiple uses for the water across a vast territory: urban water supply, agricultural irrigation, fish farming, mills, transport, defence system, etc. It testifies to a technical culture dating back eighteen centuries serving the sustainable development of a human society, in harmony with its natural and urban environment.

Integrity and Authenticity

The integrity of the hydraulic footprint is good, but its functional integrity compared with the original model is only partial and reduced, notably for the dams; it remains good for irrigation and water supply. The authenticity of elements reduced to archaeological remains is certain, but has been affected by 20th century works and materials so far as the civil structures and sites still in use are concerned. Efforts directed to the restoration of attributes that demonstrate authenticity must be pursued.

Management and protection requirements

The components of the management plan are satisfactory, but they need to be improved in terms of the interpretation of the sites and the involvement of the local population.

4. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following points:
- a) Examine the future possibilities of combining irrigation and agricultural development with the expression of the universal value of the property, notably with regard to its dimension as an exceptional example of sustainable development,
 - b) Finalise, approve, and ensure the correct application of the conservation plan respecting the authenticity for the property's civil structures, monuments and functional sites,
 - c) Pay particular attention to consolidating the archaeological remains, monitoring and studying the underground elements, and renovating the old houses linked to the property and its landscapes,
 - d) Strengthen water quality control and pay particular attention to the hydraulic management of the river Kârun and its affluents upstream from Shushtar, especially the management of the weir-dams, and any future work,
 - e) Improve the interpretation of the property and the information and involvement of the local population.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes the **Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty, Republic of Korea**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (iii), (iv) and (vi)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The natural surroundings of the Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty, shaped by the principles of *pungsu*, create a delicate setting for the living tradition of ancestral worship and its associated rites. The royal tombs, with their hierarchical ordering of areas from the profane to the sacred, and their distinctive structures and objects, are an ensemble that resonates with the historic past of the Joseon Dynasty.

Criterion (iii): Within the context of Confucian cultures, the integrated approach of the Royal Tombs of Joseon to nature and the universe has resulted in a distinctive and significant funeral tradition. Through the application of *pungsu* principles and the retention of the natural landscape, a memorable type of sacred place has been created for the practice of ancestral rituals.

Criterion (iv): The Royal Tombs of Joseon are an outstanding example of a type of architectural ensemble and landscape that illustrates a significant stage in the development of burial mounds within the context of Korean and

East Asian tombs. The royal tombs, in their response to settings and in their unique (and regularized) configuration of buildings, structures and related elements, manifest and reinforce the centuries old tradition and living practice of ancestral worship through a prescribed series of rituals.

Criterion (vi): The Royal Tombs of Joseon are directly associated with a living tradition of ancestral worship through the performance of prescribed rites. During the Joseon period, state ancestral rites were held regularly, and except for periods of political turmoil in the last century, they have been conducted on an annual basis by the Royal Family Organization and the worshipping society for each royal tomb.

Integrity and Authenticity

As a serial nomination, the sites convey a complete understanding of the setting, layout and composition of the Joseon royal tombs. As individual sites, there are minor exceptions represented by part of sites included in the buffer zone. Urban development has affected the sight lines of some of the sites (Seolleung, Heolleung and Uireung), but it appears that urban construction is visible only near the top of certain tombs. Strict legislation now ensures that development within the buffer zones is controlled. Over time, elements of the sites have been repaired, restored and reconstructed. The burial areas have seen the least intervention, while the ceremonial and entrance areas have seen the most, and largely because the use of wood as a building material. The original function has been continued at all sites and a sacred atmosphere has been largely maintained, especially at the less urban sites. Regarding form and design, only a few entrances have been changed; overall, the Royal Tombs of Joseon have marked authenticity.

Management and protection requirements

Extensive legal protection, including traditional protection, exists, and an integrated management system is able to ensure consistency from property to property, including implementing and maintaining efficient measures in conservation initiatives and on-going property maintenance.

4. Recommends that the State Party :
 - a) Produce guidelines for appropriate development in the remaining 12 buffer zones;
 - b) Develop and implement a sustainable tourism management plan including in-depth site interpretation.

C.2.2 Properties deferred or referred back by previous sessions of the World Heritage Committee

Decision: 33 COM 8B.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,

2. Inscribes **Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain, Kyrgyzstan**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (iii) and (vi)**;

3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

Sulaiman-Too Mountain dominates the surrounding landscape of the Fergana Valley and forms the backdrop to the city of Osh. In mediaeval times Osh was one of the largest cities of the fertile Fergana valley at the crossroads of important routes on the Central Asian Silk Roads system, and Sulaiman-Too was a beacon for travellers. For at least a millennium and a half Sulaiman-Too has been revered as a sacred mountain. Its five peaks and slopes contain a large assembly of ancient cult places and caves with petroglyphs, all interconnected with a network of ancient paths, as well as later mosques. The mountain is an exceptional spiritual landscape reflecting both Islamic and pre-Islamic beliefs and particularly the cult of the horse. Sulaiman-Too corresponds closely to iconic images in the Universe of Avesta and Vedic traditions: a single mountain with a peak dominating four others, standing in the virtual centre of a vast river valley, and surrounded by and related to other mountains in the landscape system.

Criterion (iii): The rich concentration of material evidence for cult practices preserved on Sulaiman-Too mountain from pre- and post-Islamic times, together with its 'ideal' form present the most complete picture of a sacred mountain anywhere in Central Asia.

Criterion (vi): Sulaiman-Too presents exceptionally vivid evidence for strong traditions of mountain worship which have spanned several millennia and been absorbed successfully by Islam. It has had a profound effect over a wide part of Central Asia.

Integrity and Authenticity

The authenticity of the mountain, its cult places, uses and functions are without doubt, even given the numerous interventions over the past 50 years. However, since the sacred associations of the mountain are linked to its dramatic form rising from the surrounding plain, it is highly vulnerable to continuing new development on it and around its base. In order to protect its majesty, spirituality, visual coherence and setting and thus the full authenticity of the property, great vigilance will be needed in enforcing protection of its setting. The integrity of the mountain relies on protection of the cult places and their connecting paths as well as their visual linkages and views to and from the mountain.

Management and protection requirements

The management of the mountain and its setting is coordinated by a Site Management Council who oversees the implementation of the Management Plan and Action Plan. Its effective protection relies on approval of an agreed zoning arrangement within the Osh Master Plan. To protect the property and its buffer zone against modern developments during the period before the completion and final approval of the Legal Protection Zoning Document and the Osh Urban Master Plan, a map showing the agreed boundaries of the nominated area, of the buffer zone and its sub-zones have been distributed

as a reference to the responsible agencies of the Osh oblast, Osh city, Karasu district and Kyzylkyshtak rural area.

4. Recommends that the State Party should give consideration to the following:
 - a) Define urgently a sustainable tourism strategy that addresses visitor access issues and protection of the sacred sites and petroglyphs from visitor impacts;
 - b) Ensure that the proposed upgrading of the Sulaiman-Too National Historical and Archaeological Museum Complex's status will bring benefit in respect of funding, staffing (expertise on the conservation of petroglyph sites) and increased possibilities for capacity building;
 - c) Recommends to the State Party to integrate in the management plan measures which limit environmental degradation from uncontrolled access.

C.2.3 Extension of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Decision: 33 COM 8B.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Decides not to approve the extension of the **Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro**, to include the **Mehrgarh, Rehman Dheri and Harappa as an extension to the Indus Valley Civilization Sites, Pakistan**, on the World Heritage List;
3. Encourages the State Party to consider resubmitting Mehrgarh and Rehman Dheri as new nominations following additional research and comparative analyses;
4. Also encourages, in relation to Harappa, the State Party to consider resubmitting the site as an extension to the Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro following the strengthening of the management and conservation of the site, review of the property boundary and buffer zone, and further research to more firmly establish the specific links between the two archaeological sites.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.18

The extension of the **Sacred City of Kandy**, to include **the Seruwila Mangala Raja Maha Viharaya**, has been withdrawn.

C.3 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

C.3.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC-09/33.COM/8B and WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1,
2. Refers the nomination of **The Architectural and Urban Work of Le Corbusier, Argentina, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, and Switzerland**, back to the States Parties in order to allow them to:
 - a) Strengthen the justification of the Outstanding Universal Value to demonstrate the influence of the works of Le Corbusier on the architecture of the 20th century and the Modern movement,
 - b) Improve the delineation of buffer zones in relation to topography and visual parameters, and provide adequate protection,
 - c) Put in place management systems and/or management plans to give greater guidance to owners and to draw local authorities and local communities into the management process;
3. Considers that a revised nomination need not include all 22 of the component parts currently proposed, however, inclusion of any additional component parts in the series would require a new nomination;
4. Invites the States Parties to strengthen cooperation in order to ensure appropriate protection and management of the property by focusing attention on the buildings and urban ensembles;
5. Encourages the States Parties to continue work on the global coordination mechanism between the sites associated with Le Corbusier, as being beneficial whether or not these sites are inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.20

The nomination of **Tangible Spiritual Heritage of St. Euphrosyne of Polotsk** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes the **Stoclet House, Belgium**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (i)** and **(ii)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The Stoclet House is an outstanding testimony to the creative genius of the Wiener Werkstätte. It was designed and built in Brussels from 1905 to 1911 by one of the founders of the movement, the Austrian architect Josef Hoffmann, of whose work it is the masterpiece. The Vienna Secession movement bears witness to a profound conceptual and stylistic renewal of Art Nouveau. Ever since its creation the Stoclet House has been and remains one of the most consummate and emblematic realisations of this artistic movement, characterising the aesthetic research and renewal of architecture and decoration in the west at the start of the 20th century. The Stoclet House decoration was the work of a very large number of artists from the Wiener Werkstätte, including Koloman Moser, Gustav Klimt, Frantz Metzner, Richard Luksch, and Michael Powolny. They worked under the guidance of Hoffmann to achieve a Gesamtkunstwerk ('total work of art'), which is expressed simultaneously in every dimension – interior and exterior architecture, decoration, furniture, functional objects, and the gardens and their flower beds. From its creation the House inspired many architects in Belgium and other countries. It heralded Art Deco and the Modern Movement in architecture. It bears witness to the influence of the Vienna Secession, and the dissemination of its ideas in Europe at the start of the 20th century. It bears witness to a monument of outstanding aesthetic quality and richness, intended as an ideal expression of the arts. A veritable icon of the birth of modernism and its quest for values, its state of preservation and conservation are remarkable.

Criterion (i): Created under the supervision of the architect and interior designer Josef Hoffmann, the Stoclet House is a masterpiece of the creative genius of the Vienna Secession through its aesthetic and conceptual programme of Gesamtkunstwerk, through its architectural vocabulary, through its originality, and through the exceptional quality of its decoration, of its furniture, of its works of art and of its garden. It is a remarkably well conserved symbol of constructive and aesthetic modernity in the west at the start of the 20th century.

Criterion (ii): Drawing on the values of the Vienna Secession and its many artists, including Koloman Moser and Gustav Klimt, the Stoclet House was recognised from the beginning as one of the most representative and refined works of this school. Created in Brussels, a key location for Art Nouveau, it exercised a considerable influence on modernism in architecture and on the birth of Art Deco.

Integrity and Authenticity

The Stoclet House has great integrity in its external architecture, its interior architecture and decoration, its furniture, and its garden. All the elements necessary for the expression of this value are included in the nominated property. It has not undergone any major alterations. The buildings around the House and its urban environment have undergone few modifications. The only new building of any size in its vicinity has been designed in a way which allows for its presence in terms of the landscape integrity of the nominated property. The Stoclet House and all its elements are authentic.

Management and protection requirements

The management of conservation meets the most demanding criteria and international standards. The detailed programming of the works that have already been carried out would benefit from being extended to include work in the interior and in the garden.

4. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
 - a) Extending the management plan to include the assessment and programming of work on the interior and on the garden;
 - b) Confirming that the urban plans and town planning regulations that apply to the initial buffer zone apply to the whole of the extended buffer zone;
 - c) Putting in place an emergency intervention plan to apply in the event of a serious incident, and initiatives to raise the awareness and training of firemen required to intervene in such circumstances.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.22

The nomination of the **Cultural property of the historic town of Jajce** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.23

The nomination of the **Sites of Great Moravia: Slavonic Fortified Settlement at Mikulčice – Church of St Margaret of Antioch at Kopčany** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.24

The nomination of **Schwetzingen – A Prince Elector’s Summer Residence – Garden Design and Freemasonic Allusions** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.25

The nomination of **Italia Langobardorum. Places of power and worship (568-774 A.D.)** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Refers the nomination of the **Mercury and Silver Binomial: Almadén, Idrija and San Luis Potosí, Mexico, Slovenia and Spain**, back to the States Parties in order to allow them to:
 - a) Reconsider the definition of the property in San Luis Potosí, but also with its mining region, and more broadly in comparison with the other silver extraction sites using the amalgamation process in Mexico, to bring it into line with the mining and industrial theme of the mercury and silver binomial, and so to establish its Outstanding Universal Value. An inventory of the technical and industrial heritage linked to the silver mines would be necessary for such a redefinition;
 - b) Give consideration to a new name for the serial property, as the term Camino Real, specific to the Spanish colonial empire of the 16th to 18th centuries, is inappropriate for the Idrija site. The name must also reflect the two sites dedicated to the extraction of mercury;
3. Recommends that the States Parties should give consideration to the following points:
 - a) Reflecting on the extension of the property, on the one hand to include properties already inscribed because of silver mines in Bolivia and other countries in the Andes, and on the other hand to include the Huancavelica mercury mine in Peru;
 - b) Better integration into the definition of the property of the concepts of pollution and risks to human health that might arise from the production and use of mercury. The International Institute planned at Idrija for the study and the raising of public awareness of these issues is supported;
 - c) Inclusion of any additional component parts in the series not yet inscribed on the World Heritage List would require a new nomination.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes the **Tower of Hercules, Spain**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criterion (iii)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The Tower of Hercules is the only fully preserved Roman lighthouse that is still used for maritime signaling, hence it is testimony to the elaborate system of navigation in antiquity and it provides an understanding of the Atlantic sea route in Western Europe. The Tower of Hercules was restored in the 18th century in an exemplary manner, which has protected the central core of the original Roman monument while restoring its technical functions.

Criterion (iii): The Tower of Hercules is testimony to the use of lighthouses in antiquity. The Tower is also proof of the continuity of the Atlantic route from when it was first organised by the Romans, during a large part of the Middle Ages, and through to its considerable development in the modern and contemporary eras.

Integrity and Authenticity

The architectural integrity of the property, in the sense of a structurally complete building, and its functional integrity are satisfactory. While the authenticity of the central Roman core is certain, the authenticity of the building only makes sense when judged from the point of view of a technological property that has required numerous renovations and functional adaptations.

Management and protection requirements

The conservation of the property is monitored to a good scientific level. In the final analysis, all the measures and projects presented form an acceptable management plan. The role of the Tower Management Plan Monitoring Committee needs to be upgraded by virtue of its being the coordinating authority for the management of the property.

4. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
- a) Clarification of the relations between the Tourism Consortium, the responsibilities of which are currently only of a tourism and commercial nature, and the Tower Management Plan Monitoring Committee, the member organisations of which indicate that it is designed to be the real coordinating authority for the management of the property; the State Party should specify how it is to operate and its working schedule;
 - b) Production of a more comprehensive and more detailed management plan, to be examined by the World Heritage Committee in 2011;
 - c) Indication of who will assume the scientific responsibility for the future museum and visitor centre, given that the Tourism Consortium currently has no qualified personnel;
 - d) Installation of permanent monitoring of the hygrometry in the rooms associated with water infiltration and condensation phenomena, and planning of the necessary measures for ventilation and possibly limiting visits;
 - e) Development and strengthening of control over urban and outer urban development in the buffer zone that are commensurate with the monumental and landscape values of the property;
 - f) Provision of details about the progress on the interpretation and visitor centre.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Defers the examination of the nomination of the **Farms and Villages in Hälsingland, Sweden**, to the World Heritage List in order to allow the State Party to:
 - a) Reformulate the nomination to select a few exceptional decorated farmhouses that maintain their agricultural setting and could be said to be exemplars of the specific and local tradition of decorated farmhouses of the late 18th and 19th centuries in Hälsingland and possibly neighbouring regions;
 - b) Provide a more detailed comparative analysis of the best surviving decorated houses of the genre in order to demonstrate how the nominated ones compare to these;
 - c) Produce an overall management plan or system for the serial nomination, including emergency response procedures;
 - d) Ensure all nominated sites have legal protection for their interiors and that settings are adequately protected;
3. Considers that any revised nomination with revised boundaries would need to be considered by a mission to the site.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes **La Chaux-de-Fonds / Le Locle, watchmaking town planning, Switzerland**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criterion (iv)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The watchmaking urban ensemble of La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle demonstrates outstanding universal value as these twin manufacturing-towns constitute an exceptional example of organic urban ensembles entirely dedicated to a single industry. They have been constructed by and for watchmaking. They are the product of an extremely close symbiosis between socio-technical needs and responses provided by town planning choices. Watchmaking has given rise to a remarkable architectural typology

in the built structure. Housing designed for home working is situated alongside owners' houses, workshops, and more recent factories, in a homogeneous and rational urban fabric that is open to the outside. The two towns bear witness to the exceptional uninterrupted continuation of a living and world-renowned watchmaking tradition, which has succeeded in coping with the socio-technical and economic crises of the contemporary world.

Criterion (iv): La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle constitute a unique urban and architectural ensemble, wholly dedicated to watchmaking from the 18th century until the present day. Watchmaking space and living space co-exist in an extremely close relationship. The rational, pragmatic, and open planning of the urban space has encouraged the sustainable development of this mono-industry, as a 'manufacturing- town.'

Integrity and Authenticity

The integrity of the watchmaking vocation of the two towns of La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle is total, and has remained so for more than two centuries; furthermore, this vocation is still active. It is given concrete expression in the permanence of the ordered and cumulative street plans of the first half of the 19th century and the continuity of the basic architectonic motifs of the built structure, based on a comprehensive typology from the end of the 18th century until today. The typological and environmental study of post-1930 buildings shows some important disruptions (high buildings) but above all functional and architectural continuity (factories of the 1960s, workers' housing estates) with the earlier built structure. The numerical indexes based on precise data in the evaluation of the integrity and authenticity of an urban ensemble are useful.

Management and protection requirements

The day-to-day management process is carried out by the Communes and their urban planning and heritage departments. The Steering Committee for the nomination dossier became the Permanent Coordination Committee for the sites in March 2008. Its role is to designate a 'site manager' and set up various working groups. It is supported by a Multi-disciplinary Group whose role is to provide scientific and professional advice. The efficiency of the urban management already in place should continue.

4. Recommends that the State Party monitor carefully the construction of private garages in gardens inside the property.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes the **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal, United Kingdom**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (i), (ii) and (iv)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The Pontcysyllte Canal is a remarkable example of the construction of a human-engineered waterway in a difficult geographical environment, at the end of the 18th century and the start of the 19th century. It required extensive and boldly conceived civil engineering works. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is a pioneering masterpiece of engineering and monumental architecture by the famous civil engineer Thomas Telford. It was constructed using metal arches supported by tall, slender masonry piers. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal are early and outstanding examples of the innovations brought about by the Industrial Revolution in Britain, where they made decisive development in transport capacities possible. They bear witness to very substantial international interchanges and influences in the fields of inland waterways, civil engineering, land-use planning, and the application of iron in structural design.

Criterion (i): The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is a highly innovative monumental civil engineering structure, made using metal arches supported by high, slender masonry piers. It is the first great masterpiece of the civil engineer Thomas Telford and formed the basis of his outstanding international reputation. It bears witness to the production capacities of the British ironmaking industry, which were unique at that time.

Criterion (ii): The intensive construction of canals in Great Britain, from the second half of the 18th century onwards, and that of the Pontcysyllte Canal in particular in a difficult region, bear witness to considerable technical interchanges and decisive progress in the design and construction of artificial waterways.

Criterion (iv): The Pontcysyllte Canal and its civil engineering structures bear witness to a crucial stage in the development of heavy cargo transport in order to further the Industrial Revolution. They are outstanding representatives of its new technical and monumental possibilities.

Integrity and Authenticity

The integrity of the waterway has been maintained in hydraulic and civil-engineering structures that have remained in their original form. However, the historic embankments, made of rubble, have raised significant problems of stability and waterproofing, particularly in the second half of the 20th century. The repairs have involved the use of technical solutions that are different from the simple initial backfills, both for structural resistance and waterproofing: concrete, steel pilings, geotextiles, etc. From the point of view of integrity, these works have made it possible to maintain the hydraulic operation of the waterway and to conserve its overall morphological characteristics. The integrity of the landscapes and the buffer zone of the property contributes to the expression of the value of the property. The property has all the elements of integrity necessary for the expression of its value, as a major historic canal of the Industrial Revolution. The few structural changes that have been made to the two large aqueducts have remained secondary, contributing to maintaining the property in use. Changes in materials have remained restricted over the history of the property. During the 20th century repairs to masonry did not always use the original types of mortar or stone. The buildings associated with the canal

and its immediate environment usually achieve a good degree of authenticity.

Management and protection requirements

The technical and monumental management by British Waterways is satisfactory. The management plan is acceptable; it clearly defines the objectives of conservation, but it would be improved by a unified approach to the preservation of the buffer zone and the drafting of a plan for tourism development and site interpretation.

4. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following points:
- a) The property in its entirety should be inscribed on the Schedule of Ancient Monuments of the United Kingdom;
 - b) Protection in the buffer zone should be harmonised by the preparation of a single land-use planning document relating to the landscape and environmental protection of the property and including the various relevant regional regulations;
 - c) There should be particularly careful monitoring of the conversion project for the chemicals plant directly linked to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and its enhancement, reporting the development of this project and the landscape options adopted, and keeping the World Heritage Committee informed of all development projects in accordance with paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
 - d) In view of the large number of visitors and the probable growth in this number over future years, a thorough tourism development plan should be prepared as a section of the management plan. It should cover all issues relating to tourism, the coordination of tourism between all the property partners, and a homogeneous policy on the interpretation of the property.

C.3.2 Properties deferred or referred back by previous sessions of the World Heritage Committee

Decision: 33 COM 8B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Refers the extension of the **City of Graz – Historic Centre**, to include **Schloss Eggenberg, Austria**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to:
 - a) Extend the buffer zone to the road connecting the historic centre to the Castle along its entire length, through the intermediate zone urbanised

in the 20th century, so as to preserve the historic link that existed between the two elements;

- b) Strengthen the authority and broaden the scope of competence of the City of Graz Historic Centre World Heritage Coordination Bureau, which is in charge of the management plan.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the nomination of **The Causses and the Cévennes, France**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to:
 - a) Provide a more detailed inventory of the attributes of the property that relate to agro-pastoralism, in order to:
 - i) Justify the boundary of the property;
 - ii) Provide a basis for managing and sustaining the attributes, including processes and practices, that relate to agro-pastoralism;
 - b) Provide a nomination dossier that reflects the revised focus on agro-pastoralism and its manifestations;

Decision: 33 COM 8B.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B*, recognizes that the nomination entitled “Triple Arch Gate at Dan” (Israel) brings to the attention of the Committee one of the elements of a technological innovation that has outstanding universal value on the basis of criterion (ii), and more specifically, that the “Triple Arch Gate at Dan” bears witness to the early diffusion of the architectonic principle of the true radial arch, in the Middle East during the Middle and Late Bronze Ages, particularly in its most complete version, including voussoir bricks, for wide spans;
2. Takes note that the World Heritage Centre received the information presented by the State Party concerning legal and technical data according to **Decision 32 COM 8B.34**;
3. Requests the World Heritage Centre to facilitate the provision of the information which would enable the formal inscription of the property by the Committee at its 34th session.

C.3.3 Extension of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Decision: 33 COM 8B.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Approves the extension of the **Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans** to include the **Great Saltworks of Salins-les-Bains**, on the basis of **criteria (i), (ii) and (iv)** and the new denomination **From the Great Saltworks of Salins-les-Bains to the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans, the production of open-pan salt, France**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The saltworks in Salins-les-Bains and Arc-et-Senans demonstrate outstanding universal value in terms of the extent of the chronological timeframe during which the extraction of salt continued in Salins, certainly from the Middle Ages, and probably from prehistoric times, through to the 20th century. Spa activity has extended its use until nowadays. The saltworks also demonstrate outstanding universal value in terms of the specific nature of salt production in Salins-les-Bains and Arc-et-Senans, based on a technique of tapping sources of salt deep underground, the use of fire to evaporate the brine, and the 18th century innovation of the creation of a 21km pipeline to carry the brine between the two sites. The saltworks express their value as well for the exceptional architectural quality of the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans and its participation in the movement of ideas in the Age of Enlightenment. It is testimony to a visionary architectural project of a 'model factory.' Developed and built by the architect and supervisor of saltworks in Franche-Comté and Lorraine, Claude-Nicolas Ledoux (1736–1806), Arc-et-Senans is the modern and Utopian extension of the Great Saltworks of Salins-les-Bains.

Criterion (i): The Royal Saltworks at Arc-et-Senans is the first architectural complex on this scale and of this standard designed as a place of work. This is the first instance of a factory being built with the same care and concern for architectural quality as a palace or an important religious building. It is one of the rare examples of visionary architecture. The Saltworks was the heart of an Ideal City which Claude-Nicolas Ledoux imagined and designed encircling the factory. The unfinished Utopian architecture of the Saltworks still carries the full impact of its futuristic message.

Criterion (ii): The Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans bears witness to a fundamental cultural change in Europe at the end of the 18th century: the birth of industrial society. Besides being a perfect illustration of an entire philosophical current that swept Europe during the Age of Enlightenment, the Royal Saltworks heralded the industrial architecture that was to develop half a century later.

Criterion (iv): The saltworks of Salins-les-Bains and Arc-et-Senans provide an outstanding technical ensemble for the extraction and production of salt by pumping underground brine and the use of fire for its crystallisation, since at least the Middle Ages through to the 20th century.

Integrity and Authenticity

So far as its industrial and technical integrity is concerned, the historical enclosure of Salins-les-Bains is conserved as a distinct land area. The pumping installations and part of the saline water treatment structures (stoves) retain their integrity. The remaining above-ground buildings have been restored but without any alteration to their volume.

Changes over time mean that only fragments of the medieval complex remain, but the system governing the rapport between the production complex, the town, and the surrounding territory seems to have retained sufficient integrity. However, the disappearance of almost all the surrounding wall, leaving just the former entrance gate standing by itself, has broken down the separation between the saltworks and the urban fabric. Similarly, the new casino undermines the integrity of the site of the Great Saltworks because of its architecture and its location in the heart of the property. The remains of the Great Saltworks of Salins-les-Bains are authentic, notably those relating to the old pumps and brine treatment, and testimonies that are very rare in Europe. The modernist constructions added for the museum and the casino have respected the authenticity of the archaeological remains and the residual old buildings.

Management and protection requirements

The management system of the property is adequate; it has recently been institutionalized with a joint management authority and the guarantee of a management plan being implemented.

4. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
 - a) Publishing the designation decisions by the French Historical Monuments as requested in Salins-les-Bains and for the remains of the brine pipeline;
 - b) Disseminating the results of the studies and the options considered for urban traffic, parking areas, and redesignation actions for the urban centre of Salins-les-Bains, in order to foster the expression of the outstanding universal value of the property;
 - c) Considering a coordinated procedure for monitoring the two components of the property;
 - d) Not envisaging any new buildings or architectural changes in Salins-les-Bains as the architectural and landscape integrity has already been weakened.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Refers the extension of the **Churches of Moldavia** to include the **Church of the Resurrection of Sucevița Monastery, Romania**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Promulgate the management plan for the Painted Churches of Moldavia property, along with the section dealing with the management of Sucevița;
 - b) Establish the Coordination Committee and its local representative in Sucevița;
 - c) Define a tourism development plan for each of the properties, within the management plan, boosting tourism infrastructure and stipulating the protection measures to be implemented within the buffer zones in relation with the tourism projects;
 - d) Complete the management plan relating to the property nominated for the extension by adding a programme of planned conservation work;
 - e) Produce without delay the Regional Town Plan designed to guarantee that development in the buffer zone is compatible with the value of the property;
 - f) Strengthen cooperation between the partners in the management of the property: the Orthodox Church, the national, regional, and local public authorities, and private owners;
3. Recommends that the State Party ensure control of the likely increase in visitor numbers to the Monastery and the Church of Sucevița.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Approves the extension of **Spišský Hrad and its associated cultural monuments** to include **Levoča and the Work of Master Paul in Spiš**, on the basis of **criterion (iv)**, and the new denomination **Levoča, Spišský Hrad, and the associated cultural monuments, Slovakia**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The castle of Spišský Hrad, the town of Levoča, the associated sites in Spišské Podhradie, Spišská, Kapitula, and Žehra constitute a remarkable group of military, urban, political, and religious elements, of a type that was relatively common in medieval Europe, but of which almost none have survived in such a complete condition with equivalent integrity. Levoča, Spišský Hrad, and the associated cultural monuments is one of the most

extensive groups of military, urban, and religious buildings from the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance in Eastern Europe, the Romanesque and Gothic architecture of which has remained remarkably intact in Spišský Hrad, Spišské Podhradie, Spišská Kapitula, and Žehra, together with the urban plan of Levoča.–It is a group belonging to the same Saxon colonial settlement in the Middle Ages, of which it illustrates the material and cultural successes. It testifies to its role as a political, religious, and cultural centre of the first order over a long time-span in Eastern Europe.

Criterion (iv): Levoča, Spišský Hrad and the associated cultural monuments of Spišské Podhradie, Spišska Kapitula, and Zehra, extended to Levoča and the works of Master Paul in Spiš, constitute an outstanding example of a remarkably well preserved and authentic group of buildings which is characteristic of medieval settlement in Eastern Europe, in its military, political, religious, mercantile, and cultural functions.

Integrity and Authenticity

The Romanesque and Gothic architecture of Spišský Hrad and its associated cultural monuments, one of the most extensive groups of 13th and 14th century military, political, and religious buildings in Eastern Europe, has remained remarkably intact. The degree of authenticity of the property is satisfactory. Special attention should, however, be given to the quality of the maintenance and restoration work on the private buildings of Levoča.

Management and protection requirements

The protection of the property and the management plan and its practical organization are adequate. However, they need to be strengthened and improved in certain respects and the management plan needs to be published.

4. Recommends that the State Party publish the management plan for the whole of the property and providing a copy in one of the two working languages of the *Convention* as soon as it is available;
5. Also recommends as regards Levoča that:
 - a) Special attention should be paid to monitoring the atmosphere in St Jacob's Church, because of the fragile state of conservation of the polychromatic wooden works of Master Paul, and if necessary to providing ventilation and regulating visits;
 - b) Consolidation of financial resources is needed for the works required to renovate and maintain St Jacob's Church;
 - c) The traffic and transport plan should be strengthened, in order to ensure better expression of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and improved conditions for visitors;
 - d) The tourist accommodation inside the property and the buffer zone should be analysed, and that specific directives should be considered to control its development and recommend rules of good practice;

- e) In connection with the management plan the policy for receiving visitors and for the economic development and interpretation of the property should be made more specific;
- f) The municipal fire-fighting plan should be strengthened by means of a detailed intervention scheme for the historic town.

C.4 LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

C.4.1 New Nominations

Decision: 33 COM 8B.37

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Defers the examination of the nomination of the **Gold Route in Paraty and its landscape, Brazil**, to the World Heritage List in order to allow the State Party to revise its dimension and denomination as a mixed property, highlighting its exceptional natural and cultural values;
3. Considers that any revised nomination with revised boundaries would need to be considered by a mission to the site.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.38

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*,
2. Inscribes the **Sacred City of Caral-Supe, Peru**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

Brief Synthesis

The Sacred City of Caral-Supe reflects the rise of civilisation in the Americas. As a fully developed socio-political state, it is remarkable for its complexity and its impact on developing settlements throughout the Supe Valley and beyond. Its early use of the quipu as a recording device is considered of great significance. The design of both the architectural and spatial components of the city is masterful, and the monumental platform mounds and recessed circular courts are powerful and influential expressions of a consolidated state.

Criterion (ii): Caral is the best representation of Late Archaic architecture and town planning in ancient Peruvian civilisation. The platform mounds, sunken circular courts, and urban plan, which developed over centuries, influenced nearby settlements and subsequently a large part of the Peruvian coast.

Criterion (iii): Within the Supe Valley, the earliest known manifestation of civilisation in the Americas, Caral is the most highly-developed and complex example of settlement within the civilisation's formative period (the Late Archaic period).

Criterion (iv): Caral is impressive in terms of the design and complexity of its architectural and spatial elements, especially its monumental earthen platform mounds and sunken circular courts, features that were to dominate a large part of the Peruvian coast for many centuries.

Integrity and Authenticity

Caral is remarkably intact, largely because of its early abandonment and late discovery. Once abandoned, it appears to have been occupied only twice and then not systematically: once in the so-called Middle Formative or Early Horizon, about 1000 B.C.; and once in the States and Lordships period, between 900 and 1440 A.D. Since both these settlements were on the outskirts of the city, they did not disturb the ancient architectural structures. In addition, since the site lacked gold and silver finds, there was little looting. The site has no modern permanent constructions in its immediate surroundings (except for tourism facilities built from local materials). It is part of a cultural and natural landscape of great beauty, relatively untouched by development. Most development has occurred in low valley areas near Lima (to the south of the site). The middle Supe Valley, where the site is located, is an area dedicated to non-industrialised agriculture. There is little argument about the authenticity of the site. Radiocarbon analysis carried out by the Caral-Supe Special Archaeological Project (PEACS) at the Caral site confirms that the development of the site can be located in time between the years 3000 to 1800 B.C. and, more specifically, to the Late Archaic Period.

Management and protection requirements

The management system in place is adequate, and a recently modified Management Plan (as of late 2008) has been implemented. The modified plan includes regulations to guarantee the preservation and conservation of the property.

4. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following points:
 - a) Clarifying the acceptable level(s) of intervention for consolidating archaeological structures and once clarified, developing detailed guidelines for such intervention(s);
 - b) Providing further information on the timetable for the burial or reburial of quincha (wattle-and-daub) architecture and regarding the decision-making process as to which buildings and structures should remain exposed for visitors and the basis for such decision-making.

EXAMINATION OF MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

A.1 LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

Decision: 33 COM 8B.39

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2*,
2. Approves the proposed minor modification to the boundary of **Manú National Park, Peru**, in order to rationalize the property boundaries so that they include the entire Manú National Park, and considers that this minor modification will enhance the integrity and protection of the property, and facilitate its more effective management;
3. Encourages the State Party to enhance its efforts to implement the management regime in place for Manú National Park within the extended property and to manage the lands adjacent to the property to guarantee the conservation of its values and integrity from threats arising from outside its boundaries;
4. Takes note of the reported pressures on the existing World Heritage property that have been reported through the evaluation of this minor modification;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and the threats to its Outstanding Universal Value and integrity, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

B. MIXED PROPERTIES

B.1 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

Decision: 33 COM 8B.40

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B*, *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2*,

2. Approves the proposed minor modification to the boundary of the **Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, on the basis of natural criterion (vii);
 3. Encourages the States Parties of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania to cooperate towards the preparation of a new nomination for a transboundary extension of the property to include the Albanian part of Lake Ohrid and its watershed, in order to strengthen the values and integrity of the property;
 4. Approves the proposed minor modification to the boundary of the **Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, on the basis of cultural criteria (i), (iii) and (iv) ;
 5. Notes that negotiations have been initiated with the State Party of Albania on the issue of a possible trans-boundary nomination of Lake Ohrid;
 6. Considers that such a transboundary nomination should be for a mixed property, as is the existing property, and therefore urges consideration of the cultural aspects of the Albanian lake shore.
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C. CULTURAL PROPERTIES

C.1 ARAB STATES

Decision: 33 COM 8B.41

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the examination of the proposed buffer zones for **Tipasa, Algeria**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Revise the boundary of the proposed buffer zone to include the port area;
 - b) Provide details of the status of the buffer zone and what protection it will afford the inscribed property as well as what protection will be given to archaeological remains associated with those in the property;
 - c) Clarify whether the Kbor er Roumia will be provided with a buffer zone.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.42

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the examination of the proposed buffer zones for the **Amphitheatre of El Jem, Tunisia**, back to the State Party to allow it to provide information on the institutional arrangements and regulatory measures to manage and control development within the proposed buffer zone.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.43

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Decides not to approve the minor modification of the boundaries **Kairouan, Tunisia**;
3. Refers the examination of the proposed buffer zones for **Kairouan, Tunisia**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Review the existing proposal to delineate a buffer zone so as to ensure the proper conservation and protection of the Property. The buffer zone should also seek to integrate the three components of the World Heritage property;
 - b) Provide information on the criteria for defining the buffer zone, existing regulations and measures to secure protection and arrangements for effective management.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.44

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the examination of the proposed buffer zones for the **Medina of Sousse, Tunisia**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Consider the enlargement of the buffer zone so as to effectively and adequately conserve and protect the property. The State Party may wish to extend the buffer zone to 200m beyond the ramparts, where possible,

thus following the requirements of the Heritage regulations and the listing of the ramparts as “monument historique” (Decree of 25 January 1922);

- b) Precisely identify regulatory measures to mitigate the impact of interventions at historic monuments and of new developments on the integrity of the property. Intersectorial management arrangements should also be explored to ensure the implementation of said regulations by all stakeholders involved in the conservation and management of the property.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.45

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the examination of the proposed buffer zones for the **Medina of Tunis, Tunisia**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Clarify the areas of the proposed property boundary and that of the buffer zone in relation to those provided with a map of 1984 showing 7 areas surrounded by an “area of environment”;
 - b) Review the existing proposal to delineate a buffer zone so as to ensure the proper conservation and protection of the property, taking into consideration its values and its integration with the setting;
 - c) Provide information on how the proposed area will be managed and the regulatory measures foreseen for the buffer zone. Information on how these measures articulate with other planning tools for the place and the mechanisms for implementation should be provided;
 - d) Consider requesting a mission to the property to consider the proposed boundaries in conjunction with the retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, when completed.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.46

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the examination of the proposed buffer zones for the **Punic Town of Kerkuane and its Necropolis, Tunisia**, back to the State Party to allow it to:
 - a) Clearly delineate an area that promotes the integration between the two components of the inscribed serial property to adequately protect and

conserve the property. Current land uses and cadastral plans should be considered for the delimitation of the buffer zone;

- b) Provide information regarding the administrative and regulatory measures for the buffer zone as well the prescribed policies for its management.

C.2 ASIA / PACIFIC

Decision: 33 COM 8B.47

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the proposed minor modification to the boundary of the **Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa, China**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to:
 - a) Reconsider to supplement the delineation of information provided on the property and the buffer zone for the Potala Palace, to bring the boundaries in line with the 1993 nomination map;
 - b) Bring the buffer zone for Jokhang Temple in line with that shown in the nomination file;
 - c) Bring the buffer zone for Norbulinka in line with that shown in the nomination file;
 - d) Provide a scaled map of the three buffer zones;
 - e) Provide details of height restrictions for the buffer zones, related to the protected perspectives;
 - f) Submit, when completed, a copy of the revised Urban Plan for Lhasa.

C.3 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

Decision: 33 COM 8B.48

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Approves the proposed buffer zone for **Old Rauma, Finland**;
3. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:

- a) The designation of viewpoints within and outside the buffer zone from which view corridors will be protected in the case of development within the buffer zone;
- b) The development of a comprehensive Management Plan to cover the nominated area, the buffer zone, and view corridors from any designated locations outside the buffer zone, such as the approach to Old Rauma from the harbour.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.49

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Approves the proposed buffer zone for the **Chartres Cathedral, France**.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.50

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Decides not to approve the proposed minor modification to the boundary of the **Aachen Cathedral, Germany**, and considers that the current proposal has a significant impact on the extent of the property and affects its outstanding universal value;
3. Decides not to approve the proposed name change from Aachen Cathedral to Aachen Cathedral with the Carolingian Palace Complex.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.51

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Approves the proposed buffer zone for the **Hanseatic City of Lübeck, Germany**;
3. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
 - a) The Management Plan currently being prepared for the World Heritage Site should be comprehensive and cover the nominated areas, the buffer zone and the view corridors from the designated locations outside the buffer zone;

- b) Information should be provided on the archaeological remains and urban area within the buffer zone, particularly in relation to the bastion fortifications, which make an important contribution to the understanding of the power and historic role of the Hansa.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.52

The proposed minor modification to the boundary of the **Völklingen Ironworks** has been withdrawn.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.53

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1.Add*,
2. Refers the proposed buffer zone for the **Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches, Spain**, back to the State Party in order to allow it to finalize the management plan for the property.

Decision: 33 COM 8B.54

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/8B*, *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1*, *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B1add* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.8B2* and having reflected upon its discussions on the inscriptions of properties to the World Heritage List;
2. Recognizes the reluctance of the World Heritage Committee to endorse the recommendations of the Advisory Bodies regarding deferral of the examination of properties and requests the Advisory Bodies to prepare a background document on the processes, benchmarks and time constraints resulting from World Heritage Decisions on referral and deferral for information to the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee (2010);
3. Notes that questions addressed to the State Party presenting a nomination which concern the justification of Outstanding Universal Value, application and validity of inscription criteria, and the preferred outcome, may invite advocacy and should in general be avoided;
4. Requests that in evaluating minor modifications and retrospective statements of Outstanding Universal Value, the Advisory Bodies review their recommendations with the State Party within a reasonable timeframe and prior to their submission to the World Heritage Committee for adoption.

8C. UPDATE OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

Decision: 33 COM 8C.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following the examination of the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (*WHC-09/33.COM/7B*, *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Add* and *WHC-09/33.COM/7B.Corr*) and of proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (*WHC-09/33.COM/8B*),
2. Decides to **inscribe** the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Belize, Belize Barrier Reef System (Decision **33 COM 7B.33**)
 - Colombia, Los Katios National Park (Decision **33 COM 7B.36**)
 - Georgia, Historical Monuments of Mtskheta (Decision **33 COM 7B.102**)

Decision: 33 COM 8C.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following the examination of the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (*WHC-09/33.COM/7A*, *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add* and *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add.2*, *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Corr*),
2. Decides to **maintain** the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Afghanistan, Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Decision **33 COM 7A.20**)
 - Afghanistan, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley, (Decision **33 COM 7A.21**)
 - Central African Republic, Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.1**)
 - Chile, Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Decision **33 COM 7A.28**)
 - Côte d'Ivoire, Comoé National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.2**)
 - Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea, Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Decision **33 COM 7A.3**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Virunga National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.4**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.5**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Garamba National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.6**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Salonga National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.7**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo, Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Decision **33 COM 7A.8**)

- Ecuador, Galápagos Islands (Decision **33 COM 7A.13**)
- Egypt, Abu Mena (Decision **33 COM 7A.15**)
- Ethiopia, Simien National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.9**)
- India, Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (Decision **33 COM 7A.12**)
- Iraq, Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Decision **33 COM 7A.16**)
- Iraq, Samarra Archaeological City (Decision **33 COM 7A.17**)
- Islamic Republic of Iran, Bam and its Cultural Landscape (Decision **33 COM 7A.22**)
- Jerusalem, Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (Decision **33 COM 7A.18**)
- Niger, Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Decision **33 COM 7A.10**)
- Pakistan, Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Decision **33 COM 7A.23**)
- Peru, Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Decision **33 COM 7A.29**)
- Philippines, Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Decision **33 COM 7A.24**)
- Senegal, Niokolo Koba National Park (Decision **33 COM 7A.11**)
- Serbia, Medieval Monuments of Kosovo (Decision **33 COM 7A.27**)
- United Republic of Tanzania, Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (Decision **33 COM 7A.14**)
- Venezuela, Coro and its Port (Decision **33 COM 7A.30**)
- Yemen, Historic Town of Zabid (Decision **33 COM 7A.19**)

Decision: 33 COM 8C.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Following the examination of the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (*WHC-09/33.COM/7A*, *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add* and *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Add.2*, *WHC-09/33.COM/7A.Corr*),
2. Decides to **remove** the following properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Azerbaijan, Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Decision **33 COM 7A.25**)
 - Germany, Dresden Elbe Valley (Decision **33 COM 7A.26**)

8D. CLARIFICATIONS OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AND SIZES BY STATES PARTIES IN RESPONSE TO THE RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

Decision: 33 COM 8D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8D*,
2. Recalling Decisions **30 COM 11A.2**, **31 COM 11A.2** and **32 COM 8D**, adopted at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006), 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions respectively,
3. Recalls that, as decided at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) by Decision **31 COM 11A.2**, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies will not be able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitation of such properties as inscribed is unclear;
4. Congratulates States Parties in the Europe Region and the State Party of Algeria on the excellent work accomplished in the clarification of the delimitation of their World Heritage properties and thanks them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;
5. Takes note of the clarifications of property boundaries and sizes provided by the following States Parties in the European and Arab Regions in response to the Retrospective Inventory, as presented in the Annex of Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8D*:
 - Algeria: Tipasa;
 - Austria: Semmering Railway;
 - Belarus/Poland: Belovezhskaya Pushcha/Białowieża Forest;
 - Bulgaria: Madara Rider; Rila Monastery;
 - Croatia: Old City of Dubrovnik; Historic City of Trogir;
 - Czech Republic: Holašovice Historical Village Reservation;
 - France: Chartres Cathedral;
 - Germany: St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Michael's Church in Hildesheim; Pilgrimage Church of Wies; Hanseatic City of Lübeck;
 - Greece: Archaeological Site of Delphi; Acropolis, Athens; Meteora; Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus; Archaeological Site of Olympia; Monastery of Daphni, Hosios Loukas and Nea Moni of Chios;
 - Holy See/Italy: Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura;
 - Italy: Castel del Monte; 18th-Century Royal Palace at Caserta with the Park, the Aqueduct of Vanvitelli and the San Leucio Complex; Cathedral, Torre Civica and Piazza Grande, Modena; Archaeological Areas of Pompei, Herculaneum and Torre Annunziata; Cilento and Vallo di Diano National Park with the Archaeological sites of Paestum and Velia, and the Certosa di Padula;
 - Montenegro: Durmitor National Park;

- Turkey: Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği; Hattusha: the Hittite Capital; Nemrut Dağ; Xanthos-Letoon; Archaeological Site of Troy.
6. Requests the European and Arab States Parties which have not yet answered the questions raised in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 within the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all requested clarifications and documentation as soon as possible and by **1 December 2009** at the latest.

8E: ADOPTION OF RETROSPECTIVE STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

Decision: 33COM 8E

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8E*,
2. Adopts the retrospective Statements of Significance, as presented in the Annex of Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8E*, for the following World Heritage properties:
Poland: Cracow's Historic Centre; Wieliczka Salt Mine; Historic Centre of Warsaw; Old City of Zamość; Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork;
3. Adopts the retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as presented in the Annex of Document *WHC-09/33.COM/8E*, for the following World Heritage property: Bulgaria: Srebarna Nature Reserve ;
4. Decides to adjourn until its next ordinary session the examination of the remainder of document *WHC-09/33.COM/8E*.

9. DISCUSSION ON THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

Decision: 33 COM 9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/9*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 9** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Welcomes and approves the second compendium prepared by ICOMOS and IUCN.

10A. SERIAL TRANSNATIONAL NOMINATIONS

Decision: 33 COM 10A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/10A,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 10B** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Thanking the Government of Germany for having hosted the Workshop on natural serial properties in Vilm, (Germany, 26 - 30 November 2008) as well as all the experts who contributed to it,
4. Takes note of the outcomes and conclusions of the Workshop published in the BfN-Skripten series, as well as the analysis of the present situation of “Serial natural World Heritage Properties” prepared for publication by IUCN and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation as Number 6 in IUCN’s series of World Heritage Studies;
5. Welcomes the offer of the government of Switzerland to host an expert meeting on natural and cultural serial World Heritage properties in the first half of 2010, which will take into account the results of the 2008 workshop on natural serial properties in Vilm (Germany);
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present the conclusions and recommendations of the above-mentioned expert meeting at its 34th session in 2010.

10B. GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

Decision: 33 COM 10B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/10B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **7 EXT.COM 11**, **31 COM 14**, **32 COM 18** adopted respectively at its 7th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), 31st (Christchurch, 2007), and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions,
3. Encourages the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies and State Parties to continue to support the broadening of the content of the global training strategy and welcomes the establishment of the World Heritage Training and Research Institutes in Bahrain and Brazil and requests the World Heritage Centre to inform the Committee regularly on the development of such Institutes;
4. Also requests the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM, IUCN, the States Parties and supporting institutions to prioritize identification of extra-budgetary funds for the

implementation the Natural World Heritage Training and Capacity Development Programme proposal;

5. Decides to allocate USD 141,000 for developing interactive formats of the finalized manuals and for the development of the following two titles of Resource Manuals during the biennium 2010-2011:
 - a) Assessing and monitoring impacts of proposed developments and tourism/public use activities on the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage properties taking into account the existing World Heritage manual on tourism and the upcoming workshop on sustainable tourism to take place at the Mogao Caves World Heritage site in China in September/October 2009,
 - b) Tentative Lists as a component of the Nominations Manual.

10C. THEMATIC STUDIES

Decision: 33 COM 10C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/10C*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 10A** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Having reviewed the application of the thematic studies and their contribution to the global strategy based on the underrepresented categories developed by the advisory bodies,
4. Requests the Advisory Bodies, in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, to incorporate into Annex III of the *Operational Guidelines* references to the thematic studies included in document *WHC-09/33.COM/10C*;
5. Welcomes the proposed thematic studies programmes of the Advisory Bodies;
6. Also welcomes the proposal for a new IUCN thematic study on marine World Heritage in the 'Draft Bahrain Action Plan for Marine World Heritage' and commends the State Party of Bahrain, IUCN and the World Heritage Centre for their efforts in developing the Draft Action Plan; and recognizes the contributions from partners and donors including the State Party of Belgium;
7. Notes the intention of IUCN to present the completed thematic study on marine World Heritage to the 35th session of the Committee in 2011; invites States Parties to the *Convention* to provide comments to IUCN on the 'Draft Bahrain Action Plan for Marine World Heritage' by **1 December 2009**, and also notes that this thematic study should strengthen the contribution of the *World Heritage Convention* towards the commitments arising from the Convention on Biological Diversity and the World Summit on Sustainable Development for increasing the global extent of marine protected areas;

8. Further notes that this thematic study will help to reinforce the protected marine areas which are currently on the Tentative List of the States Parties;
9. Invites States Parties to the *Convention* to consider providing extra-budgetary assistance to support the thematic studies programmes of the Advisory Bodies as identified above and by the Committee at previous sessions, and to also identify opportunities to support translation of completed studies;
10. Requests the World Heritage Centre with the Advisory Bodies to present a report on the thematic studies and their continuing prioritization at the 35th session of the Committee in 2011.

11A. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SECOND CYCLE OF PERIODIC REPORTING IN THE ARAB STATES

Decision: 33 COM 11A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/11A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 11D.1** and **32 COM 11B**, adopted respectively at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) and at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre on progress accomplished in the implementation of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Arab States;
4. Thanks the States Parties of the Arab region which have engaged in the Periodic Reporting process for their active involvement;
5. Also thanks the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and ALECSO for their support;
6. Requests the States Parties of the Arab region to revise or prepare all the missing retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value concerning properties situated in their territories and to submit in accordance with the periodic report calendar for review in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. Also requests the States Parties of the Arab region to complete the two sections of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire by **31 July 2009** according to the time table agreed upon at the Bahrain Regional meeting in December 2008;
8. Further requests the States Parties of the Arab region that have not yet responded to the questions raised in 2006 in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, to provide all clarifications and documentation requested by **1 February 2010**;
9. Invites the States Parties to contribute to the implementation of the above activities and decides to allocate an amount of USD 50,000 from the World Heritage Fund for the

publication of the Periodic Report and the elaboration of the new Regional Action Plan during the 2010-2011 biennium;

10. Requests moreover the World Heritage Centre to associate the States Parties to the drafting of the final report and to present the results of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Arab States at its 34th session in 2010.

11B. FOLLOW UP OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Decision: 33 COM 11B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined document *WHC-09/33.COM/11B*,
2. Recalling its Decisions **27 COM 20B.4**, **30 COM 11D** and **31 COM 11C** adopted at its 27th (UNESCO, 2003), 30th (Vilnius, 2006), and 31st(Christchurch, 2007) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with satisfaction the significant progress achieved in implementing the *World Heritage Convention* in the Asia Pacific region through the execution of the Action-Asia 2003-2009 sub-regional Action Plans and the Pacific Action Plan 2009, and commends the States Parties of the Asia Pacific region, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, as well as the concerned institutions and donors for their contribution to the attainment of these positive results;
4. Encourages the international community, in co-operation with the World Heritage Centre, to continue its technical and financial support for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* within the Asia Pacific region;
5. Takes note of and welcomes the 'Framework for Action on World Heritage 2010-2015' prepared by the States Parties of the Pacific and their commitment to protecting the outstanding heritage of their region for future generations;
6. Invites the States Parties of the Pacific region to continue developing the Pacific Programme for 2010-2015 and to submit the finalized Action Plan covering the period 2010-2015, including a budget estimate, for the consideration of the Committee at its 34th session in 2010;
7. Decides to allocate the amount of USD 200,000 USD from the World Heritage Fund for the implementation of the activities indicated in Section III of Document *WHC-09/33.COM/11B*;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to submit a report on the development of the Action Plan Pacific 2010-2015, for consideration by the Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

11C. LAUNCHING OF THE SECOND CYCLE OF PERIODIC REPORTING IN AFRICA

Decision: 33 COM 11C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/11C*,
2. Recalling Decisions 31 COM 10 and 32 COM 11A, adopted respectively at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007) and its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
3. Takes note of the results of activities in preparation for the launching of the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting, and in particular the workshop for the preparation of draft Statements of Outstanding Universal Value organized in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (March 2009) ;
4. Expresses its thanks to the Swiss Government and the African World Heritage Fund for their financial support in the preparation of the exercise for the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to pursue the implementation of the Regional Programme for Africa, and encourages them to continue seeking funding for its implementation;
6. Requests those States Parties of the Africa region that have not yet responded to the questions raised in the framework of the retrospective inventory to provide all clarifications and documentation requested before **1 February 2010** ;
7. Also requests States Parties of the Africa region to revise or prepare all the missing Statements of Outstanding Universal Value concerning properties located on their territory and to submit them by **1 February 2010** for examination at the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2011;
8. Urges States Parties of the Africa region to actively participate in the second cycle of Periodic Reporting and to take the opportunity to strengthen their management capacities for World Heritage properties;
9. Invites States Parties, the African World Heritage Fund, the World Heritage Centre and all the actors involved in the conservation and management of African natural and cultural heritage to develop a fund-raising strategy to boost the financial resources required for the implementation of *World Heritage Convention* in Africa and encourages twinning programmes for specific action in capacity building and periodic reporting ;
10. Also invites African States Parties to host regional and sub-regional meetings foreseen in the framework of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting and thanks the State Party of Kenya for its offer to host the sub-regional meeting for Eastern Africa;
11. Also requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to provide assistance

- to African States Parties in the preparation of the Periodic Report;
12. Decides to launch a second cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Africa region and also decides to allocate USD 150,000 for the implementation of activities foreseen in this framework;
 13. Warmly acknowledges the work of the Africa 2009 and Africa Nature programmes;
 14. Supports a follow-up programme for Africa 2009 and requests a report to be presented to the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010, to be integrated in the periodic reporting for Africa;
 15. Further requests the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties, to develop programme activities based on the results of the Africa 2009 and African Nature programmes;
 16. Requests furthermore the World Heritage Centre to keep it informed of progress achieved in the Periodic Reporting exercise at its 34th session in 2010.

12. PROTECTION OF THE PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Decision: 33 COM 12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/12,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 12** adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre and commends the efforts of all professionals involved in preserving the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage despite difficult conditions;
4. Regrets the recent destructions in Gaza, and urges all parties concerned with the safeguarding of heritage to take appropriate measures to prevent and avoid any damage to the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre to continue assisting the Palestinian institutions concerned in reinforcing their capacity in the protection, preservation and management of the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage;
6. Invites the States Parties to contribute to the implementation of the above activities and decides to allocate an amount of USD 70,000 from the World Heritage Fund to this end during the 2010-2011 biennium ;
7. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to present a progress report to the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.

13. REVISION OF THE *OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES*

Decision: 33 COM 13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/13* and *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.13*,
2. Recalling Decisions **31 COM 16** and **32 COM 13** respectively adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007) and 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) sessions;
3. Takes note of the report of the Working group of the Committee on the World Heritage emblem presented in document *WHC-09/33.COM/INF.13* and the work undertaken to propose corresponding revisions to the *Operational Guidelines*;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies, and relevant sectors of UNESCO, to continue the work initiated through the Working group on the World Heritage emblem and submit a comprehensive working document focusing on the harmonization of the Directives Concerning the Use of the Name, Acronym, Logo, and Internet Domain Names of UNESCO (Resolution 34 C/86 of the General Conference of UNESCO) to the Committee for examination at its 34th session in 2010;
5. Also requests the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies in conformity with Section IIE of the *Operational Guidelines*, to organize an expert meeting to develop examples of the application of the conditions of integrity and authenticity to properties nominated under criteria (i) – (vi) for inclusion in Section IIE of the *Operational Guidelines* and to seek extra-budgetary funding to support the organization of this meeting.
6. Recalling the debate on changes in the *Operational Guidelines* during the 33rd session of the Committee (Seville, 2009), requests the World Heritage Centre to prepare an updated document of these changes for adoption at the 34th session in 2010 and circulate this for comments to States Parties before the 1 December 2009.

14A. REFLECTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE *WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION*

Decision: 33 COM 14A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking into account rule 20 of the *rules of procedure* of the world heritage committee, on the creation of consultative bodies,

2. Welcoming the Chairperson's summary Workshop to reflect the Future of the *World Heritage Convention* that was held at UNESCO Headquarters from 25 to 27 February 2009,
3. Recognizing the need for further reflection on this issue,
4. Establishes a Working Group on the Reflection on the Future of the *World Heritage Convention* as a Consultative Body, that shall meet for the duration of its 33rd session, with a specific mandate to:
 - a) review the outcome of the above mentioned workshop;
 - b) formulate its recommendations thereon; and
 - c) report back on this issue to the Committee at its plenary session.

Decision: 33 COM 14A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/14A*,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 10** adopted at its 32nd Session (Quebec City, 2008);
3. Notes that the *World Heritage Convention* is approaching universal ratification and its fortieth anniversary in 2012, and therefore that it is appropriate to reflect on the successes of the *Convention* and also how it can best evolve to meet the emerging challenges it faces while also increasing its relevance and engagement with communities around the world;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the States Parties of Australia, Brazil, Israel, Switzerland and the Netherlands and the UNESCO 'Aid to developing countries' Fund for supporting the Workshop to reflect on the Future of the *World Heritage Convention* (25-27 February 2009, UNESCO headquarters);
5. Recognizes the participation of State Party experts and representatives of the Advisory Bodies and non-governmental organizations in this Workshop, including through written submissions, in this valuable, inclusive and transparent ongoing process;
6. Welcomes the additional positive discussion that occurred on this matter at the Committee's 33rd session (Seville, 2009);
7. Notes in particular the good progress that was made in developing a Draft Vision for implementation of the *Convention*, which reflects and builds on the objectives of Credibility, Conservation, Capacity building, Communication and Communities;
8. Decides that this Draft Vision (Annex 1) and Document *WHC-09/33.COM/14A* should be presented to the General Assembly and the next session of the Committee as a basis for further discussion;
9. Notes that the submissions from State Parties and others to the February 2009 Workshop, and the background documents prepared for this workshop are available at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/futureoftheconvention/> for the information of States Parties;

10. Decides that it would be useful to develop an overall strategic plan to guide the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* over the next decade, taking into consideration, inter alia, the objectives of the *Convention*, the principles expressed in the Budapest Declaration, the Global Strategy, and the concepts expressed in the Draft Vision, including those related to sustainable development;
11. Notes also that the Consultative Body continued consideration of possible elements of a future Action Plan, and decides that further discussion of the draft Action Plan (Annex 2) should occur at the 34th session of the Committee, in addition to making the draft Action Plan available to the General Assembly for its information;
12. Decides however that there are several high priority short to medium term activities that should be commenced immediately, as set out in the following paragraphs;
13. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, and with input from interested State Parties and external stakeholders, to jointly develop an inclusive plan of action to increase community awareness of the value of world heritage and engagement in the work of the *Convention*, including through the identification of best practice examples and a communication toolkit to assist States Parties in these activities at a national and local level;
14. Requests the World Heritage Centre to convene, with the support of interested States Parties, a process to explore and develop recommendations for consideration of the Committee at its 34th session on creative approaches, including through the Tentative List process, that might reduce the number of properties that experience significant problems;
15. Further requests that this process also explores and develop recommendations on creative approaches that will assist States Parties and property managers in effectively responding to the range of problems that emerge for inscribed properties;
16. Reiterates its encouragement to States Parties, with the support and cooperation of the Advisory Bodies and other States Parties, to develop and finalize Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for all World Heritage properties for which they are responsible, and notes the importance of ensuring that these Statements are subsequently assessed as expeditiously as possible;
17. Requests the World Heritage Centre to undertake a feasibility study to further explore the concept and implications of holding two sessions of the Committee each year, in addition to exploring other options for more effectively and efficiently managing the increasing workload of the Committee, including by drawing on the experience of other multilateral conventions;
18. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with States Parties, to investigate options for increasing financial support for the objectives of the *Convention*, including but not limited to, voluntary State Party contributions, fundraising, partnerships, Regional Centres, regional funds, bilateral and multilateral assistance, and increased UNESCO support for the Regular Budget, and
19. Requests the chair of the Consultative Body to report to the General Assembly of States Parties on all of the above as part of his report on the reflection on the future of the *World Heritage Convention*.

Annex 1 of Decision 33 COM 14A.2

Draft Vision

The rich diversity and value of our shared cultural and natural inheritance is appreciated and protected by all humankind, and our cooperative efforts through the *World Heritage Convention* promote and increase understanding and respect between all the communities and cultures of the world

Through cooperation, we aim to achieve:

- Increased awareness and appreciation by communities and people around the world of the diversity and richness of our shared natural and cultural heritage.
- Local and international communities value and feel a connection with our unique world heritage and a greater appreciation of their national, regional and local heritage as an integral and positive contributor to their sustainable development
- The relevance, credibility, appeal and understanding of world heritage is effectively communicated with and strongly supported by all communities
- All communities engage with and participate in identifying, protecting, explaining and promoting their world and local heritage
- The World Heritage List is universally recognized as a credible, balanced and representative list of the world's outstanding cultural and natural heritage places – all of which have clear and approved Statements of their OUV
- The value of these world heritage places are protected, conserved, promoted and monitored by local and national governments for the benefit of current and future generations, with the support and assistance of the international community
- All countries are strongly encouraged and assisted to fully comply with their national and international obligations under the *World Heritage Convention*, including through international cooperation, partnerships and capacity building
- The World Heritage system continues to adapt to the needs of a constantly changing world, and makes a vital and integrated contribution to the achievement of UNESCO's broader objectives
- The World Heritage system and processes are transparent, equitable, accountable and efficient, and proactively identify and resolve important policy issues and other challenges.

**Annex 2 of Decision 33 COM 14A.2
DRAFT ACTION PLAN**

Understanding and engagement:

What	When	How	Who
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore the possibilities of pilot projects on the relation between conservation and sustainable development - Investigate and report on the role of the <i>Convention</i> in relation to sustainable development - inventory of actions under the <i>Convention</i> related to sustainable development to date and develop lessons learned 	Short - medium term (now and WHC34)	Voluntary action; document; results considered under existing agenda item 7	One or more SPs WH C'tee
<p>To develop a strategy and action plan to ensure the <i>Convention</i>, and its signatory State Parties focuses on its public image at both global and site levels build external awareness of World Heritage objectives and work and the relationship with a wider range of heritage values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop communication plans - Develop community engagement strategies - Ensure management systems include involvement of the community in a proactive and cooperative way - Increase awareness of the key documents of the <i>Convention</i> 	Medium term (report to GA 2011)	GA to determine	GA
<p>Explore and Institute joint private-public sector awards and certification practices to identify best practices linked to clear and consistent indicators in e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - flagships, best and visible examples - conservation initiatives involving sustainable tourism at WH sites - training and capacity building for conservation - conservation of biological diversity - recognition of success in various areas (e.g quality of nomination; management plan etc.) <p>Such awards should be linked to the different monitoring mechanisms of the <i>Convention</i></p>	Medium term (report to WHC34 – 2010)	Centre document; considered under new agenda item	WH C'tee
Explore the possibilities opened by new Category 2 regional centers and by new regional funds for training and capacity building activities	Short term (now)	Voluntary action	SPs

Protection and Conservation:

What	When	How	Who
<p>Review and guide the prioritization of existing Tentative Lists and coordinate for the preparation of new ones in order to foster the strategic management/ development of nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider new approaches as well as refinements to existing approaches 	<p>Long term (report to WHC35 – 2011)</p>	<p>Individual SPs, workshops; results considered under existing agenda item 8</p>	<p>WH C'tee, ABs</p>
<p>Provide a work program and adequate resources to develop Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for all properties as a matter of urgency</p>	<p>Medium term (Linked to PR cycle and report to WHC34 – 2010)</p>	<p>planning or budget reviewed by WG on finances</p>	<p>ABs, WH C'tee</p>
<p>Explain and distribute the Operational Guidelines widely (not just online) to the concerned stakeholders including property managers</p>	<p>Short term (now)</p>	<p>Use existing networks</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>Investigate more effective management of conservation processes through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a study of other standard-setting exercises (ISO and various national schemes), certification schemes (FSC, MSC and others), social and environmental standard-setting exercises (e.g. CSR) and monitoring and evaluation systems (WB, OECD, private sector) - identification of the idea; objective; principles; standards; criteria; indicators and procedure of evaluation and monitoring and its consequences - consider economic; regulation and enforcement; information and cooperation incentives - Encourage management effectiveness assessment processes - Work on WH and Biosphere Reserve joint pilot projects to establish means through which the two can result in better site based results. 	<p>Medium term (report to WHC34 – 2010)</p>	<p>Document; results considered under existing agenda item 7</p>	<p>SPs, ABs, WH C'tee</p>
<p>Provide an annotated list of existing guidance, identify gaps and develop guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conservation indicators - impact studies - acceptable change from threats such as mining, tourism, infrastructure development, and human and natural disasters 	<p>Long term (report to WHC35 – 2011)</p>	<p>document; results considered under existing agenda item 7</p>	<p>ABs, WH C'tee</p>

Connections:

What	When	How	Who
Cooperation between well represented and non/under-represented SPs for the preparation of new nominations and the management of existing properties	Short term (now)	Voluntary actions	One or more SPs
Build capacity / transfer skills through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - twinning - networks of World Heritage sites with common features - sharing experiences on management planning - identifying best practices - exchanging personnel - holding meetings for experts 	Short term (now)	Voluntary action	One or more SPs

Strategic management:

What	When	How	Who
Develop a new Global Strategy for future inscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to develop strategies to slow the rate of inscriptions of well-represented themes and categories of heritage - to define and focus on under-represented themes, rather than regions or icons - to ensure a balanced, representative and credible world heritage list - to incorporate strategies for dealing with ongoing change 	Medium term (report to WHC34 – 2010)	Expert working group; results considered under existing agenda item 9	ABs, WH C'tee
Articulate clearer and more transparent approaches to implementation of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> for making decisions on e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decisions to inscribe, refer, defer or not inscribe - Negative Perception of Danger listing and how to repackage it in a positive light - delisting - whether and at what level management systems and legal frameworks are required to be in place prior to inscription - elaborating requirements for comparative analysis - Whether the ABs and the WH Centre in assessing the SoC of a site, are required to carry out detailed analyses of the management plans 	Medium term (report to WHC34 – 2010)	Document; results considered under existing agenda item 13	ABs, WH C'tee
Investigate means to increase participation in the implementation of the <i>Convention</i> other than through the electoral system, including but not limited to increasing the strategic/policy setting role of the General Assembly	At GA discretion	At GA discretion	GA
Develop approaches to improve the quality of decision making within the Committee, including but not limited to:	Medium term (report to WHC34 –	Centre document;	WH C'tee

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prioritization of agenda items - time management strategies - potential for simplification of processes increasing meeting frequency or duration - alternating meetings on state of conservation and inscriptions - introducing a sub-committee structure - re-examining state of conservation reporting mechanisms - the calendar of activities - deadlines for the implementation of the <i>Convention</i> - Investigate the use of secret ballots as a more routine mode of decision-making within the Committee Review the recommendations of the Audit Report of the World Heritage Centre, to enable the Committee to prioritise tasks for the WH Centre prioritise personnel needs and consider fund-raising possibilities 	2010)	results considered under existing agenda item 14	
<p>Investigate methods to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link Committee decisions to the budget - potential for additional external inputs (technical credibility) - Prioritize activities and the allocation of resources, including through the development of a business plan/strategy - Increase financial support for the objectives of the convention, including but not limited to voluntary State Party contributions, fund raising, partnerships, regional Centres and regional funds, bilateral and multilateral assistance and increased UNESCO support from the Regular Budget 	<p>Long term (report to WHC35 – 2011)</p> <p>With report on ways to link decisions to budget considered at WHC 34 (2010)</p>	document; reviewed by WG on finances, results considered under existing agenda item 16	WH C'tee
<p>Ensure operation of the WH <i>Convention</i> is consistent with UNESCO's broader objectives and relevant Conventions</p>	Long term	document	WH C'tee, Secretariat

14B. REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision: 33 COM 14B

NO DECISION

14C. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision: 33 COM 14C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Noting that the issue of observers' participation in the Committee's meetings requires further discussion, as suggested by the State Party of Canada;
2. Requests the World Heritage Centre to propose amendments to Rule 8 of the *Rules of Procedure* and to circulate these proposals to all States Parties for comment, prior to **1 December 2009**;
3. Decides to inscribe the item "Amendment to the Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee" on the agenda of the 34th session in 2010.

ITEM 16: REPORT ON THE EXECUTION OF THE 2008-2009 BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF THE 2010-2011 BUDGET

Decision: 33 COM 16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking into account Rule 21 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the World Heritage Committee, on the creation of Subsidiary bodies,
2. Establishes a Working Group on Item 16 (Budget) of the Agenda of its 33rd session as a Subsidiary Body, that shall meet for the duration of the session, with a specific mandate to:
 - a) Examine items 16A and 16B of the agenda and to formulate its recommendations thereon; and
 - b) Report back to the Committee at its plenary session.

Decision: 33 COM 16A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined document *WHC-09/33.COM/16A*,
2. Takes note of the implementation rate of the budget for 2008-2009, the current situation of the Reserve and the contributions as at 31 December 2008;
3. Requests the World Heritage Centre to present, at the next session of the Committee, a document on the situation of the accounts of the World Heritage Fund for the period 2008-2009 as well as the provisional implementation rate of the 2010-2011 budget according to the revised Budget structure (Decision **6 EXT.COM 6**) and a schedule of appropriations and expenditure as of 31st March 2010;
4. Decides to set the Contingency Reserve at USD 1,000,000;
5. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to adapt the contract cycle of ICOMOS to real time expenditure as is already the case for the other Advisory Bodies, and therefore authorizes the Director of the World Heritage Centre to proceed with necessary budgeting revisions using the unspent 2008-2009 funds to that effect, as a first step;
6. Authorizes the Director of the World Heritage Centre to proceed , in liaison with the UNESCO services, with budgetary adjustments of up to a maximum of 10% of the amounts originally allocated to different headings, where necessary for improved efficiency, with the exception of the revisions requested in paragraph five;
7. Urges States Parties to pay their outstanding contributions to the World Heritage Fund at their earliest convenience.

Decision: 33 COM 16B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-09/33.COM/16B*, and *WHC-09/33.COM/16B Rev, Annex 1*;
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 17** (Quebec, 2008),
3. Expresses concern that the budget documents as originally presented to the meeting were unclear in a number of areas and included some information that did not easily allow for comparison with the previous biennium;
4. Notes with appreciation, the World Heritage Centre's co-operation in providing further explanations and additional information during the Committee's 33rd session;

5. Requests the Secretariat to include in the text of all future budget documents for consideration by the Committee a clear explanation of any significant variations between current and proposed budget amounts;
6. Requests the Secretariat to present analysis of future budget information under headings that reflect the key areas of activity under the *Convention*, including development and assessment of nominations, support for conservation of properties, public awareness and engagement, organisation and support of meetings, and the conduct of additional studies and evaluations;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies as necessary, to include a cost estimate as well as an estimate of staff time required, for each activity to be funded through the World Heritage Centre's budget as part of each decision of the Committee;
8. Reiterates its previous request to the Director-General of UNESCO to urgently fill the post of Deputy Director of Management in the World Heritage Centre;
9. Approves a total World Heritage Fund budget of USD 6.672.357 for the 2010-2011 biennial exercise and [the corresponding breakdown annexed in Tables 1 to 3];
10. Approves the creation of a new budget line to contend effectively with the risks of exchange rate fluctuation;
11. Authorizes the Director of the World Heritage Centre to proceed, **in liaison with the UNESCO services**, with adjustments of up to a maximum of 10% of the original amounts allocated to the different headings, where necessary for improved efficiency and to allow the execution of the Committee's decisions [Australia];
12. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the budgetary execution, including all funding sources, at each Committee session in the framework of its annual report;
13. Strongly urges the General Conference and the Executive Board of UNESCO to significantly increase the level of core funding to the World Heritage Centre so that adequate funding is available to support the staff necessary to enable the World Heritage Centre to effectively meet the increasing needs of this very successful and high profile *Convention*;
14. Requests the World Heritage Centre to develop a range of options, for consideration by all States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*, for equitable additional voluntary contributions to the Fund with a view to increase activities under the *World Heritage Convention*, including the possibility of using a percentage of the current contributions taking into account the number of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Decision: 33 COM 17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/INF.17,
2. Submits to the consideration of the General Assembly the following provisional Agenda for its 17th session.

Provisional Agenda of the 17th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*

1. Opening of the session
 - 1A. Opening of the General Assembly by the Director-General
 - 1B. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the General Assembly
2. Adoption of the Agenda of the 17th session of the General Assembly and Timetable for the elections to the World Heritage Committee
 - 2A. Adoption of the Agenda of the 17th session of the General Assembly
 - 2B. Adoption of the Timetable for the elections to the World Heritage Committee
3. Elections to the World Heritage Committee
 - 3A. Amendments of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly of States Parties to the *Convention* following the reflection on the elections of the members of the World Heritage Committee and distribution of seats ensuring an equitable representation of the different regions and cultures of the World
 - 3B. Elections to the World Heritage Committee
4. Report of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee on the activities of the World Heritage Committee
5. Examination of the statement of accounts of the World Heritage Fund, including the status of the States Parties' contributions
6. Determination of the amount of the contributions to the World Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the *World Heritage Convention*
7. Follow up in the implementation of the Management Audit of the World Heritage Centre
8. Progress on the Series of World Heritage Resource Manuals
9. The Future of the *World Heritage Convention*, including:

- Working methods of the World Heritage Committee and of the General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*
- Progress in the implementation of the Global strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List

10. Closure of the session

18. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND RAPPORTEUR OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (JULY 2010)

Decision: 33 COM 18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling its Decision **32 COM 19**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008), which elected a Bureau whose mandate began at the end of its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008) until the end of its 33rd session (Seville, 2009),
2. Decides to elect, in accordance with Rule 13.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, a Bureau with the following composition:
 - a) Mr Juca Ferreira Brazil as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of the 33rd session of the Committee (Seville, 2009) until the end of the 34th session of the Committee (July 2010);
 - b) Ms Britta Rudolff as Rapporteur of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of the 33rd session of the Committee (Seville, 2009) until the end of the 34th session of the Committee (July 2010);
 - c) Australia, Egypt and Sweden as Vice-Chairpersons of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandates will begin at the end of the 33rd session of the Committee (Seville, 2009) until the end of the 34th session of the Committee (July 2010);
3. Also decides that the Bureau of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (June/July 2011) will be elected at the end of the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee (July 2010) in accordance with Rule 13.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee.

19. PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (JULY 2010)

Decision: 33 COM 19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-09/33.COM/19*,
2. Decides that its 34th session will take place in Brasilia, Brazil, between 16 and 30 July 2010, and requests the World Heritage Centre to consult with the incoming Chairperson regarding the provisional Agenda and a detailed timetable;
3. Adopts the following provisional Agenda of the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2010.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

OPENING SESSION

1. Opening session
2. Admission of Observers
 - 2A. Amendment to the Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee
 - 2B. Requests for Observer status
3. Adoption of the Agenda and the Timetable
 - 3A. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 3B. Adoption of the Timetable

REPORTS

4. Report of the Rapporteur of the 33rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Seville, 2009)
5. Reports of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies
 - 5A. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions
 - 5B. Reports of the Advisory Bodies
 - 5C. Role of the World Heritage Centre and of the Advisory Bodies

- 5D. *World Heritage Convention* and sustainable development
 - 5E. *World Heritage Convention* and the other UNESCO Conventions in the field of Culture
 - 5F. Report on the World Heritage Thematic Programmes
6. Progress report on the African World Heritage Fund

EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION

7. Examination of the State of Conservation of World Heritage properties
- 7.1 Progress report on the preparation of a UNESCO Recommendation on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape
 - 7.2 Report on the impact of the insertion of contemporary architectural works on the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage properties
 - 7.3 Report on the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism
 - 7.4 Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction in World Heritage properties
- 7A. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
- 7B. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List
- 7C. Reflection on the trends of the state of conservation

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

8. Establishment of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in Danger
- 8A. Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 15 April 2010
 - 8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List
 - 8C. Update of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger
 - 8D. Clarifications of property boundaries and sizes by States Parties in response to the Retrospective Inventory
 - 8E. Review and approval of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value

GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR A REPRESENTATIVE, BALANCED AND CREDIBLE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

9. Report on serial transnational nominations

PERIODIC REPORTS

10. Periodic Reports
 - 10A. Report on the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Arab States
 - 10B. Progress report on the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in Africa and final report on the implementation of the Africa 2009 Programme
 - 10C. Launching of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in Asia and the Pacific

SPECIAL REPORTS

11. Protection of the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage

WORKING METHODS AND TOOLS

12. Reflection on the future of the *World Heritage Convention*
13. Revision of the *Operational Guidelines*
14. Feasibility Study on the Working Methods of the Committee

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

15. International Assistance
16. Final report on the execution of the 2008-2009 Budget and report on the execution of the 2010 -2011 Budget
17. Other business

CLOSING SESSION

18. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (2011)
19. Provisional Agenda of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (2011)
20. Adoption of Decisions
21. Closing ceremony

