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1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(No decision required)

2. REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Decision 30 COM 2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Taking into consideration Rule 8 (Observers) of the *Rules of Procedure* of the Committee,
2. Authorises the participation in the 30th 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-06/30.COM/2.Rev*,
3. Further confirms the participation in the 30th session as observers of all those invited by the Director-General of UNESCO in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the *Rules of Procedure* and as listed in Section B of the Document *WHC-06/30.COM/2.Rev*,

The List of Participants is presented in Document *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.2.Rev*.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

3A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Decision 30 COM 3A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/3A.Rev*,
2. Adopts the Agenda included in the above-mentioned Document as amended.

3B. ADOPTION OF THE TIMETABLE

Decision 30 COM 3B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/3B*,
2. Decides that Item 15 (Execution of the Budget 2006-2007) be discussed after the discussion on Item 8 (Establishment of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger);
3. Adopts the timetable included in the above-mentioned Document, as amended.

4. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (DURBAN, 2005)

Decision 30 COM 4

The World Heritage Committee,

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

5. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE 15TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES TO THE *WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION* (UNESCO, 2005)

Decision 30 COM 5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/5*,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Rapporteur of the 15th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* (UNESCO, 2005).

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

Decision 30 COM 6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/6*,
2. Takes note with appreciation of the work undertaken by the World Heritage Centre over the past year in pursuit of its strategic objectives and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to frame his contributions to the preparation of the Draft Medium – Term Strategy 2008-2013 (34/C4) and Draft Programme and Budget 2008-2009 (34/C5) in pursuit of those objectives;
3. Further requests a management audit of the World Heritage Centre in order to facilitate the development of a strategic plan for reinforcing the implementation of the Convention, and that no management structure changes should occur at the World Heritage Centre until the management audit is complete;
4. Endorses the “Strategy for Natural Heritage work of the Centre”, presented as Document *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.6A* and welcomes the Centre’s on-going cooperation with the biodiversity conventions through the Biodiversity Liaison Group and its participation in the Issue-based Modules Project of UNEP to develop tools to help countries implement their commitment under multilateral environmental agreements;
5. Recognizes the importance of providing rapid financial support to natural World Heritage properties in times of emergency, and urges States Parties to support the Rapid Response Facility as an effective means to deliver such support;
6. Welcomes the proposal by the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre to produce a series of World Heritage Resource Manuals to provide focused guidance on the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare a costed, time-bound budget for this new series for discussion at the 31st session in 2007.

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

7.1 ISSUES RELATED TO THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES: THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Decision 30 COM 7.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7.1*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.a** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Also recalling the submission in 2005 of four petitions by civil society and non-governmental organizations on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties, complemented by an additional petition in February 2006,
4. Further recalling paragraph 44 of the *Operational Guidelines*,
5. Thanks the Government of the United Kingdom for having funded the meeting of experts, which took place on the 16th and 17th of March 2006 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, and also thanks the United Nations Foundation for its support, as well as all the experts who contributed to the meeting;
6. Endorses the “Strategy to assist States Parties to implement appropriate management responses” described in Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7.1*, and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to lead the implementation of the “Global level actions” described in the Strategy through extrabudgetary funding and also takes note of the report on “Predicting and managing the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage”;
7. Encourages UNESCO, including the World Heritage Centre, and the Advisory Bodies to disseminate widely this strategy, the report, and any other related publications through appropriate means to the World Heritage community and the broader public;
8. Requests States Parties and all partners concerned to implement this strategy to protect the Outstanding Universal Value, integrity and authenticity of World Heritage sites from the adverse effects of Climate Change, to the extent possible and within the available resources, recognizing that there are other international instruments for coordinating the response to this challenge;
9. Invites States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to build on existing Conventions and programmes listed in Annex 4 of Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7.1*, in accordance with their mandates and as appropriate, in their implementation of Climate Change related activities;

10. Also requests States Parties, the World Heritage Centre, and the Advisory Bodies to seek ways to integrate, to the extent possible and within the available resources, this strategy into all the relevant processes of the *World Heritage Convention* including: nominations, reactive monitoring, periodic reporting, international assistance, capacity building, other training programmes, as well as with the “Strategy for reducing risks from disasters at World Heritage properties” (*WHC-06/30.COM/7.2*);
11. Strongly encourages the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies in collaboration with States Parties and other relevant partners to develop proposals for the implementation of pilot projects at specific World Heritage properties especially in developing countries, with a balance between natural and cultural properties as well as appropriate regional proposals, with the objective of developing best practices for implementing this Strategy including preventive actions, corrective actions and sharing knowledge, and recommends to the international donor community to support the implementation of such pilot projects;
12. Further requests the States Parties and the World Heritage Centre to work with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), with the objective of including a specific chapter on World Heritage in future IPCC assessment reports;
13. Requests the World Heritage Centre to prepare a policy document on the impacts of climate change on World Heritage properties involving consultations with relevant climate change experts and practitioners of heritage conservation and management, appropriate international organizations and civil society, to be discussed at the General Assembly of States Parties in 2007. A draft of the document should be presented to the 31st session in 2007 for comments.

This draft should include considerations on:

- a) Synergies between conventions on this issue,
 - b) Identification of future research needs in this area,
 - c) Legal questions on the role of the *World Heritage Convention* with regard to suitable responses to Climate Change,
 - d) Linkages to other UN and international bodies dealing with the issues of climate change,
 - e) Alternative mechanisms, other than the List of World Heritage in Danger, to address concerns of international implication, such as climatic change ;
14. Considers that the decisions to include properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger because of threats resulting from climate change are to be made by the World Heritage Committee, on a case-by-case basis, in consultation and cooperation with States Parties, taking into account the input from Advisory Bodies and NGOs, and consistent with the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*.

7.2 ISSUES RELATED TO THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES: STRATEGY FOR REDUCING RISKS FROM DISASTERS AT WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Decision 30 COM 7.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7.2*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.b**,
3. Takes note of, and endorses the objectives of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage properties, and requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to work together, along with other UNESCO mechanisms, to prioritise the proposed actions contained in the Strategy;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre to disseminate it widely through its web-site and other appropriate means;
5. Calls upon States Parties to the *Convention* and various global actors for Disaster Reduction to give more consideration to the impacts of disasters on cultural and natural heritage when designing their strategic goals and plans;
6. Further encourages States Parties to the *Convention*, in particular, to integrate concern for World Heritage into wider national disaster reduction plans and documentation programmes, and to develop Management Plans that include a risk-analysis and management component for World Heritage properties located in their territories;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to develop a user-friendly resource material to build-capacity on disaster reduction at World Heritage properties as well as a training module to test it at pilot sites within disaster-prone regions;
8. Also requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to prepare a revised draft format for Emergency Assistance requests including the requirement to clarify what is the specific serious threat/danger affecting the property, how it might affect its overall outstanding universal value, and how the proposed activity intends to mitigate/prevent it, and submit it to the Committee for examination at its 31st session in 2007;
9. Further requests the Advisory Bodies to take into account the policies proposed in Point III of the working Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7.2* in the elaboration of the criteria for evaluation of International Assistance requests, to be included to the *Operational Guidelines* in its Annex 9;
10. Invites the international donor community to support the implementation of the Strategy in developing countries within disaster-prone areas as a priority;

11. Decides to allocate the amount of USD 25,000 under the World Heritage Fund to contribute to the development and dissemination of a user-friendly resource material to build capacity on disaster reduction at World Heritage properties.

7A. STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS OF THE 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 30 COM 7A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15A.1** and **29 COM 7A.1**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Takes note of the interim report on the implementation of the emergency funding but regrets that the State Party has not submitted a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2001 UNESCO/IUCN mission to the property;
4. Further regrets that the requested monitoring mission has not yet taken place due to security concerns;
5. Recommends that the State Party, IUCN and UNESCO organize the mission and the planned stakeholder workshop in close cooperation with the ECOFAC programme as soon as the security situation allows;
6. Requests that the State Party, in cooperation with the European Union, take the necessary measures to start as soon as possible the fourth phase of the ECOFAC programme and within the framework of the programme put emphasis on the conservation and rehabilitation of the property;
7. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to continue the financial support from the World Heritage Fund for maintaining anti-poaching operations in the property until the start of the fourth phase of the ECOFAC programme;
8. Requests the Director General of UNESCO to facilitate a high level meeting between the State Party and the Government of Sudan and Chad, in close cooperation with the ECOFAC programme, to discuss the persistent problem of transborder poaching and resource exploitation in the region;

9. Urges the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and an evaluation of its Outstanding Universal Value, as well as a report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the 2001 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007 ;
10. **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 30 COM 7 A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.2** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for their commitment to the protection of Comoé National Park and for working with local communities to reduce illegal activities;
4. Notes with great concern that in the present situation the State Party continues to have control of and access to only one third of the Park;
5. Takes note of the outcomes and recommendations of the 2006 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, in particular the fact that the outstanding universal value of the property has been maintained but remains under threat due to the limited control over the property and the potential increase of poaching, fires, agricultural encroachment and illegal grazing;
6. Urges the State Party to implement the recommendations, plan of action and timetable proposed by the 2006 monitoring mission in order to increase the management effectiveness of the property, including the following priority actions:
 - a) Establish, as a matter of urgency, an effective system of control and patrolling for the whole property, in close collaboration with the armed forces, and giving priority to the development and rehabilitation of necessary infrastructure;
 - b) Develop and initiate the implementation of a management plan for the property based on the management plan framework developed for the national system of protected areas. The management plan should give special attention to:
 - (i) Establishing a revised zoning system for the property to guide management activities that fully considers the status of the property as a World Heritage property and Biosphere Reserve;
 - (ii) Establishing participatory management arrangements with local communities to reduce pressures and impacts associated to the management of areas in particular on the periphery of the property;

- c) Enlarge the activities of the management structure to encompass the entire property;
7. Adopts the above points (a) to (c) as benchmarks to guide a future decision on the eventual removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
8. Takes note of the proposed 5 year timeframe for the implementation and assessment of the action plan and benchmarks:
 - a) Preparatory work and developing contacts for technical and financial support, as well as implementation of emergency measures linked in particular to surveillance of the property: 2007;
 - b) Preparation of a management plan and implementation of priority activities: 2008 -2009;
 - c) Implementation of the priority activities under the management plan: 2009 – 2011;
9. Invites the State Party to develop a cooperation programme with the States Parties of Burkina Faso and Ghana in view of identifying and establishing biological corridors that can enhance the conservation of the existing populations of key species that require large areas for their survival;
10. Requests the State Party to address the issues related to the outcomes and recommendations and proposed timetable of the 2006 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, and to provide a updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, in particular on progress achieved in implementing the recommendations of the 2006 monitoring mission for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
11. Requests the Director General of UNESCO to call on the United Nations Organization in Cote d'Ivoire (ONUCI) to consider assisting the State Party in establishing during the current post-crisis period a joint patrol mechanism for the entire park, involving all forces present;
12. Calls on international donors to urgently support the State Party in the preparation and implementation of the action plan and management plan for the Park;
13. **Decides to retain Comoé National Park (Cote d'Ivoire) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,

2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.3**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with concern that the part of the property located in Côte d'Ivoire remains entirely under the control of rebel forces and that encroachment, deforestation, hunting, mining and that a lack of management capacity and resources continue to threaten the property in Guinea;
4. Urges the State Party of Guinea to review the existing protection status of the Reserve and to adopt legal and legislative instruments to ensure protection of the property, in close cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN;
5. Requests the State Party of Guinea and UNDP to start as soon as possible the field implementation of the GEF funded Mount Nimba project and to cooperate with the World Heritage Centre to start the UNESCO activities foreseen under the project;
6. Thanks the State Party of Guinea for having invited a joint UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission to the property and requests the State Party of Côte d'Ivoire, as soon as the security situation allows, to extend this invitation to the Ivorian side of the property. The mission shall evaluate the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and assess its state of conservation, in particular the extent to which recommendations of the 1993 monitoring mission to Guinea have been met, reviewing the current status of the mining activities in the mining enclave and establishing corrective measures, benchmarks and a timeframe to implement them, in view of a possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger;
7. Further requests the States Parties of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, in particular the status of the mining activities and its potential impacts on the integrity of the property, the implementation of the Mount Nimba project and progress towards reviewing the protection status of the Reserve, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
8. **Decides to retain Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.4**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for having taken urgent measures to improve the state of conservation of the property and the in-situ conservation of the northern white rhino, in particular the conclusion of an agreement with African Parks Foundation for the management of the property;

4. Notes that the property still faces major threats, particularly as a result of armed insurgency in and around the Park;
5. Requests ICCN and APF, in cooperation with the IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group (AfRSG), to conduct the necessary research to establish the viability of the remaining population of the Northern White Rhino in the property before **30 April 2007** and to organize a workshop on the management options for the population, involving all relevant stakeholders, including the World Heritage Centre and IUCN;
6. Urges the State Party to implement immediately the recommendations of the UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission which could constitute possible benchmarks in order to safeguard the outstanding universal value and integrity of the property, and in the interest of conservation:
 - a) Ensure the protection of the border between DRC and Sudan within and adjacent to the property;
 - b) Improve the efficiency of the military brigade posted around the property to secure the Park and adjacent hunting areas by replacing the current brigade by a brigade that went through the reunification and retraining programme and by ensuring they are adequately equipped ;
 - c) Ensure that the ICCN guard force is properly equipped and, in particular, has adequate arms and ammunition;
 - d) Undertake in cooperation with the United Nations Organization Mission to DRC (MONUC) a disarmament campaign within the communities living around the property whilst at the same time improving the security situation in the region;
 - e) Reinforce cooperation with the Government of Sudan to better control incursions of armed groups into DRC and the property;
 - f) Continue and strengthen anti-poaching efforts, in particular in the southern sector of the Park where the presence of northern white rhino was confirmed by the 2006 survey;
 - g) Strengthen efforts to improve relations with the local communities surrounding the Park, particularly through developing and implementing a community conservation programme;
 - h) Take urgent measures to reinforce and reinvigorate the Garamba guard force;
 - i) Reinstate detailed monitoring of the rhino population in the property through a specialized monitoring team, building on the know-how available in ICCN and AfRSG;
 - j) Establish a trust fund for the rehabilitation of the DRC World Heritage properties, to which the Government of the DRC committed to contribute at the 2004 UNESCO conference on Heritage in Danger in DRC;

7. Requests the Director General of UNESCO to ask the United Nations Organization Mission in DRC (MONUC) to increase its cooperation with ICCN and APF for the conservation of the property;
8. Requests also the World Heritage Centre to start as soon as possible the implementation of its projects to support the emergency action plan of the property and to set up a community conservation programme for the property as planned in the second phase of its DRC World Heritage biodiversity programme with funding of the Government of Italy;
9. Recommends the Director General of UNESCO to facilitate a high level meeting between the State Party and the Government of Sudan, to discuss the persistent problem of transborder poaching and resource exploitation in the region;
10. Further recommends the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to contact the CITES Secretariat, in order to investigate the trading networks and countries of destination of the rhino horn and ivory poached in Garamba National Park and other DRC World Heritage properties;
11. Calls on international donors to support the efforts of the State Party in order to conserve the property and save the Northern White Rhino from extinction, to promote the development of the concerned region so as to alleviate the extreme poverty of the local communities;
12. Urges the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report before **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and progress with the implementation of recommendations of the UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
13. **Decides to retain Garamba National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.4**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Expresses its utmost concern over the continued reports of poaching involving members of the DRC armed forces and the increased number of armed clashes between Park guards and army soldiers involved in poaching, resulting in the death of two Park guards;
4. Urges the State Party to take urgent measures to stop poaching by soldiers of the DRC armed forces in the property and to take appropriate measures to punish members from the armed forces involved in poaching and in the recent killing of two Park guards;

5. Further urges the Park management agency ICCN, in cooperation with its partner NGOs, to implement the recommendations developed in the report on the management capacity in the property, prepared in the framework of the WWF support project to the property;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, to assess the state of conservation of the property and to develop recommendations which could constitute possible benchmarks in order to safeguard the outstanding universal value and integrity of the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to establish a trust fund for the rehabilitation of the DRC World Heritage properties, to which the Government committed to contribute at the 2004 UNESCO conference on Heritage in Danger in DRC;
8. Calls on international donors to support the efforts of the State Party to rehabilitate the property;
9. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
10. **Decides to retain Salonga National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.4**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party, in particular the Park authority ICCN and its conservation partners for the efforts to improve the state of conservation of the property and for submitting a report on the state of conservation of the property;
4. Urges the State Party to implement immediately the recommendations of the UNESCO monitoring mission which could constitute possible benchmarks in order to safeguard the outstanding universal value and integrity of the property, and in the interest of conservation:
 - a) The Congolese army (FARDC), in consultation with the Park authority ICCN, needs to develop a strategy to evacuate all armed groups from the property, in particular rebels belonging to FDLR (Forces Démocratiques pour la Libération du Rwanda) and implement this evacuation in cooperation with the MONUC. The strategy will also need to take into account the closing of all illegal mining operations inside the property. The strategy has to avoid driving FDLR rebels

inside the property, as is currently the case, where they engage in mineral extraction and poaching;

- b) Substantially strengthening the presence of ICCN Park guards in the lowland sector of the Park, with the assistance of FARDC;
 - c) Reclaiming as soon as the security situation allows the farms inside the Park on the basis of the results of the 2001 provincial committee (“Commission des Etatiques Provinciaux concernés par le Conflit foncier du PNKB”), noting that the delimitation of the Park limits in the ecologically important corridor between the lowland and highland sectors remains a priority;
 - d) Strengthening the cooperation between ICCN and its partners by developing a joint planning for all interventions in the Park, with clear responsibilities and benchmarks;
 - e) Conducting as soon as the security situation allows a survey of flagship species present in the lowland sector of the Park, in particular gorilla and other primates;
 - f) Strengthening the law enforcement in the property, thereby gradually increasing the amount of the Park that is covered by guard patrols, in cooperation with MONUC and the army. At the same time it is important to reinvigorate the Park staff and improve their efficiency through specialized training;
 - g) Establish a trust fund for the rehabilitation of the DRC World Heritage properties, to which the Government of the DRC committed to contribute at the 2004 UNESCO conference on Heritage in Danger in DRC;
5. Requests the Director General to ask the United Nations Organization Mission in DRC (MONUC) to continue and strengthen its cooperation with ICCN and its conservation partners for the conservation of the property;
 6. Calls on international donors to support the efforts of the State Party to rehabilitate the property;
 7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and progress with the implementation of recommendations of the UNESCO monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007 ;
 8. **Decides to retain Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,

2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.4**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party, in particular the Park authority ICCN and its conservation partners for the efforts to improve the state of conservation of the property;
4. Urges the State Party to implement immediately the following recommendations of the UNESCO monitoring mission which could constitute possible benchmarks in order to safeguard the outstanding universal value and integrity of the property, and in the interest of conservation:
 - a) Establish a “Committee to Save Virunga” (CSV), comprised of ICCN and its conservation partners and representatives of the provincial authorities, the regular army, the United Nations Organization’s Mission to the DRC (MONUC) and the agencies of the United Nations present in Goma, which will help address the threats to the property;
 - b) Reduce significantly the number of military positions inside the property, in particular in the central sector and ensure a close follow up at the level of CSV on cases of illegal activity by military personnel;
 - c) Immediate closure and removal of the Nyaleke army reunification and training camp, as decided by the Minister of Defence;
 - d) Continue the efforts to evacuate in a peaceful and integrated way all illegal occupants in the property, accompanied by appropriate measures to assist the reintegration of the populations in their regions of origin;
 - e) Strengthen cooperation between ICCN and its partners by developing a joint plan for all interventions in the Park, with clear responsibilities and an implementation plan;
 - f) Develop a strategy to share any profits, such as from tourism related to gorillas, with the local communities, in order to improve relations;
 - g) Strengthen law enforcement in the property, concentrating on priority areas, in particular where the illegal occupants were evacuated and by organizing joint missions with MONUC and the army. At the same time, it is also important to reinvigorate Park staff and improve their efficiency through specialized training;
 - h) Establish a trust fund for the rehabilitation of the DRC World Heritage properties, to which the Government of the DRC committed to contribute at the 2004 UNESCO conference on Heritage in Danger in DRC;
5. Requests MONUC to continue and strengthen its cooperation with ICCN and its conservation partners for the conservation of the property;
6. Further requests the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), other UN agencies and humanitarian organisations working in the region, as well as donor agencies, to support the planned peaceful evacuation of the illegal occupants in the property, in particular in Kirokirwe with the necessary accompanying measures;

7. Calls on international donors to support the efforts of the State Party for the conservation of the property;
8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and progress with the implementation of recommendations of the UNESCO monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007 ;
9. **Decides to retain Virunga National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

8. Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (N718)

Decision 30 COM 7A.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.4**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Expresses its utmost concern over the continued serious threats to the values and integrity of the property, as identified during the May 2006 UNESCO monitoring mission to the property: these included extensive poaching of large mammals and in particular elephants, mining activities inside the property, documented to involve members of both the armed forces and police as well as certain traditional chiefs and dignitaries, as well as uncontrolled migration into the villages situated inside the property;
4. Further expresses concern over the increased illegal timber exploitation in the Ituri region which might affect in the near future the Reserve, as well as over the planned rehabilitation of the National Road RN4, with funding from the World Bank, which is crossing the property and for which no adequate Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted;
5. Commends the State Party, in particular the protected area authority ICCN and its conservation partners, for their joint efforts to address these urgent threats and improve the state of conservation of the property;
6. Urges the State Party to implement immediately the recommendations of the 2006 UNESCO monitoring mission which could constitute possible benchmarks in order to safeguard the outstanding universal value and integrity of the property, and in the interest of conservation, in particular:
 - a) Take necessary measures to ensure the immediate withdrawal of those military personnel of the DRC army (FARDC) who are involved in poaching, ivory trafficking and illegal mining;
 - b) Take measures to close down and prevent all illegal mining operations inside the property;

- c) Suspend the rehabilitation works on the RN4 national road crossing the property, to allow for a proper Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted and until proper measures to reduce its expected environmental impact are put in place;
 - d) Establish a trust fund for the rehabilitation of the DRC World Heritage properties, to which the Government of the DRC committed to contribute at the 2004 UNESCO conference on Heritage in Danger in DRC;
 - e) Establish permanent cooperation between the political and military authorities at provincial level, the United Nations Organisation Mission to DRC (MONUC) and the management authority of the property ICCN to support the latter's efforts to eliminate illegal activities in and around the property;
 - f) Take necessary measures, in cooperation with the Government of Uganda, to stop the illegal trafficking of timber, minerals and ivory across the DRC/Uganda border in north-eastern DRC;
 - g) Prepare a forest zoning plan for the forest areas adjacent to the property to protect the property from negative impacts resulting from unsustainable forest exploitation;
 - h) Legalize and scale up the pilot system put in place by ICCN to regulate and monitor immigration as well as traffic on the RN4 road, including the establishment of a permit system with transit charges;
 - i) Take measures to reinforce and reinvigorate the guard force and to improve their efficiency.
7. Recommends the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to contact the CITES Secretariat, in order to investigate the trading networks and countries of destination of the ivory poached in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve and other DRC World Heritage properties;
 8. Thanks the conservation NGOs working at the property and their supporting donors for their financial support for the conservation and rehabilitation of the property, as well as the Belgian Government for funding the emergency action plan for the property planned in the framework of the second phase of the UNESCO programme for DRC World Heritage properties;
 9. Calls on international donors to support the efforts of the State Party to rehabilitate the property;
 10. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report before **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, in particular progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2006 UNESCO monitoring mission for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
 11. **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 30 COM 7A.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15A.4** and **29 COM 7A.5**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Congratulates the State Party and in particular the Amhara Regional State Government for the considerable efforts made to improve the state of conservation and management of the Simien National Park (SMNP) and the substantial progress made towards meeting the benchmarks set by the Committee, in particular its efforts to revise the boundaries of the park through a participatory process in cooperation with all local stakeholders, to include a larger population of the *Walia ibex* and to exclude villages along its boundary;
4. Further welcomes the initiative of the State Party, in particular the Amhara Parks Development and Protection Authority, to develop an alternative livelihood strategy for local residents in order to achieve in the long term a significant and sustainable reduction in the human population density within the park;
5. Requests the State Party to take the necessary measures in order to meet in the short term (1 to 2 years) the following revised benchmarks recommended by the 2006 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission to guide a possible future removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - a) Finalize the extension of SMNP to include the Silki Yared – Kiddis Yared Mountains and the Ras Dejen Mountain with the interlinking corridors;
 - b) Gazetting of the new park boundaries, including the extensions of Lemalimo, Mesarerya, the Silki Yared – Kiddis Yared Mountains and the Ras Dejen Mountain as well as the realignment of the boundary to exclude certain villages;
 - c) Develop a strategy and action plan, as part of the planned management plan revision, to significantly reduce the impact of livestock grazing on the conservation of the property by introducing no grazing and limited grazing zones based on ecological criteria and by setting up a strict management regime in zones where grazing will still be tolerated in the short to medium term, and secure funding for its implementation;
 - d) Develop a strategy and action plan, as part of the planned management plan revision to support the development of alternative livelihoods for the people living within the park as well as its immediate vicinity, in order to limit in the medium term their impact on the natural resources of the property, and secure funding for its implementation;
6. Further requests the State Party to implement the other recommendations made by the joint UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, in particular with regard to the ongoing

revision of the draft management plan for the park and a tourism master plan for the region, the Debarq – Mekane Birhan and the Bwahit – Dilyibza roads, the newly constructed lodge, as well as measures to limit the risk of disease transmission between livestock and wildlife;

7. Invites the State Party to request financial assistance from the World Heritage Fund for finalizing the extension requested in the revised benchmarks, and recommends the State Party to seek technical assistance from IUCN and UNESCO experts as well as experts from conservation NGOs working in Ethiopia for the preparation of the above mentioned management plan and tourism master plan;
8. Calls upon international donors to provide further financial and technical support to the State Party in order to ensure, as a matter of priority, the implementation of the strategies requested in the revised benchmarks, as well as to enable the State Party to implement the other recommendations made by the joint UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission;
9. Requests the State Party to submit a re-nomination of the property (as required by paragraph 165 of the *Operational Guidelines*) once the extension of SMNP has been finalised and the new park boundaries have been re-gazetted;
10. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, specifically on progress made in relation to the revised benchmarks for a removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and other recommendations of the 2006 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
11. **Decides to retain Simien National Park (Ethiopia) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.6** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
3. Regrets that the state of conservation report provided by the State Party does not respond to the specific findings and recommendations of the 2005 IUCN monitoring mission and does not provide information with regard to the benchmarks set by the Committee at its 29th session;
4. Commends the State Party and other partners, for the approval of the project for the “Co-management of Natural Resources in Aïr and Ténéré Natural Reserves and adjacent areas” (COGERAT) and encourages the implementing partners to provide

effective management, leadership and commitment to ensure that the outcomes of the project have practical and long term benefits for the World Heritage property;

5. Urges the State Party, with the support of the COGERAT project, to implement the corrective measures in order to meet the benchmarks adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, specifically on progress made in relation to the benchmarks set by the World Heritage Committee for a removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, along with a timeframe for their achievement, as well as on the implementation and progress of the COGERAT project, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
7. **Decides to retain the Aïr and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Niger) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A.Add.Rev*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.7**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for its considerable efforts to improve the state of conservation of the property in line with the 2005 IUCN/UNESCO monitoring mission and for developing a 3 year action plan to achieve the benchmarks set by the Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) with the support of partners and experts in a multi-stakeholder workshop;
4. Urges the State Party to formally approve the Action Plan (2006-2008) and commit the necessary resources to its full implementation as soon as possible, including by deploying and training the necessary personnel, by **1 October 2006**;
5. Encourages donors and partners to give particular attention to supporting the Ministry of Environment in the effective implementation of the Action Plan (2006-2008) for the Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary;
6. Further urges the State Party to put in place a management committee and a scientific committee, preferably by the end of 2006, engaging relevant partners and experts, to guide and assess the implementation of the Action Plan (2006-2008);
7. Recognises that excellent progress has been made in reaching the benchmarks proposed by the 2005 IUCN/UNESCO monitoring mission, and that it is expected that the implementation of the Action Plan, along with careful management and monitoring of the hydrological system will further consolidate conservation efforts.-

8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007**, on the state of conservation of the property, in particular on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 2005 monitoring mission and the approval and implementation of the Action Plan, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
9. Decides to remove **Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal)** from the **List of World Heritage in Danger**.

ARAB STATES

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30 COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 7A.8** and **29 COM 7A.8**, adopted at its 27th (UNESCO, 2003) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Thanks the State Party for hosting the IUCN/UNESCO monitoring mission to the property from 31 May to 2 June 2006;
4. Recognises that there has been considerable progress in recent years in the rehabilitation of the property, with improved water quality leading toward the restoration of vegetation critical to the functioning of the ecosystem, the gradual return of wintering and breeding birds, though not yet to former numbers at the time of inscription on the World Heritage List, and the recovery of fish populations;
5. Congratulates the State Party for its strong commitment to the conservation of the property and in particular for putting in place a high quality scientific monitoring programme that contributes to regular reporting on progress;
6. Notes that the State Party is currently updating the hydrological model of the property originally developed under the BCEOM project, in order to assess the potential impacts of the three new proposed dams on the property ;
7. Considers that on-going work is still required to guarantee the maintenance and restoration the values for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List and ensure its effective long term management;
8. Requests the State Party to implement the recommendations of the 2006 IUCN/UNESCO monitoring mission in the same positive spirit by which previous recommendations have been implemented;
9. Thanks the State Party for its commitment to regard Ichkeul National Park as a net consumer of water, and requests it to continue implementing this policy taking account of the need for occasional surges of water to flush out any concentrations of salt;
10. Encourages the State Party to seek funding support from the World Heritage Fund for a workshop in early winter 2006/07, in collaboration with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre, to discuss the draft management plan for the property and the application of the mission's recommendations;
11. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by the **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and particularly on:

- a) The establishment of an integrated and autonomous management structure with decision-making powers and financial support for its effective work;
 - b) The finalization and adoption of the management plan, taking into account the status conferred to the property as a World Heritage property, the conclusions of the hydrological model update and the establishment of a local Agenda 21 committee in order to raise awareness of the park in the broader catchments;
12. **Decides to remove Ichkeul National Park (Tunisia) from the List of World Heritage in Danger;**
13. Iterates that if there is no continued satisfactory progress, the property shall be re-inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 31st session in 2007.

ASIA-PACIFIC

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.9**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party, local authorities, NGOs and the Bodo Territorial Council for the considerable efforts made to improve the state of conservation of the Manas Wildlife Sanctuary and to help meet the benchmarks set by the Committee, and for submitting an updated progress report;
4. Encourages the State Party and local authorities to fully implement all recommendations of the joint 2005 UNESCO/IUCN mission;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre and IUCN as soon as possible with the results of the comprehensive wildlife survey, in particular the status and trends of the tiger, rhino, elephant and swamp deer populations in the property;
6. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, specifically on progress made in relation to the benchmarks set by the Committee for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, along with the timeframe for their achievement, as well as progress made on implementing the recommendations of the joint 2005 UNESCO/IUCN mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
7. **Decides to retain Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (India) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15A.11** and **29 COM 7A.10**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Commends the State Party for the considerable efforts and huge investments made in the restoration and conservation of the Everglades National Park and for submitting an updated progress report;
4. Notes that the State Party is addressing with great effort the concern of the Committee about the quantity and quality of water entering the Park from the north and that improvements are anticipated over time;
5. Reiterates its concern about the quantity and quality of water entering the property from the north, continued urban growth on the eastern boundary of the Park and a potential expansion of the urban development;
6. Encourages the State Party to continue its considerable commitment to the restoration and conservation of the property by ensuring full implementation of the Modified Water Deliveries Project, the C-111 Project, and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and other important activities and by controlling urban development;
7. Decides that the Benchmarks identified by the State Party in consultation with IUCN will serve as a guide for the Committee and facilitate the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger. Progress towards this should be assessed on a regular basis;
8. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the progress made in the restoration and conservation of the property including the progress towards achieving the Benchmarks for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
9. **Decides to retain Everglades National Park (United States of America) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15A.13** and **29 COM 7A.12**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Regrets that the report provided by the State Party, as requested by the Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005), was received by the World Heritage Centre on June 30th 2006, leaving little time for a thorough review;
4. Notes that the State Party has reported to the World Heritage Centre that it has fulfilled two of the target benchmarks set by the Committee for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and that progress was made in the implementation of the recommendations of the joint 2003 UNESCO/IUCN mission, as requested by the Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
5. Requests the State Party to implement, before 2007, the remaining corrective measures proposed by the 2003 UNESCO/IUCN monitoring mission in order to meet the benchmarks set by the World Heritage Committee at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004) for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - a) Prevent unauthorized activities in the buffer zone, including: agricultural expansion, illegal logging and poaching, specifically by putting into operation permanent and temporary checkpoints located at critical access points;
 - b) Develop inter-institutional work plans that provide clear definitions of the roles and responsibilities of the various public and private entities involved in the Reserve's management; and
 - c) Disseminate the environmental management plans related to the Ministry of Agriculture's development strategy within the Sico'Paulaya Valley zone;
6. Notes with appreciation the formal invitation from the State Party to UNESCO and IUCN, received in the letter of transmission of the report, to carry out a further monitoring mission to the property;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to undertake a joint mission to assess progress in the implementation of the above noted benchmarks in view of a possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 31st session in 2007;
8. **Decides to retain the Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Honduras) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

CULTURAL PROPERTIES

AFRICA

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.13**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Congratulates the State Party for the efforts made concerning the establishment of a national cultural heritage law, the acquisition of a property title for the site, the delimitation of a buffer zone around the property, and for the management system of the site;
4. Encourages the State Party to pursue the implementation of the action plan and the work to eliminate threats to the structures;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to the property to evaluate the implementation of the action plan and to make recommendations to the Committee for the removal of the site from the List of World Heritage in Danger and to report on this to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
6. **Decides to retain the Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.15**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the efforts made in 2005 to complete the property management plan and to continue to strengthen measures for the protection of the property;
4. Notes that the State Party's State of Conservation report submitted 30 January 2006, only briefly mentions the recently developed management plan, without defining

corrective measures for implementation as the guiding instrument intended to ensure a long term and integrated approach towards the management of the property;

5. Notes that the site management plan section dealing with significance, and the related sections in the State Party's State of Conservation report concerning integrity/authenticity, reflect significance beyond that recognized in the inscription of the site under criterion (iii), and are not in conformity with the requirements of the *Operational Guidelines* which relate to the expression of Outstanding Universal Value, authenticity and integrity, and suggests that the State Party modify these sections of the management plan and report to the Committee accordingly;
6. Notes that the management plan prepared for the property encompasses a wider area than that inscribed (in line with the recommendations of the 2004 ICOMOS mission) and invites the State Party to signal its intention to the Committee to propose an extension to the original nomination to include those areas addressed by management plan including Kilwa Kivinje, in order to fully integrate the earlier ruins inscribed with the associated living towns, and to consider whether additional criteria may be necessary to fully capture the Outstanding Universal Value of a larger property;
7. Regrets that the State Party State of Conservation report did not address the recommendations of the ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of 2004;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the state of conservation of the property including the following information, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007:
 - a) Follow-up action on the recommendations of the ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission of 2004;
 - b) Actions taken to update the property's statement of significance and integrity/authenticity assessment according to the current requirements of the *Operational Guidelines*, and the need to focus the expression of significance on the criterion recognized by inscription;
 - c) Full and effective implementation of the property management plan of January 2006;
 - d) Clarification of its intention to submit an extension to the presently inscribed World Heritage property and possibly to submit associated revised criteria.
9. **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

18. Tipasa (Algeria) (C 193)

Decision 30 COM 7A.18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.16**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Congratulates the State Party on the measures taken and the actions engaged to improve the protection of the site, notably in the institutional, legal and management fields;
4. Appreciates that the State Party has made strong commitments, including the establishment of an action plan with a strict calendar, for the completion of the work in progress and the implementation of longer-term projects;
5. **Decides to remove Tipasa (Algeria) from the List of World Heritage in Danger** ;
6. Further decides that if the following conditions:
 - a) Delimitation of an official perimeter for the inscribed sectors and the buffer zone based on the new cadastral plan;
 - b) Relocation procedure for the families installed within the perimeter of the property;
 - c) Strengthening of human and financial resources;
 - d) Realisation and application of the Protection and Presentation Plan (PPMVSAZP);
 - e) Elaboration of a management plan for the site;are not satisfied, the site shall be re-inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 31st session in 2007.
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

19. Abu Mena (Egypt) (C 90)

Decision 30 COM 7A.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.17** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Congratulates the State Party for its efforts in addressing the issue of the rising ground water table;
4. Urges the State Party to implement the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission of 2005:
 - a) Carry out a rapid condition survey of all excavated remains and urgent conservation measures in order to provide protection to structures during the vibration and other forms of damage likely to result from the use of heavy earth-moving equipment;
 - b) Lower the water table by means of drainage ditches and pipes, inside and around the archaeological area;
 - c) Establish an efficient system for monitoring the water table in the archaeological site and in the surrounding zones;
 - d) Prepare a conservation plan, defining short-, medium-, and long-term objectives and establishing technical parameters (materials, techniques, etc);
 - e) Undertake consultations with stakeholders with the objective of preparing a management plan, to include research, presentation and interpretation, the role of stakeholders (e.g. the Mar Mena community), staffing, sponsorship, visitor facilities, access, etc.
5. Requests the State Party to define urgently the boundaries of the property and of its buffer zone and to provide a map to the World Heritage Centre;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2007**, a detailed progress report for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
7. **Decides to retain Abu Mena (Egypt) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,

2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.18** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
 3. Notes with great concern the present situation in Iraq and regrets the obstacle it represents in the implementation of safeguarding activities;
 4. Encourages the State Party to establish, as early as possible, a site management coordination unit, which will be responsible for any action to be undertaken on the property;
 5. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to continue assisting the responsible Iraqi authorities in the development of a comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the property;
 6. Also requests the State Party to initiate the preparation of a Conservation and Management Plan for the property, possibly through an International Assistance Request, and, should it be possible, with international expertise, to present a progress report to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
 7. **Decides to retain Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Iraq) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**
- 34. Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (Site proposed by Jordan) (C 148 rev)**

Decision 30 COM 7A.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A.Add.Rev*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.31** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Further recalling 32 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference of UNESCO and Decision 172EX.18 of the Executive Board of UNESCO, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inclusion of the Old City of Jerusalem in the World Heritage List and in the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,
4. Affirming that nothing, in the present decision, which aims at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,
5. Reiterates its concern as to the obstacles and practices, such as archaeological excavations or new constructions, which could alter the outstanding universal value of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, including its urban and social fabric as well as its visual integrity;

6. Asks the Israeli authorities to provide to the World Heritage Centre all relevant information concerning the new buildings planned in and around the Western Wall Plaza, including the plans for the reconstruction of the access leading to the al-Haram ash-Sharif;
7. Invites all authorities and institutions to cooperate constructively for the conservation of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem and, in particular, the Israeli authorities to facilitate access of materials and technical staff for the restoration of monuments and housing in the Old City, in particular in the al-Haram ash-Sharif;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to report on the state of conservation and on the progress in the preparation and implementation of the Action Plan for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, together with the necessary achievable benchmarks, for the examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
9. Further requests the concerned parties to collaborate with the World Heritage Centre in this endeavour and invites all the States Parties to contribute to its implementation through extra-budgetary funding;
10. Congratulates the Director-General of UNESCO for his commitment in pursuing a comprehensive initiative for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem;
11. **Decides to retain the Old City of Jerusalem on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.19**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the numerous efforts made to improve the state of conservation of the property, including efforts to reduce the numbers of violations of historic fabric occurring, to remove past violations and to support the production of traditional materials;
4. Notes with great concern that the main recommendations made by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session, notably the completion of an urban conservation plan, and a socio-economic revitalization action plan, have not been implemented;
5. Regrets that the Committee's recommendation to integrate the urban regulations drafted for the historic core within the Urban Development Plan has not yet been addressed by the State Party;

6. Urges the State Party to:
 - a) Continue its efforts to monitor and prevent future violations, and to remove existing violations in the open spaces,
 - b) Complete the urban conservation plan to be integrated in the Urban Development Plan together with the urban regulations, and
 - c) Prepare the socio-economic revitalization action plan;
7. Recommends that the State Party invite a joint World Heritage Centre-ICOMOS mission to assess the state of conservation of the property and to agree on appropriate benchmarks;
8. Requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the progress made on the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
9. **Decides to retain the Historic Town of Zabid (Yemen) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

ASIA-PACIFIC

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.20**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for having halted the construction of the road and for the progress achieved for the strengthening of the base of the Minaret by masonry work and the geophysical survey of the site;
4. Reiterates its strong encouragement of the State Party to construct an alternative footbridge and a ford across the Hari River, in order to enable access of the villagers from the Bedam Valley to the Jam Valley, as well as allowing a limited number of vehicles to cross the river, following the recommendations of the UNESCO mission in February 2004;
5. Urges the State Party, with assistance from UNESCO and the international community, to continue the on-going efforts for the structural consolidation of the Minaret as recommended by the expert meeting on the continuation of consolidation activities in Jam, organised by the World Heritage Centre in Paris on 15 March 2006;
6. Requests the State Party, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to elaborate a site management plan for the Minaret and the archaeological remains, taking into account the relevant provisions of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the Convention*;
7. Also 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 to define, in close collaboration with the State Party, benchmarks for corrective measures and related timeframe for the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a report on the state of conservation of this property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007; and
9. Decides to retain the **Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Afghanistan)** on the **List of World Heritage in Danger**.

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.21**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Highly commends the State Party and the international community for their efforts and commitment to the safeguarding of this property;
4. Urges the State Party to enhance the awareness level of Outstanding Universal Value among stakeholders, along with capacity building;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre to assist in the finalisation of the comprehensive site management plan by the State Party based on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and in line with the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines*;
6. Also 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 to define, in close collaboration with the State Party, benchmarks for corrective measures and related timeframe for the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a comprehensive site management plan and a progress report on the implementation of the master plan and on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007; and
8. **Decides to retain the Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.22**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the strong progress made towards the effective management of the property, as well as for the quality of the draft Integrated Management Plan (IMP);

4. Further commends the State Party for having suspended the work on the commercial complex-and-interpretation centre and for the decision to identify an alternate location for the complex;
5. Notes the progress in the preparation of urban building regulations for the villages in the core zone, as well as the steps taken towards the preparation of the Master Plan for the regulation of development activities within the World Heritage area;
6. Takes note of the completion of the bypass road which will divert heavy vehicles away from the core zone and the efforts made by the Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority for the preparation of traffic control regulations;
7. Expresses its concern about the substantial increase of illegal construction in the core zone;
8. Requests the State Party to promptly undertake the following actions:
 - a) Finalize, officially adopt and implement the Integrated Management Plan (IMP);
 - b) Provide adequate staffing and financial resources to the Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority and its technical unit, in order to ensure the rapid and comprehensive implementation of the IMP;
 - c) Rehabilitate the abandoned construction site of the commercial complex-and-interpretation centre, restore its former land-use, and submit information on the alternative location of the complex to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies for examination;
 - d) Establish and officially adopt urban building regulations, as well as a heritage-based Master Plan, including land-use regulations;
 - e) Exert strict control over illegal construction in the core zone;
 - f) Officially adopt traffic regulations to ban heavy duty vehicular traffic from the World Heritage area and to submit these regulations to the World Heritage Centre;
 - g) Reconsider and adapt the design and dimensions of the Anegundi Bridge in view of respecting the visual integrity of the property;
 - h) Appropriately address the statement of significance as an amendment to the finalized IMP once the cultural resource mapping presently being undertaken by HWHAMA is completed, and this by **1 February 2008**;
 - i) Invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to assess the progress made and to report to the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, the completed IMP, together with a detailed progress report on the state of conservation of the property, including the state of implementation of the IMP and all above-mentioned actions, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;

10. **Decides to remove the Group of Monuments at Hampi (India) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A 23**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party and the UNESCO Japan Funds-in-Trust project for the progress made to elaborate a comprehensive management plan for the existing World Heritage property;
4. Urges the State Party to accelerate its efforts to clearly redefine the World Heritage protective zones which fully reflects the Outstanding Universal Value of Bam and its Cultural Landscape;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre in cooperation with ICOMOS and the State Party, to define benchmarks for the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and to encourage training programmes through the assistance of international donors;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5, as well as on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007; and
7. **Decides to retain Bam and its Cultural Landscape (Islamic Republic of Iran) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

26. Kathmandu Valley (Nepal) (C 121)

Decision 30 COM 7A.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.24**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Noting the updated information provided by the UNESCO mission in June 2006,
4. Commends the State Party for the co-ordinated efforts made, despite the difficult situation amidst political transformation, in improving the conservation of the property,

- progress made in redefining the property's boundaries, and recognizes the high quality of the participatory process for the establishment of the integrated management plan ;
5. Notes that the integrated management plan may require a further year for completion and adoption, given the commitment to the participatory process and the changing political situation;
 6. Requests the State Party to continue the establishment of an integrated conservation management system by:
 - a) Completing and adopting the integrated management plan by **1 June 2007**;
 - b) Ensuring establishment of concrete conservation guidelines and their dissemination;
 - c) Completing the categorized inventories in the seven Monument Zones in order to effectively link these with conservation guidelines;
 - d) Implementing appropriate building regulations to control the transformation of heritage buildings within the World Heritage boundaries and in their buffer zones;
 - e) Undertaking effective monitoring measures to assess the implementation of the management plan, by documenting and evaluating physical transformation of heritage buildings regularly;
 7. Encourages the State Party to request Technical Assistance from the World Heritage Fund in order to implement such integrated conservation management system through the process of establishing the management plan, in close cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
 8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** a progress report including the state of implementation of all the actions recommended as above, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
 9. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint mission World Heritage Centre/ ICOMOS to the property in 2007 to assess whether the integrated conservation management system is in place;
 10. Decides to consider the possible removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 31st session in 2007, based on the examination of the progress report and the report of the World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission;
 11. **Decides to retain the Kathmandu Valley (Nepal) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.25**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes that considerable progress has been made in the preparation of the master plans for the Lahore Fort and Shalamar Gardens;
4. Congratulates the State Party on the positive change in the conservation framework created through the transfer of management of the property from Federal to Provincial authority;
5. Commends the State Party for all actions taken in the last year to advance the conservation of the property;
6. Regrets, however, that neither the protective measures, such as fencing around the site for the demolished hydraulic works at the Shalamar Gardens, nor the consolidation works on its remaining foundation, have been undertaken by the State Party;
7. Notes with concern that the actual resources allocated by the Punjab Provincial Government may not adequately address the conservation challenges identified in the master plans currently under preparation;
8. Requests the State Party to implement the following measures, which constitute the benchmarks for removal of the property from the List of the World Heritage in Danger:
 - a) Consolidation the remaining foundations of the demolished hydraulic works at the Shalamar Gardens;
 - b) Prioritization the allocation and use of the available resources according to the management objectives determined in the master plans;
9. Encourages the State Party to consider the possible extension of the core and buffer zones as recommended by the UNESCO mission in 2003;
10. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a report on the progress achieved on the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
11. **Decides to retain the Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Pakistan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A.Add.Rev*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.26**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Welcomes the efforts made by the local and provincial authorities for the restoration of the irrigation systems of the rice terraces;
4. Notes with concern the findings and recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN monitoring mission (18 to 24 April 2006) that little progress has been made towards implementing the recommendations of the September 2001 and June 2005 missions, in particular that:
 - a) A functioning site management mechanism has not been established and that the site Conservation and Management Plan has not been implemented;
 - b) The resources allocated by the national authorities and Ifugao Provincial Government are inadequate to address the conservation challenges identified in the Conservation and Management Plan prepared with Emergency Assistance from the World Heritage Fund.
5. Requests the State Party to implement the following corrective measures, which constitute the conditions for the removal of the property from the List of the World Heritage in Danger, by the **end of 2007**:
 - a) Establish a functioning management mechanism at the provincial and municipal levels, and ensure that adequate human/financial resources are made available to implement the Conservation and Management Plan for the property;
 - b) Put in place zoning and land-use plans responding to community-based activities and traditional value systems;
 - c) Provide regulations over tourism and infrastructure developments to encourage community based tourism which benefits the Rice Terraces and the local communities;
 - d) Develop a resource strategy at the national, provincial, municipal and village (barangay) levels and put in place a five year plan, according to the management objectives determined in the Conservation and Management Plan, with top priority given to the regular maintenance and stabilisation of the rice terraces and lifeline irrigation systems so as to reverse their deterioration. The strategy will include the establishment of a long-term programme to prevent the extinction of traditional rice cultivars (seeds) safeguarding traditional rice varieties associated with the agricultural practices of the rice terraces;

- e) Establish appropriate development control procedures for development projects in the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordillera, including by designating the World Heritage cluster sites of the Rice Terraces and their supportive ecosystem (i.e. watershed system) as “environmental critical areas”, where an environment impact assessment (EIA) is required for any proposed development projects. Cultural heritage conservation expertise should be also included in the EIA review committee;
 - f) Strengthen the reforestation programme to include a wider range of endemic trees species to protect the watershed system for the rice terraces and prevent the introduction of exotic species in the private or communal watersheds of the rice terraces;
6. Also requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS and IUCN), in collaboration with the State Party, to assist the site managers of the Rice Terraces, as appropriate, to build capacity on sustainable tourism planning and management;
 7. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, with a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property, taking into consideration the benchmarks for corrective measures proposed by the April 2006 Reactive Monitoring Mission, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
 8. **Decides to retain the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Philippines) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.28**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Encourages the State Party to continue to work in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies, other stakeholders and the university networking for documentation through the UNESCO-Forum/Universities and Heritage, particularly in implementing activities outlined in the action plan;
4. Notes with great concern that little progress has been made towards implementing the recommendations of the Committee in 2005, and that in particular one critical decision reported during the 29th session (the transfer of management responsibility of the property to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan) has not yet been implemented;
5. Regrets that no progress has been made with the elaboration of a comprehensive management plan to address conservation issues, urban development control and tourism management at the property;
6. Recommends the State Party to conduct comparative studies in terms of sustainable management of historic towns, and taking into account the Vienna Memorandum on "World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape" (2005), with concerned Scientific Committees of the Advisory Bodies;
7. Urges the State Party to fully implement all previous decisions made by the Committee at its 28th and 29th sessions;
8. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to assess the actions taken by the State Party in the follow-up of previous Committee decisions and to elaborate an updated Action Plan in collaboration with the State Party;
9. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007**, on the state of conservation of the property, including all actions taken to implement the corrective measures, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.
10. **Decides to retain the Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Azerbaijan) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.29**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for progress made with the definition of the buffer zone and requests that the right bank of the river (Deutz side) be also included into the buffer zone of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to submit the modifications to the boundaries in accordance with Chapter III.I of the *Operational Guidelines* by **1 February 2007**;
5. Notes with satisfaction that the high-rise building project was halted to protect the integrity of the property;
6. Recommends that the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) be taken into account for any further decisions and planning processes regarding the urban development in Cologne;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007**, on the state of conservation of the property, describing the results of the workshops conducted on the future use and design of the Deutz area as well as any further steps undertaken in view of high-rise development and the application of the Vienna Memorandum for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
8. **Decides to remove Cologne Cathedral (Germany) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **29 COM 8B.51, 29 COM 8B.52, 29 COM 8C.1** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with great concern that no further progress has been made in the implementation of the Master Plan and finding an alternate route for the proposed road A-16;
4. Regrets that no significant structural reinforcement works have been made on the most damaged buildings and recommends that the State Party prepares an International Assistance request for the elaboration of an emergency action plan;
5. Urges the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of the progress made concerning the trace of an alternate road to the A-16;
6. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the implementation of the master plan, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
7. **Decides to retain the Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Chile) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.30**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the actions taken to protect and preserve the World Heritage site of Chan Chan Archaeological Zone, in particular the progress made with regard to reducing the water level at the property and the restoration of the buildings;
4. Congratulates the State Party for the efforts made to solve the problem of the resettlement of the occupants and farmers away from the property;

5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the process of resettlement of the farmers and their sustainable livelihood, as well as progress on the stabilization of the phreatic levels in the property, and the results obtained within the framework of the International Assistance provided under the World Heritage Fund, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to assess the state of conservation of the property, determine prioritized benchmarks for corrective measures and time-frames needed for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and those needed for the continuing sustainability and its continuous monitoring, together with the necessary technical training;
7. **Decides to retain Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Peru) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7A.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 7B.102**, **28 COM 15B.106** and **29 COM 7B.92** adopted at its 27th (UNESCO, 2003), 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions,
3. Recalls article 11.4 of the *Convention* and paragraph 179 of the *Operational Guidelines* with regard to ascertained danger (including serious deterioration of materials, structures and town-planning coherence) and potential danger (lack of conservation policy);
4. Expresses its grave concern about the state of conservation of the property and the lack of adequate management, planning and conservation mechanisms;
5. Urges the State Party to continue implementation of the recommendations issued by the UNESCO/ICOMOS missions of 2002 and 2005;
6. Requests the State Party to develop a time-bound plan for the implementation of the following benchmarks, which constitute the conditions for removal of the property from the List of the World Heritage in Danger:
 - a) Adoption and implementation of:
 - (i) an emergency plan;
 - (ii) an integrated management plan;
 - (iii) an effective management structure;
 - b) A considerable improvement of the state of conservation of the property;

7. Requests the State Party, ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre to define further the benchmark 6 a)(iii) for improvement to the state of conservation, to facilitate future discussions and decision making on this property;
8. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
9. Decides to retain **Coro and its Port (Venezuela) on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

NATURAL PROPERTIES

AFRICA

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

Decision: 30 COM 7B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Notes with great concern the reports of ongoing and potential threats to the values and integrity of the property;
3. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a full copy of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of the proposed road upgrading project as well as the final report on the wildlife inventory that took place in May/June 2006;
4. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to assess the state of conservation of the property, in particular the status of key wildlife populations and the causes of the reported declines in their population sizes, as well as potential impacts of the proposed road construction project;
5. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, in particular the status of key wildlife populations, the causes for their decline and steps to be taken to improve the management of the property and potential impacts of the proposed road construction project, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.1**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),

3. Encourages the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) to act without delay on the measures planned to strictly regulate and control tourism in the Crater and move immigrants, NCAA and tourist lodge staff out of the property;
4. Notes that the World Heritage Centre and IUCN have received a number of reports highlighting concerns on the state of conservation of the property;
5. Urges the State Party to consult widely, including with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre, on the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) relating to the new lodge development on the rim of the Crater and to carefully consider alternative options such as the development of an already existing lodge or the development of the lodge outside the property;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN monitoring mission to visit the property so that they may provide a detailed report to the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007 on the state of conservation of the property, with particular attention being given to overall management and resourcing, visitor management and infrastructure development, the resident pastoralist population, illegal cultivation and encroachment;
7. Invites the State Party to provide a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the outcomes of the EIAs relating to the lodge development and vehicle congestion; measures to mitigate the negative impacts of tourism and increase revenue for the management of the property and local communities; measures to control cultivation, encroachment, immigration, and numbers of livestock; and to move immigrants to agricultural land outside the property.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Notes that the State Party has not responded to the previous request for information about a number of threats to the property;
3. Regrets that financial resources available from the income retention scheme from commercial hunting have decreased significantly in recent years and recommends that the State Party seek independent financial advice on the management of this income retention scheme to support conservation and management of the property;
4. Requests the State Party to commission independent EIAs of all proposed mineral mining and dam development activities that could potentially affect the integrity of the World Heritage property;
5. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to assess the state of conservation of the property, in particular the implementation of the

management plan and EIAs as well as the impacts of poaching, prospecting and mining activities;

6. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, in particular the measures taken to address key threats to the property and the progress made with the management plan and the EIAs, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.2**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with satisfaction the completion of the World Heritage Centre/IUCN monitoring mission to the World Heritage property;
4. Notes with concern that the Management Plan is not yet officially in force;
5. Requests the State Party to undertake the necessary measures to:
 - a) Publish without delay the Ministerial decree for the enforcement of the Management Plan of the property and initiate its implementation;
 - b) Make necessary arrangements to provide the Dja Faunal Reserve with financial autonomy as regards the implementation of activities for continuous surveillance, anti-poaching, and the coordination of activities of the different actors within and at the periphery of the Reserve;
 - c) Establish a Coordination Unit for the conservation of the property and provide it with all necessary means for the satisfactory execution of its mission, clarifying the hierarchical structure of the Dja Conservation Service;
 - d) Give more emphasis and greater acknowledgement to the village committees as regards surveillance and anti-poaching activities; and integrate them into anti-poaching programmes and provide them with all the necessary means to carry out their role in the anti-poaching activities within the Reserve;
 - e) Pay particular attention to the use of provisional operation permits of the Forest Development Units adjacent to the Reserve, as well as to all the clearing permits for agro-industrial and mining activities;
 - f) Carry out an in-depth analysis of the environmental and social impact study of the GEOVIC mining concession close to the property by independent

internationally recognized experts and request the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to assist the State Party in the choice of these experts;

6. Invites the international donor community to support the implementation of the Management Plan as soon as it comes into force;
7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, with a report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the monitoring mission.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Commends the State Party, SANParks, CapeNature, C.A.P.E. and the Working for Water and Working on Fire programmes for their continued conservation and development efforts in and around the Cape Floral Region Protected Areas;
3. Thanks the international donor community for its substantial support for the continued conservation and development efforts in and around the World Heritage property;
4. Notes with great concern that the important efforts to manage invasive alien species and fire are currently severely impeded by inadequate financial resources;
5. Urges the State Party to ensure that adequate financial resources are allocated and mobilised annually for proactive management of invasive alien species and fire in and around the sites of the serial World Heritage property as well as related awareness raising among visitors to the property and its surroundings;
6. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report before **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.4**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);

3. Notes with thanks the general management plan and the map showing the precise surveyed and marked boundary of the World Heritage property submitted by the State Party;
4. Commends the Uganda Wildlife Authority for ongoing work to improve the management and conservation of the property, notably through the implementation of a 10 year management plan, as well as its considerable efforts to support the sustainable development of appropriate tourism in the park;
5. Further commends the State Party for the progress made since 2001 towards re-establishing the integrity of the World Heritage property;
6. Encourages the international donor and conservation community to provide additional financial and/or technical assistance for the implementation of the general management plan 2004-2014;
7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, including information on how the main threats identified by the State Party are being dealt with, and in particular on the progress made in the implementation of the general management plan, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Commends the State Party for the recent approval of the general management plan (2005 to 2015) for the property and the development of the ecological monitoring programme for the property under the UNESCO-IUCN-UNF Enhancing Our Heritage project;
3. Urges the State Party to consult widely, including with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre, on the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) relating to the proposed new lodge development at Bilila, and to carefully consider alternative options so that there are no adverse impacts on the integrity of the property;
4. Notes with concern the lack of response from the State Party to the World Heritage Centre's request for information on the lodge development;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on this issue for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

8. Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls (Zambia / Zimbabwe) (N 509)

Decision 30 COM 7B.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Notes with concern that the recommendations of the 2002 bi-lateral workshop have not been implemented;
3. Regrets that the integrity of the World Heritage property remains threatened by uncontrolled urban development, pollution and unplanned tourism development;
4. Urges both States Parties to urgently follow-up on the recommendations of the 2002 bi-lateral workshop and in particular the preparation and implementation of an effective joint management framework to address the ongoing threats; and requests the States Parties to set a firm schedule for their follow-up;
5. Also requests both States Parties to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to assess the state of conservation and the factors affecting the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and progress made in implementing the recommendations of the 2002 bi-lateral workshop;
6. Further requests both States Parties to provide the World Heritage Centre before **1 February 2007** with reports on the state of conservation of the property and progress made in implementing an effective joint management framework and other recommendations of the 2002 bi-lateral workshop for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

ARAB STATES

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.5**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party and its partners for their efforts to protect the Banc d'Arguin National Park, including through the implementation of the Regional Marine and Coastal Conservation Programme for West Africa (PRCM);
4. Congratulates the State Party for the 30th anniversary of the Banc d'Arguin National Park and the associated programme of events to raise awareness and support for the property and encourages international donors to support the Banc d'Arguin National Park Trust Fund;
5. Encourages the State Party to implement the Marine Environment Code (MEC) in order to implement MARPOL (International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) provisions, and to ratify the 1992 Conventions on compensation and civil liability (CLC 92, FUND 92) as soon as possible;
6. Takes note of the proposal of IUCN to oil and gas companies and the Government of Mauritania to convene an independent panel to review the social and environmental aspects of the agreement between the Government and Woodside, and recommends that the above review process also take into account the need for the State Party to take all necessary precautions in case of an oil spill;
7. Requests the State Party to complete the Development and Management Plan (2005-2009) with all relevant stakeholders and submit a copy to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**;
8. Urges the State Party to adopt the two decrees necessary for the implementation of the Special Law for Banc d'Arguin National Park (2000/24);
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on progress with the implementation of each of the above mentioned points and further details with respect to implementing the Recommendations contained in Decision **29 COM 7B.5**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.6**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with concern that progress on reviewing the 2000 management plan and delineating boundaries remains very slow and that the State Party is yet to submit a revised boundary for the World Heritage property;
4. Notes with concern recent reports indicating that the current management plan would conditionally permit mining activity (exploration and production of oil, gas and minerals) in all zones of the World Heritage property and requests the State Party to urgently provide clarifications;
5. Notes with serious concern the new information received by the World Heritage Centre and IUCN indicating that the State Party has transferred an Exploration and Production Sharing Agreement for an area within the property from one international oil company to another, reinforcing the concerns over the deficiencies in the current management plan expressed above and in the report of the 2000 IUCN monitoring mission;
6. Recalls that, according to paragraph 180 of the *Operational Guidelines*, any current and planned exploitation of oil, gas or minerals in the property would make the case for inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
7. Requests the State Party to provide, as a matter of urgency, the World Heritage Centre with detailed information about the status of any oil exploration and production activities within the property and their potential impacts on the property;
8. Urges the State Party to invite a joint monitoring mission of the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to assess the state of conservation of the property, including the status of any oil exploration and production activities within the property and their potential impacts on the property;
9. Requests the State Party to prepare a draft version of a map showing the proposed revision of the boundaries of the property, to be submitted to IUCN and the World Heritage Centre by **30 November 2006** for comments, in view of its finalization and submission by **1 February 2007**;
10. Further requests the State Party to submit by **1 February 2007** a draft revised management plan based on the revised boundaries of the property and a report on the state of conservation of the property, including an accurate estimate of the status and trends of the Arabian Oryx population and an update on the state of implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding prepared between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

ASIA-PACIFIC

11. Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas (China) (N 1083)

Decision 30 COM 7B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.7**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
3. Commends the State Party for its continued efforts to improve the management and conservation of the World Heritage serial property and encourages further efforts to develop strengthened legislative and policy frameworks; strategic tourism planning; participatory approaches and work with NGO partners;
4. Urges the State Party to provide sufficient funding for the management of the property at national, provincial and local levels, in particular the provision of adequate funding to support conservation efforts to be made at the local community levels;
5. Reiterates its continuing serious concern over the potential significant impact from proposed hydro-power and dam development on the property and downstream communities and considers that any dam construction within the World Heritage property or significantly impacting the property would provide a case for inclusion of the property in the List of World Heritage in Danger;
6. Notes with grave concern the findings of the mission in relation to proposed changes to the boundaries of the property which could significantly alter the values for which the property was inscribed, and mining operations within the property which threaten its integrity and values;
7. Notes that additional information from the State Party on the potential impacts of dam construction, boundary changes and mining are essential, in order to fully assess the state of conservation of the property;
8. Requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session, in response to the findings of the 2006 World Heritage Centre/IUCN monitoring mission, and in particular including:
 - a) Detailed plans for hydro-power and dam construction in the Nujiang, Lancang and Jinsha River Valleys, including the Environmental Impact Assessments, as well as information on the dams which are finally approved for construction (also shown on a topographical map at an appropriate scale) and any anticipated direct and indirect impacts on the World Heritage property;
 - b) Topographical maps showing the boundaries of the serial property and detailed information on proposed changes to those boundaries, and how these changes will affect each of the criteria for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List;

- c) Detailed information on how ongoing and proposed mining operations within and near the World Heritage property, and their incompatibility with World Heritage property management objectives, will be addressed; and
- d) Copies in English or French of the following:
 - (i) A summary of the approved management plans for each component of the serial property;
 - (ii) The 2005 Yunnan Provincial regulations affecting the property; and
 - (iii) “Protective Standards for the “Three-River-in-Parallel” World Heritage Site of Yunnan Province” adopted by the Yunnan People’s Congress on 24 October, 2005.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 14B.5** and **29 COM 7B.9**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with great concern the findings and recommendations of the joint IUCN-UNESCO monitoring mission (25 February to 5 March 2006), in particular that the property continues to be increasingly threatened by extensive agricultural encroachment, illegal logging, poaching, road construction and institutional and governance issues, and that an Emergency Action Plan requested at the time of inscription has not yet been prepared;
4. Requests the State Party to amend the boundaries of the World Heritage property to exclude major cleared encroachments and to add critical habitats for the conservation of biodiversity, as identified in the mission report;
5. Further requests the State Party to submit an Emergency Action Plan by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007, to address the trend in loss of value and integrity of the property. In this regard the State Party should:
 - a) Seek international assistance from the World Heritage Fund and the FFI-UNESCO-UNF World Heritage Rapid Response Facility, as well as technical support from IUCN and the World Heritage Centre, to urgently convene a workshop to scope the parameters of an Emergency Action Plan and identify partners, timeframe, responsibilities and sources of funding for its implementation, as well as benchmarks to assess progress over time;

- b) Ensure that the Emergency Action Plan is developed in collaboration with national and international partners and consider a number of key interventions proposed by the monitoring mission to arrest the alarming on-going decline of the World Heritage property;
6. Urges the State Party, with support from UNESCO, IUCN and members of World Heritage Committee, to call for significant international donor support to implement the Emergency Action Plan and to develop capacity for effective long-term management and governance of the property;
7. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to the property to assess the progress made in the implementation of the measures indicated in point 5 above, and report to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
8. **Decides that, if the above said results are not achieved by its 31st session in 2007, the property shall be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.**

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.8**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes that the 2005 monsoon rains have improved the water situation in Keoladeo National Park;
4. Urges the State Party to implement long term solutions for the water problem of the park to ensure a sufficient water supply to the property even in years where the monsoon rains fail, and effectively deal with the problem of invasive species;
5. Calls upon the international donor community to provide further financial and technical support to the State Party for the implementation of such long term solutions for the water problem of the park and for an invasive species management programme;
6. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated, comprehensive report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, including information on any actions taken by the State Party to ensure sufficient water supply to the property as well as the information requested by the Committee in Decision **29 COM 7B.8**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.12**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes that there are ongoing significant threats to the values and integrity of the World Heritage property that requires a concerted effort and adequate resources to address;
4. Notes with concern that the Strategic Plan has yet to be formally approved and implemented;
5. Urges the State Party to take urgent action for the establishment, staffing and funding of the park management authority, Balai Taman Nasional Lorentz;
6. Requests the State Party to formally approve and implement the Strategic Plan and to provide a detailed report as soon as possible, but not later than **31 October 2006**, on the human and financial resources required to implement the Strategic Plan and the actual resources currently available from the State Party and other sources;
7. Encourages the international donor community to place a high priority on funding the implementation of the Strategic Plan, once it has been formally approved by the State Party;
8. Urges the State Party to provide a substantive response to the World Heritage Committee's request (**28 COM 15B.10** paragraph 3) to commission an independent environmental audit of the proposed Habema Road;
9. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property in relation to the different issues noted above, including the threats to the World Heritage property posed by the mining activities, in particular those associated to the discharge of water from the mine tailings into the estuary of the Ajkwa River, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Notes with concern the findings of the joint fact-finding mission of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, IUCN-Nepal and WWF-Nepal in relation to the development of the Kongde View Resort within the World Heritage property, the

potential negative impacts of this development on the integrity of the property and the lack of adequate consultation;

3. Urges the State Party to:
 - a) Clarify the ownership of the site of the resort development;
 - b) Carefully consider the social and environmental impacts of such development on the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property;
 - c) Carry out proper consultation with relevant stakeholders and an independent environmental impact assessment before any further construction takes place;
4. Further urges the State Party to review the situation with other private land holdings within the World Heritage property to avoid a repetition of this type of issue;
5. Requests the State Party to submit as soon as possible, at the latest before **1 February 2007**, to the World Heritage Centre a report on the outcomes of the court case and the steps it plans to take in relation to the Kongde View Resort in the Sagarmatha National Park, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.13**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes the positive achievements in the conservation and management of the property and particularly in controlling the illegal fishing activities at local level;
4. Urges the State Party to provide sufficient basic funding for the management of the property in order to avoid annual fluctuations caused by dependence on tourism income and project funding;
5. Encourages the State Party to enact the Tubbataha Protected Areas Bill as soon as possible;
6. Commends the international and national NGOs for their continued support provided to the conservation, management and monitoring of the property and encourages them to maintain and augment such support;
7. Calls upon the international donor and conservation community to respond positively to calls for support from the State Party to develop an Endowment Fund for the conservation and management of the property; and also calls upon the international community in collaboration with the Sulu Sea region States Parties to organise a regional forum on the conservation of marine resources in the wider Sulu Sea region to help find long-term solutions to illegal fishing;

8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a report by **1 February 2007** on the results and recommendations of the “National Forum on the Conservation of the Tubbataha Reef Marine Park and the Greater Sulu Sea”, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision: 30 COM 7B.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 7B.13** and **28 COM 15B.13**, adopted at its 27th (Paris, 2003) and 28th (Suzhou, 2004) sessions respectively,
3. Commends the State Party and Ha Long Bay Management Authority for their continued efforts in addressing key issues in and around the property and for submitting a detailed response to the concerns raised over the state of conservation of the property;
4. Urges the State Party and the Ha Long Bay Management Authority to continue their efforts to relieve or resolve the economic development pressures on the property and its buffer zone in close cooperation with other authorities concerned;
5. Encourages the State Party to submit a request for international assistance from the World Heritage Fund for capacity building of the staff of the Ha Long Bay Management Authority to strengthen their management capacity;
6. Calls upon the international donor community to provide further financial and technical support for the conservation and management of the property;
7. Requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** on the potential impacts of the Cam Pha cement plant and the proposed extension of the Cai Lan Port on the property as well as any other important changes in the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling its Decisions **28 COM 15B.22** and **29 COM 7B.19**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou 2004) and 29th (Durban 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Commends the State Party for the progress achieved in setting up a basic monitoring programme, its efforts to agree with the Government of Mongolia on acceptable pollution standards for the Selenga River, its efforts to modernize sewage treatment systems in the watershed, the preparation of a management plan for the property and preparatory work implemented to define the boundaries of the Central Ecological Zone of Lake Baikal;
4. Notes with satisfaction the confirmed re-routing of the Trans-Siberian oil pipeline at a distance of 250 to 450km from the lake and outside of the boundaries of the World Heritage property, as recommended by the joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN monitoring mission of October 2005 and commends the State Party for this courageous decision;
5. Urges the State Party to increase its efforts on implementing the other recommendations of the 2005 joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission, in particular the urgent approval by the Government of the proposed Central Ecological Zone of Lake Baikal, the re-establishment of the Baikal Commission, and the implementation of the re-conversion plan for the Baikalski Pulp and Paper Mill which should lead to achieving a closed water circuit system by 2007;
6. Requests the States Party to provide the World Heritage Centre a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and further progress made in implementing the recommendations of the joint 2005 World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,

2. Recalling Decisions **22 COM/A1** and **25 COMIII.120-121** adopted at its 22nd (Kyoto, 1998) and 25th (Helsinki, 2001) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with great concern that a pipeline project across the World Heritage property of the Golden Mountains of Altai is being considered;
4. Regrets that the State Party did not provide any information in compliance with paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
5. Recalls its request at its 22nd session (Kyoto, 1998) to the State Party to start a co-operative process with neighbouring States Parties to consider a possible transboundary extension of the World Heritage property;
6. Also requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of any development plans that will impact on the World Heritage property and to provide the World Heritage Centre with a report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, including any pipeline or road constructions, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.20** and **29 COM 7B.15**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with great concern that little progress has been made on implementing the recommendations of the joint 2004 World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission;
4. Urges both States Parties to ensure that the management of the areas surrounding the World Heritage property does not adversely impact on the values and integrity of the property;
5. Further urges both States Parties to clarify in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and IUCN the exact extent of the transboundary World Heritage property including its buffer zones;
6. Encourages both States Parties to further explore the possibility of extending the transboundary World Heritage property;
7. Requests both States Parties to include in the management plans of both national parks jointly agreed sections dedicated specifically to the conservation and management of the transboundary World Heritage property;
8. Also requests the States Parties to provide the World Heritage Centre with updated reports by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and further

progress made in implementing the recommendations of the joint 2004 World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

21. Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks (Canada) (N 404 bis)

Decision 30 COM 7B.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.16**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Requests the State Party to ensure that adverse impacts of the operation of the Cheviot mine on the integrity of the property are minimized and mitigated;
4. Further requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed of any important changes in the state of conservation of the property.

22. Nahanni National Park (Canada) (N 24)

Decision 30 COM 7B.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 7B.16** and **28 COM 15B.24**, adopted at its 27th (Paris, 2003) and 28th (Suzhou, 2004) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with concern that the various mining, mineral, oil and gas exploration activities around the property could have major adverse cumulative impacts on the integrity of the property;
4. Encourages the State Party of Canada to proceed with the expansion of Nahanni National Park to protect the entire South Nahanni watershed and the karstlands of the Ram Plateau;
5. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed of the mining developments around the property and any other important changes in the state of conservation of the property.

23. Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) (Italy) (N 908)

Decision 30 COM 7B.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **27 COM 7B.18** and **28 COM 15B.26**, adopted at its 27th (Paris, 2003) and 28th (Suzhou, 2004) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with great concern that the mining activities continue to have major adverse impacts on the integrity of the property;
4. Regrets that little progress is made in relation to the requested stop of all mining activities in the World Heritage property;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to assess the state of conservation of the property, in particular the impacts of the mining activities, proposed hotel development and the implementation of the Landscape Territorial Plan;
6. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

24. Danube Delta (Romania) (N 588)

Decision 30 COM 7B.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.18**, adopted at its 29th (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with concern the increasing human pressures on the Danube Delta and the resultant impacts on the World Heritage property;
4. Encourages the States Parties of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to follow up on the shared vision generated at the trilateral conference held in Odessa in 2006 and to implement the activities agreed upon;
5. Strongly encourages the three States Parties to develop and implement a Master Plan for the whole of the Danube Delta with a set of shared environmental standards and regulations to ensure and enforce compliance;
6. Requests the State Party of Ukraine to keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed about the reopening of navigation routes, any actual or potential impacts on

the Danube Delta World Heritage property, and the implementation of proposed mitigation measures;

7. Further requests the States Parties of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to submit a detailed report by **1 February 2008** on the state of conservation and on the factors affecting the Outstanding Universal value of the property.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.20**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with concern that the State Party report, received on 1 February 2006, repeats the report of 27 January 2005;
4. Regrets that the State Party has failed to report the most recent information on the issues raised at the 29th session of the Committee or to respond to any of its decisions;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint UNESCO/IUCN mission to assess the state of conservation and the factors affecting the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to respond as soon as possible and provide a detailed report addressing all issues indicated by the Committee at its 29th session, by **15 March 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

26. Durmitor National Park (formerly Serbia and Montenegro) (N 100)

Decision 30 COM 7B.26

Not examined by the Committee.

27. Great Smoky Mountains National Park (United States of America) (N 259)

Decision 30 COM 7B.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Commends the State Party for its prompt clarification of the status of the North Shore Road project;

3. Requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre and IUCN informed of the process to resolve the 1943 Agreement that calls for building a new road through the park as well as any important changes in the state of conservation of the property.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.122** and **29 COM 7B.22**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes the State Party's efforts in addressing key issues in the property;
4. Requests the State Party to continue its efforts in addressing key issues in the property including its winter use;
5. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2008** on the status of key conservation and management issues in the property for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.29

The World Heritage Committee

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.29**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Regrets that the report submitted by the State Party was not provided in one of the working languages of the *Convention* (English or French);
4. Commends the State Party for having implemented a transparent process which led to the successful selection of a director for the Galapagos National Park Service, ending an extended period of instability;
5. Commends international donors and development agencies for their continued commitment and support for the State Party's efforts for conservation and management of the islands and in particular the State Party's recently launched initiative of establishing a Donors Roundtable and its Galapagos 2020 vision process, designed to coordinate activities and investments;
6. Also commends a number of partners and NGOs actively involved in the conservation and management of the islands for their continued support and in particular the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) for its long term and successful scientific support to Galapagos National Park;
7. Notes with great concern the variety of threats that the property faces as noted in the report of the 2006 World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission;
8. Requests the State Party to organize, in cooperation with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre, a multi-stakeholder meeting, no later than March 2007, to i) help advance the development of the Vision for Galapagos process and ii) to clearly define benchmarks and timeframes against which progress can be measured and to which commitment of relevant national authorities and ideally of international cooperation agencies is formally obtained. Results of this meeting are to be presented for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007. These benchmarks and timeframes should address, as a minimum, the following issues to the satisfaction of the World Heritage Committee:
 - a) Increasing number of access points to Galapagos, both air and marine, further compounding the threat of introduced species.
 - b) Sub-optimal resource allocations for critical Galapagos conservation agencies, in particular, the Galapagos National Park Service (GNPS), the National

Galapagos Institute (INGALA) and the Quarantine and Inspection System (SESA-SICGAL);

- c) Processes for the selection of leading senior posts for INGALA and SESA-SICGAL remain to be strengthened;
 - d) On-going presence of a large number of illegal immigrants living in Galapagos;
 - e) Sports fishing activities operating in a regulatory vacuum;
 - f) Rapid and uncontrolled growth in tourist arrivals;
 - g) Non-application of aircraft inspection and fumigation regulations;
 - h) Non-application of quarantine measures and phytosanitary practices on cruise ships and cargo ships, as they sail between islands and from the continent to Galapagos;
 - i) Fishing over-capacity and insufficient alternative opportunities for fishermen;
 - j) Patterns of movements of people and goods between islands and between the continent and Galapagos, leading to increased opportunities for the dispersal of introduced species;
 - k) Continental departure points and Galapagos entry points understaffed and lacking necessary infrastructure to carry out effective inspection services;
 - l) Commercial shipping to Galapagos carried out by vessels very poorly designed to contain the risk of transporting alien species;
 - m) Absence of a comprehensive strategy for building the capacity of permanent Galapagos residents so that they may be better prepared for employment opportunities that have traditionally been filled by non-residents;
 - n) Educational reform, as called for by the Special Law for Galapagos in 1998, is not yet implemented; and
 - o) Sufficient capacity to detect and react to new introductions of alien species from the continent and between the islands of the archipelago.
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to participate in the meeting noted in point 8 above;
10. Calls on donors and development agencies to focus on rapidly capitalizing a permanent financing mechanism supporting the excellent applied research and management work carried out by the GNPS and the CDF, with emphasis on the Global Environment Facility-United Nations Development Programme (GEF-UNDP) endowment fund, to a level of at least USD 15 million.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.30

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.11**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
3. Thanks the State Party of Ecuador for having submitted the requested report on progress in the implementation of the management strategy and measures taken to ensure adequate levels of funding and staff for the management of the property;
4. Commends the State Party for its continued efforts to improve the conservation and management of this World Heritage property;
5. Welcomes the support of the National Environmental Fund of Ecuador, Fundación Natura and the Moore Foundation in enhancing the conservation and management of this World Heritage property;
6. Notes the achievement, supported by the work of the EoH project, to prepare an updated management plan for 2005 to 2007, as well as the efforts to obtain additional financial resources for its effective implementation;
7. Requests the State Party to maintain their on-going efforts to achieve sustainable finance of the park including through the further expansion of ecotourism activities as an important revenue generation option;
8. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the progress made in the implementation of the updated management plan, and in particular, on issues associated with resolving land ownership and the development of alternative economic options for local communities as a means to address conflicting activities occurring in the park's buffer zone, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

31. Iguazu National Park (Brazil) (N 355)

Decision 30 COM 7B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.28**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Urges the State Party to ensure that the Estrada do Colono Road is not re-opened, ensuring that local concerns are addressed in alternative manners;

4. Further urges the State Party to provide full support to the park authorities in carrying out their mandate and to ensure sustainable financing of the property especially relating to ongoing programmes with communities;
5. Reiterates its concern about the Lower Iguazu Hydroelectric Plant project, and about other hydroelectric dam proposals, some in Argentina, near the property;
6. Requests the State Party to fully respect the *World Heritage Convention*, in particular Article 6.3, and not to take any action to threaten the values and integrity of a property located on the territory of another State Party to this *Convention*;
7. Also requests the State Party to deny authorization for the dams;
8. Further requests both States Parties of Argentina and Brazil to provide a report to the World Heritage Centre and IUCN by **1 December 2006** containing the full details on the nature and extent of existing and proposed hydroelectric projects, along with their potential impacts on both Iguazu and Iguazu National Parks prior to taking any decision to proceed, so as to allow the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to assess whether a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission to the property is necessary before the next Committee session;
9. Recommends that a framework of indicators of the state of conservation of Iguazu National Park, including indicators of those management issues raised in the State Party report, is developed to form the basis of ongoing monitoring of this property;
10. Requests moreover the State Party of Brazil to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, including an update on the Estrada do Colono Road and the issue of sustainable financing, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

MIXED PROPERTIES

ASIA-PACIFIC

32. Tasmanian Wilderness (Australia) (C/N 181 bis)

Decision 30 COM 7B.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Commends the State Party for the implementation of a Supplementary Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement, and recent efforts to increase the protection of old growth forests adjacent to the World Heritage property, thus increasing the buffer zone in certain areas;
3. Notes the concerns expressed by NGOs in relation to the impacts of logging adjacent to the World Heritage property and the potential for this activity to compromise options for future extensions to the World Heritage property;
4. Requests the State Party to submit a revised map of the World Heritage property, showing the areas of extended buffer zone and identifying other use zones directly adjacent to the boundary;
5. Notes that the World Heritage Centre has written to the State Party seeking comments on outstanding NGO concerns and that the State Party has indicated its willingness to provide a full response;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** a report on progress on the issues identified.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

33. Pyrénées - Mont Perdu (France / Spain) (C/N 773 bis)

Decision 30 COM 7B.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *W3C-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.36** and **29 COM 7B.31**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Regrets that the report provided by the State Party of France did not address the situation of transboundary cooperation;
4. Notes with concern that nine years after the inscription of the property, the issue of the relocation of the Festival de Gavarnie has still not been solved satisfactorily;
5. Requests the State Party of France to permanently relocate the Festival de Gavarnie as initially announced at the time of inscription of the property;
6. Encourages the State Party of France to prepare and implement a management plan for the French side of this transboundary World Heritage property in line with the new national parks legislation;
7. Urges the States Parties of France and Spain to strengthen their transboundary cooperation in the conservation and management of this property;
8. Also requests both States Parties to keep the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN informed of progress made in transboundary cooperation and of any important changes in the state of conservation of the property;
9. Further requests the State Party of France to provide the World Heritage Centre with a specific progress report on the state of conservation and factors affecting the outstanding universal value of the property by **1 February 2007**, and taking into consideration the situation of the Festival de Gavarnie and transboundary cooperation for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,

2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.37** and **29 COM 7B.32**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes the exceptional quality of the efforts between national authorities responsible for heritage conservation and the leadership of the monastic community to collaborate fruitfully and effectively to ensure the long term conservation of the property;
4. Urges the World Heritage Centre, the State Party and competent authorities to fully implement all recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN mission;
5. Further urges the State Party and competent authorities to develop and implement an overall management plan for the property, covering both the natural and cultural values;
6. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a report by **1 February 2008** on the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the joint 2006 World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN mission for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

35. Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (Peru) (CN274)

Decision 30 COM 7B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.33**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the completion and adoption of the new Master Plan for the property to address key issues of its conservation and management;
4. Also commends the State Party for its efforts to re-orient the priorities of the World Bank funded Vilcanota Valley Project to ensure its contribution to the development of a sustainable tourism programme for this area;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, the plans for restoration and intervention at the major archaeological sites scheduled for 2006 before executing them, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines of the Convention*;
6. Also requests the State Party to give priority to preparing a comprehensive sustainable financing strategy for the management of the property, so as to ensure the necessary resources for the implementation of the new Master Plan;
7. Takes note of the results of the International Workshop on Landslides at the Historical Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, in September 2005, which indicate reduced risk of landslides at the citadel, and requests that investigations continue and that training of local professionals be ensured in order to undertake systematic monitoring of the citadel as well as other vulnerable areas;
8. Urges the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a progress report on the preparation of the Risk Preparedness Plan by **30 October 2006**, given that fires and landslides take place every year, with disastrous consequences both in environmental and human terms;
9. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN/ICOMOS mission to assess the state of conservation of the property and to work with the State Party on a strategy for the cooperation of all the parties involved in the implementation of the Master Plan;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and the progress made in the implementation of the Technical Plans embodied in the Master Plan, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

CULTURAL PROPERTIES

AFRICA

36. Timbuktu (Mali) (C 119 rev)

Decision 30 COM 7B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-06/30.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.14**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Thanks the State Party for having made substantial efforts, in conformity with Decision **29 COM 7A.14**, with the view of the achievement of the management plan for Timbuktu;
4. Thanks the State Party for having created a local steering committee for the conservation and management of the Old City of Timbuktu;
5. Also thanks the State Party for the necessary collective actions undertaken for the elaboration of the management plan and encourages it to pursue the development and to finalize the management and conservation plan, and to initiate without further delay activities leading to its implementation;
6. Congratulates the State Party and South Africa for their initiative undertaken within the framework of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) with the aim of assisting Mali to safeguard the ancient manuscripts of Timbuktu;
7. Calls to the attention of the State Party, the impact which may occur as a result of the construction of the Ahmed Baba Cultural Centre on the Sankoré mosque;
8. Invites the State Party and South Africa to undertake a revision of the architectural design of the cultural centre project and its possible relocation, taking into consideration the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre mission of March 2006 and the outstanding universal value of the property;
9. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre an updated report on the state of conservation of the property, by **1 February 2007**, particularly on the progress made in the finalization of the management and conservation plan and the activities initiated for its implementation, as well as for the improvement of the architectural project foreseen for the Ahmed Baba Cultural Centre, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
10. Reaffirms its decision not to re-inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.37

The World Heritage Committee;

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision 29 COM 7B.38 adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Thanks the State Party for having organised the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission, given the results of said mission;
4. Reiterates its invitation to the State Party to organise, in 2007, a meeting of representatives of funding institutions and the major partners within the international community active in Senegal, in order to harmonise the current and future interventions on the property;
5. Invites the State Party to implement, before **1 February 2008**, the following measures to mitigate threats to the property:
 - a) Approve the Safeguarding and Enhancement Plan (SEP) and set up a heritage bureau in order to provide the property with a regulatory tool and a specialized service, to monitor any inappropriate architectural modifications and ensure the management of the property;
 - b) Define the boundaries of the property and redefine the buffer zone to include the Barbarie Tongue, in accordance with the guidelines of the SEP;
 - c) Appoint a site manager responsible for drawing up a management plan, in collaboration with the Municipality and the communities of Saint-Louis;
 - d) Initiate a restoration pilot project to provide an example of good restoration practice, to reactivate the production sources of materials, and to revive restoration skills in Saint-Louis;
6. Encourages the State Party to submit an international assistance request in order to carry out an in-depth study on reactivating the production sources of traditional materials (mud bricks, lime, etc.) and the building of restoration skills in Saint-Louis;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **30 September 2006**, all the technical information on the restoration project for the Faidherbe Bridge, so that the Committee can ensure that the work foreseen guarantees the preservation of the universal value of the property.
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report including a 2006 to 2008 action plan designed to implement the recommendations formulated above.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.38

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.36**, adopted during the 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Taking into account the pressure caused by development activities affecting the town of Djenné and the possible consequences to the property, as well as the lack of financial and technical resources, and competence within the Municipality of Djenné in the form of a qualified local authority who could be informed to threats to the property,
4. Requests the State Party to undertake all necessary measures to implement the recommendations of the March 2006 World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission;
5. Encourages the State Party to submit a request for international assistance for the preparation of a management plan;
6. Also encourages the State Party to define a project aiming at identifying and promoting good practices of house rehabilitation with a view to adapting traditional architecture to the new use of living areas;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre, before **1 February 2007**, with a state of conservation report of the property and progress achieved in the preparation of a management and conservation plan for the Old Towns of Djenné as recommended by the monitoring mission report, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

39. Aksum (Ethiopia) (C 12)

Decision 30 COM 7B.39

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.34**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Requests the World Heritage Centre to continue its support of the Ethiopian Government to abide by the requirements of the *World Heritage Convention* in Aksum;
4. Reiterates its request to the State Party, in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, to submit an up-dated map and the management plan of the property indicating clearly the boundaries of the World Heritage core and buffer zones;

5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Aksum with a view to assessing its state of conservation and submit a report for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.40

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **21 COM VII.46**, adopted at its 21st session (Naples, 1997),
3. Referring to the mission reports of the World Heritage Centre, in July 2004 and March 2005, and to the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM Reactive Monitoring Mission of June 2006,
4. Taking note of the State Party's decision to implement the European Union funded Project,
5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to prepare a conservation project that ensures an integrated and reversible approach;
6. Urges the State Party to ensure, before any works are carried out on the site that:
 - a) An Impact Assessment Study for the European Union funded Project in Lalibela is prepared;
 - b) The integrity of the property during the construction and dismantling works of the planned temporary shelters is maintained, taking into consideration the recommendations expressed by the above-mentioned World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM mission,
 - c) An Action Plan is prepared including:
 - (i) Detailed description of the project activities, the financial resources and short and long term timetable for the restoration of the property;
 - (ii) Detailed investigation into the causes of deterioration of the structure of the property;
 - (iii) A monitoring system for the historic site;
 - (iv) A system for the maintenance of the shelters and their subsequent dismantling; and the
 - (v) Development of an overall Management Plan with the participation of the local communities,

7. Requests the State Party to up-date the construction drawings of the planned temporary shelters in order to integrate the modifications considered necessary by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Lalibela;
8. Further requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to Lalibela to monitor the works and review the Impact Assessment Study and Action Plan prepared by the Ethiopian Authorities, and report to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.41

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.35**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the successful efforts of the persons responsible locally of the conservation, who brought improvements in this field in the course of the last year, particularly the establishment of a well staffed World Heritage secretariat for Lamu;
4. Invites the State Party to implement the principal recommendations of the Committee at its 28th and 29th sessions (management plan, buffer zone extension, improvement to sanitation, water supply, and waste management) have not been implemented;
5. Calls upon international donors to provide financial and technical support to the State Party to improve the state of conservation of the property;
6. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its 28th and 29th sessions, for review by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.42

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Noting with great concern that the Island of Mozambique continues to be threatened by the serious degradation of its historical monuments, the lack of a detailed architectural survey, the lack of conservation, management and planning mechanism, capacity and sanitation problems,

3. Further noting the results of the joint World Heritage Centre/African Development Bank (AfDB) mission for developing a sustainable development programme for the World Heritage property,
4. Strongly encourages the State Party to appoint a site manager, to complete the conservation and management plan and to identify appropriate governance processes and structures;
5. Requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, on the progress made in the rehabilitation of the San Sebastian Fortress, the development of the UNESCO-AfDB Programme, and the finalization of the conservation and management plan, for the consideration by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
6. Further requests the State Party to invite an ICOMOS mission to the property in 2007 with the view to evaluate the state of conservation of property and to make recommendations to the Committee for consideration at its 31st session in 2007.

43. Island of Gorée (Senegal) (C 26)

Decision 30 COM 7B.43

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/03.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.37** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005)
3. Notes with concern the potential negative impact of coastal and marine erosion on the Island of Gorée;
4. Expresses its full support to the proposed project for the coastal rehabilitation of the Island of Gorée, with possible funding from the Qatar Foundation, and strongly encourages the State Party and the World Heritage Centre to take all the necessary actions towards its finalization and actual implementation;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at the 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.44

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.39**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),

3. Notes with thanks the partly completed Integrated Conservation Management Plan (ICMP) being developed for the property;
4. Regrets that the recommendations of the 2004 ICOMOS/ICCROM/IUCN joint mission have not yet been fully implemented and that the State Party support necessary to ensure their fulfilment is, to date, still lacking;
5. Strongly recommends that the State Party work closely with the Advisory Bodies and Robben Island Management Authority (RIM) to develop an action plan to address priority management issues already established for the property;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the 2004 ICOMOS/ICCROM/IUCN joint mission and completion of the Integrated Conservation Management Plan by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

ARAB STATES

45. Ksar Ait Ben Haddou (Morocco) (C 444)

Decision 30 COM 7B.45

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.6** and **29 COM 7B.43**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Takes note of the report of the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission which took place from 21-25 April 2006;
4. Commends the State Party for having committed itself at the highest level to address the issues of concern expressed through the decisions of the Committee, particularly through the creation of local and inter-ministerial committees that guide action and notes with satisfaction the initiation of a site management plan based on an integrated approach;
5. Notes that, although the property's Outstanding Universal Value has not been compromised, without strengthened management supported by an integrated site management plan, the situation could become critical;
6. Urges the State Party to implement the recommendations issued by the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission of 2006 and endorses the following benchmarks to be effectively implemented by **1 February 2008** for the future assessment of the effectiveness of measures to be taken by the State Party:
 - a) Adoption and implementation of a permanent and effective separate Management structure;
 - b) Establishment of a mechanism for collection of revenues on site and re-distribution to benefit conservation management of the property;
 - c) Establishment of a Special Decree or by-laws to mandate interventions regarding ownership issues in relation to planning activities, particularly for structures in a critical state;
 - d) Finalization, formal adoption and implementation of the management plan;
 - e) Continuation of preventive conservation measures with increased programming in respect of the buildings requiring urgent intervention to prevent further decay;
7. Requests the State Party to finalise the draft of the management plan and to submit it to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**;

8. Recommends that the State Party invite a World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission before the next session of the Committee in 2007 to monitor progress and support the Moroccan Government in its activities to achieve the benchmarks by **1 February 2008**;
9. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property, and on the progress achieved in meeting each of the above-mentioned benchmarks, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.46

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add* and *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add.2*,
2. Regrets that the State Party did not inform the World Heritage Committee, according to paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, of proposed developments within the World Heritage property;
3. Requests the State Party to up-date the basic documentation on the property and to provide the details of proposed re-settlement of villagers and new developments as well as their visual and environmental impacts, including:
 - a) Identification of the precise boundaries of the property and of its buffer zone(s);
 - b) Archaeological investigations, especially in the area between the temple of Karnak and the river bank;
 - c) Conservation, landscaping and presentation plan;
 - d) Urban development and building regulations;
 - e) Management plans for the entire property, including tourism management;
4. Urges the State Party to ensure that all architectural designs for new facilities to respect the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage property;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre, **by 1 February 2007**, with a topographical map, at the appropriate scale, indicating the proposed boundaries of the property and of its buffer zone(s), as well as with the draft plans mentioned above for assessment by ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre and examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.47

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.45** and **29 COM 7B.47**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Takes note of the report of the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission which took place from 26 to 29 April 2006;
4. Commends the State Party for having taken encouraging steps to address the concerns expressed by the Committee, particularly the clean-up and rehabilitation of the Mellah Quarter and partial restoration of the Atlantic wall;
5. Notes that, although the actions taken have already had visible impact on investments, economic activities, visitor access and safety, the task lying ahead will be long and complex, and that continued vigilance and monitoring will be critical to maintain the values of the property, including its outstanding universal value;
6. Urges the State Party to incorporate the remaining measures as a priority into an integrated site management plan, which should be submitted to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS for information and consultation;
7. Encourages the State Party to take, as its point of departure for new developments, the outstanding universal value of the property and the principles of the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005);
8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report, by **1 February 2008**, on the state of conservation of the property and progress in the restoration, rehabilitation and redesign of the Mellah Quarter with its Atlantic wall, based on an integrated approach within a site management plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

48. M’Zab Valley (Algeria) (C 188)

Decision 30 COM 7B.48

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.44**, adopted during its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with satisfaction the creation and the delimitation of the Safeguarded Sector of the M’Zab Valley by Executive Decree N° 05-209 dated 5 June 2005 and requests the

State Party to transmit to the World Heritage Centre a copy of the Decree and the corresponding topographical maps or cadastral survey indicating the listed perimeter and its eventual buffer zone;

4. Congratulates the State Party for the numerous actions carried out, notably the rehabilitation of the traditional hydraulic network, in a sustainable development perspective;
5. Regrets that the Permanent Plan for the Safeguarding and Enhancement of the M'Zab Valley, already initiated in 2001, was still in draft form and urges the State Party to accelerate its elaboration during the 2006 to 2007 exercise, as a budget has been allocated for this purpose, as well as the definition of the *non aedificandi* areas;
6. Recommends to the State Party to submit a request for international assistance to obtain the support of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies in this respect;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Committee, before **1 February 2008**, a report on progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

49. Qal'at al-Bahrain Archaeological Site (Bahrain) (C 1192)

Decision 30 COM 7B.49

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 8B.26**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party on its commitment for the protection and conservation of the World Heritage property;
4. Notes that priority has been given to the resolution of the main threats which are likely to affect the property (the North Star and causeway projects) and that a revision of the development plan of the northern coast of the country and a zoning plan aiming at controlling the height of the buildings in the areas surrounding the property are currently being discussed by the responsible authorities;
5. Welcomes the proposal to delineate a visual corridor, in which any land reclamation in the sea in front of the property would be prohibited in order to preserve its visual integrity, and which has been developed by the State Party in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS during the mission of June 2006, which identified eight defining geographic coordinates;
6. Supports the possible replacement of the foreseen causeway by a bridge and invites the State Party to consult the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS on the design of this future project;

7. Invites the State Party to pursue the discussions described in point 4 here above in order to identify the most appropriate solutions to be included in the future revised development plan;
8. Invites the State Party to submit a proposal for a modification of the boundaries of the inscribed property according to the procedures indicated in paragraphs 163 to 165 of the *Operational Guidelines*, for revising the core zone to include the ancient channel and the sea tower, and for revising the buffer zone to include the visual corridor as identified in point 5 above;
9. Requests the State Party to officially notify the World Heritage Centre confirming the decision to abandon or relocate the North Star project and endorsing the delimitation of the “visual corridor”, as identified in point 5 here above;
10. Also requests the State Party to report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, on the progress on the application of the measures described in points 5, 6, 7 and 8 above, and also on the elaboration of the management and conservation plans, the definition of the legislative framework for the protection of the World Heritage property, the archaeological survey in the most threatened areas surrounding the core zone and the response to the issues relating to the future re-housing of part of the local community, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

50. Islamic Cairo (Egypt) (C 89)

Decision 30 COM 7B.50

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.42**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Also recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.47** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004), and particularly its request to:
 - a) Designate Islamic Cairo as a Special Planning District, with buffer zones, in accordance with the provision of the *Operational Guidelines*, and
 - b) Prepare a comprehensive Urban Plan for the Conservation and Development of the Old City, whereby the conservation of historic buildings would be accompanied by appropriate development regulations,
4. Commends the State Party for the efforts made to improve conservation of Historic Cairo in the last years;
5. Notes with great concern that the principal recommendations of the 2002 Report, subsequently endorsed by the World Heritage Committee in 2003, 2004 and 2005 have not yet been implemented, and that the requested detailed topographic map, at the

appropriate scale, identifying the exact boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has not been supplied;

6. Recommends that the State Party invite the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies urgently to assist in drafting terms of reference for planning and administrative activities that would ensure beginning implementation of the 2002 Report recommendations;
7. Further recommends that the State Party consider whether the present name of the property, “Islamic Cairo”, reflects the real character of the area or whether it should envisage to propose to modify the name to “Historic Cairo”;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the implementation of the principal recommendations contained within the 2002 Report and subsequently endorsed by the World Heritage Committee, and the detailed topographic map requested, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.51

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.41**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party on its commitment for the protection and conservation of the World Heritage Property;
4. Notes that several unforeseen constraints led to delays in the elaboration and finalization of the management and conservation plans for the property;
5. Recommends that the State Party concentrate its efforts on the implementation of priority measures, in close consultation with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre. These priority measures include:
 - a) Clearly identify the boundaries of the area(s) to be protected and fenced if necessary, even temporarily;
 - b) Address the security issues, notably by prohibiting access of visitors to potential dangerous areas and carrying out the necessary works to cover the trenches and archaeological soundings;
 - c) Isolate and preserve the most endangered and damaged archaeological and architectural components by establishing a temporary restricted plan of visit paths;

- d) Preserve the mosaics with adequate temporary and protective materials (special geo-textile layers and draining sand layers);
 - e) Consolidate the most endangered architectural elements using temporary but secure structures;
 - f) Stop restoration works and reconstruction of collapsed elements;
 - g) Resolve, when possible, using simple and temporary solutions, the humidity problems, notably for the mosaic floor of the sheltered St. Stephen Church;
 - h) Define the future management structure and financial system, which will be adopted in the management plan for the site.
6. Requests the State Party to engage, possibly with the support of the World Heritage Centre, in discussions in order to make sure that the European Commission funded project be redesigned so as to integrate the above mentioned priority measures and adapt its work-plan and schedule accordingly;
 7. Also requests the State Party to organize the second monitoring mission, to be carried out by ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, by **30 November 2006**;
 8. Further requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the recommendations made in points 5 and 6 above as well as on the elaboration of the draft of the management and conservation plans, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

52. Tyre (Lebanon) (C 299)

Decision 30 COM 7B.52

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29COM 7B.102**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the progress made in the establishment of the archaeological map of the property, the preparation of the decree for the new building code in the historic sectors of the city, the completion of the feasibility studies and impact assessment on the transformation of the commercial port into a tourist marina to be integrated within the second phase of the World Bank project;
4. Regrets however that the draft decree for the creation of an archaeological marine protection zone has not yet been approved by the Ministry of Transport;
5. Recommends the extension of the three-year moratorium on construction in the areas of potential archaeological interest, as well as the construction of the highway, until the survey and the map are completed;

6. Reiterates its request for a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission, in order to assess the impact of foreseen or on-going projects and to determine the overall state of conservation of the property and to consider the re-alignment of the proposed highway to avoid adverse impacts to the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide a detailed topographic map indicating the boundaries of the property possibly also defining a buffer zone for the protected area, and to submit a progress report on the above recommendations, and particularly on the archaeological map and possible further land use decisions, by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.53

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling its Decision **28 COM 15B.49**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes with satisfaction that a proposal for the delimitation of the World Heritage property, as well as of its buffer zones, has been prepared by the national authorities and that a first set of measures aiming at improving the conservation of the property and the awareness of the local populations have been proposed by the Department of Antiquities for implementation from 2006;
4. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with further information regarding the set of measures proposed, and a detailed map at the appropriate scale showing the proposed boundaries for the World Heritage core and buffer zones;
5. Urges the State Party to ensure, through the appropriate legal and planning instruments, the adequate protection of the property in the light of the newly proposed boundaries and to develop appropriate solutions for the most urgent problems (urban expansion, vandalism and pollution of the Wadi Bel Ghadir);
6. Further requests the State Party to prepare a Management plan in order to coordinate medium-term measures required for the property;
7. Requests moreover the State Party to invite a joint mission by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to assist in reviewing the above-mentioned plans and facilitate the formulation of an adequate conservation strategy and maintenance planning, and in particular the development of a Management plan for the property;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, including on the elaboration of the Management Plan, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.54

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.103**, adopted during its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with satisfaction the determination of the Ministry for Culture to continue with the actions proposed in the framework of the pilot project “Safeguarding and Development of Four World Heritage Cities in Mauritania” for heritage conservation and sustainable development of the ancient cities and encourages the State Party to integrate these actions with all the ongoing reforms in support of the transformation of Mauritanian society, whilst devoting particular attention to the safeguarding of the values of authenticity of the caravan cities;
4. Urges the State Party to complete and adopt the master plans and safeguarding and management plans for the four cities, and to pursue the establishment of legal instruments and regulations;
5. Requests the State Party to reinforce the management capacities, and the human and financial resources of the responsible body (FNSVA) as well as the local communities;
6. Recommends that the State Party requests a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to evaluate the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the recommendations made during the pilot project;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit, before **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the activities undertaken for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.55

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.100** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the steps taken to retain the visual integrity of this important site;
4. Regrets, however, that the recommendations of the expert mission of 2005 are not fully taken into account and requests that a detailed project description, including plans and

information on materials to be used, be provided to the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS for study;

5. Urges the State Party to present an up-dated management plan for the property, including the management programme for the new installations;
6. Also urges the State Party, as requested in Decision **29 COM 7B.100**, paragraph 5, to define a buffer zone to ensure the protection of the archaeological site limits, taking into consideration the surrounding landscape in its entirety, in particular the agricultural plain to the west of the property, which is inseparable from its historical origins;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

56. Bahla Fort (Oman) (C 433)

Decision 30 COM 7B.56

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30 COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.46**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Regrets that the briefness of the information provided by the State Party does not allow assessment of the progress achieved with respect to the previous decisions and recommendations of the Committee;
4. Further regrets that no mention is made of the finalization of the Management plan taking into account the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS, nor of its official adoption;
5. Urges the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre, as early as possible, the documents mentioned in its report, notably :
 - a) A comprehensive report on the restoration works carried out at Bahla Fort, including graphic documentation and pictures;
 - b) The final adopted version of the Management plan;
 - c) The legal framework being established for the implementation of the Management plan;
 - d) The administrative structure established for the execution of the Management plan;
 - e) A summary of the seminars which took place concerning the Management plan and their outcomes;
 - f) A progress report on the work already undertaken for Souq Bahla;

6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a thorough progress report including all the documents indicated in point 5 above, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.57

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.54**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for its firm commitment and its actions taken regarding the demolition of the structures negatively affecting the outstanding universal value of the property;
4. Notes with concern that the implementation of the demolition work is late as compared with the commitment and timetable set out by the State Party in its letter of 25 January 2006;
5. Encourages the State Party, in consultation with the local authorities, to fully implement Decision **29 COM 7B.54** concerning the height of the commercial complex, specifically to reduce the height to 12 metres for its eastern side, closer to the property, and to 24 metres for its western side, including the tower, in accordance with existing building regulations in the area and with a view to ensure the conservation of the authentic setting and integrity of the historic city of Esfahan surrounding the Meidan Emam World Heritage property;
6. Congratulates the State Party on its firm commitment to the possible extension of the property;
7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report on the above-mentioned demolition by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.58

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29COM7B.55**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Endorses the recommendations of the reactive monitoring mission of November 2005 jointly undertaken by ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre;

4. Commends the State Party for its thorough and action-oriented response to the mission's recommendations as well as for the consultative measures being undertaken;
5. Requests the State Party to implement the recommendations made by the reactive monitoring mission and particularly to:
 - a) Develop an effective management plan;
 - b) Avoid carrying out any development pending completion of the management plan;
 - c) Implement corrective measures on the Maya Devi Temple as indicated in the mission report;
 - d) Survey and monitor the ground water levels and movements, under and adjacent to the Maya Devi Temple, to ensure the long-term protection of the significant archaeological remains as well as the Marker Stone maintained in situ under the temple;
 - e) Develop non-destructive archaeological strategies to ensure long-term conservation of the vast excavated and unexcavated areas of archaeological significance in and around the property, through adequate documentation and monitoring;
6. Invites the international community to provide technical and financial support to assist the State Party in these activities;
7. Requests the State Party to continue its full commitment to establishing a management plan based on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, for possible completion by the end of 2008;
8. Encourages the State Party to consider requesting assistance through the World Heritage Fund to support the elaboration of the management plan for the property;
9. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2008**, a report on the progress made on the above points, for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.59

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.57**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with concern the non-compliance with the standards of restoration and the resulting partial loss of authenticity occasioned by the large-scale restoration carried out

on the Shahi-Zinda complex and the enlargement of the trunk road between the archaeological site of Afrasiab and the Timurid section of Samarkand;

4. Also notes with concern the on-going urban planning scheme (“Project for the reconstruction of the central part of Samarkand”) which may have considerable impact on the integrity of the property and its buffer zones;
5. Requests the State Party as a matter of priority to implement the following corrective measures:
 - a) Develop a management plan with a coherent urban conservation and planning policy for the management of the whole historic town, including the World Heritage areas and its buffer zones;
 - b) Prepare an inventory and documentation of the historic features and the architectural values;
 - c) Establish an integrated conservation strategy for the existing residential quarters, as well as for the reintegration and rehabilitation of the surrounding areas that have been demolished;
6. Urges the State Party to review the large-scale urban planning schemes, such as the proposed “Project for the reconstruction of the central part of Samarkand”, and to immediately refrain from further demolition of traditional housing areas pending the adoption of the above mentioned conservation policy and management plan;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a detailed report on the progress made in developing the management plan and on the state of conservation of the site including the corrective measures listed above for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.
8. Notes that should the State Party fail to initiate the above mentioned recommendations and decisions, **the World Heritage Committee may decide to inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 31st session in 2007.**

60. Prambanan Temple Compounds (Indonesia) (C642)

Decision 30 COM 7B.60

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Expressing its deepest condolences to the State Party of Indonesia for the tragic loss of human lives caused by the recent earthquake that struck the Island of Java,
3. Congratulates the State Party for the rapid response and the commitment shown for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the affected area, including the World Heritage site of Prambanan;

4. Encourages the State Party to implement as soon as possible the urgent measures identified by the expert mission of June 2006 to reduce the risks for the structures and people at the site;
5. Also encourages the State Party to conduct, if necessary with international assistance, the required further studies, analysis and research identified by the expert mission of June 2006 as essential to define an appropriate long-term conservation approach for the Temples;
6. Further encourages the donor community to support the development of the above-mentioned studies as well as the implementation of the ensuing conservation interventions that will be defined on their basis;
7. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the progress made towards the reduction of the risks currently threatening the property as well as on the elaboration of a long-term conservation strategy, for consideration by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

61. Angkor (Cambodia) (C 668)

Decision 30 COM 7B.61

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Congratulates the State Party and the Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap (APSARA) for their commitment in pursuing various actions regarding safeguarding and sustainable development, in cooperation with the international community;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the international community continues its commitment to the protection of Angkor even after the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, through the implementation of a variety of safeguarding and development projects;
4. Expresses its full support to the recommendations made by the State Party and the international community, represented by the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC), during its sessions in 2005 concerning the strengthening of the management for protected Zones 1 and 2, and the preparation of a management plan for the property;
5. Requests the State Party to work in close cooperation with the World Heritage Centre in the implementation of the ICC recommendations and those of the September 2005 mission, and in the preparation of a management plan that should include a general methodological framework for the conservation, restoration and maintenance interventions for the monuments of Angkor;
6. Encourages the donor countries to give priority support to the preparation of a global management plan for Angkor;

7. Encourages the State Party to strengthen the legal and planning capabilities of the national authority APSARA;
8. Recommends that a new ad hoc group of experts for sustainable development be established at an early date;
9. Requests the State Party to submit, before **1 February 2008**, a report on the activities carried out and progress made in the implementation of the recommendations with regard to the strengthening of management control for Zones 1 and 2 of Angkor, and the preparation of a management plan, for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

62. Classical Gardens of Suzhou (China) (C 813 bis)

Decision 30 COM 7B.62

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.56**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Notes the positive achievements in the conservation and management of the property and particularly in adopting legal provisions for the protection of old villages and historic buildings in Suzhou and for the protection of historic setting of the property;
4. Commends the State Party for its efforts to follow-up on the recommendations made by the World Heritage Committee in its decision **28 COM 15B.56** and encourages it to maintain and augment such effort;
5. Urges the State Party to give high priority to the development of an updated comprehensive and integrated management plan for the World Heritage property which would ensure a harmonized approach to new development and renovation, fully integrate the application of all existing heritage laws and regulatory measures, and ensure that the historic villages maintain their “living” character;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to respond positively to calls for support from the State Party in developing this comprehensive management plan for the protection of cultural heritage properties in Suzhou;
7. Urges the State Party to consider the possible extension of the World Heritage property to include the entire historic town of Suzhou, together with other historic canal towns within the same geo-cultural area in China;
8. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a report, before **1 February 2008**, on progress made in the development of an updated comprehensive management plan for the protection of cultural heritage properties in Suzhou, for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

63. 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 30 COM 7B.63

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.49**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party of China for its continued commitment to address the conservation concerns of the cultural heritage properties in Beijing and for providing an updated management plan for the Imperial Palace of Beijing;
4. Notes with great concern, however, that current restoration works at the Imperial Palace, the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace in Beijing are carried out in a hasty manner, lack of documentary evidence and clearly formulated principles to guide the conservation works;
5. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre with a report clarifying what documentary evidence is being used for the restoration of the polychromy within the three World Heritage properties;
6. Encourages the State Party to make explicit the philosophical framework being used for conservation decisions on the property, whether this be “Principles for the Conservation of Heritage Sites” promoted by ICOMOS China or another vehicle;
7. Further requests the State Party to integrate risk-preparedness and tourism management within the Conservation Master Plan for the Imperial Palace and to develop appropriate Conservation Master Plans for the World Heritage properties of the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven in Beijing;
8. Encourages the State Party to initiate a collaborative study on the restoration of polychromy and ways to ensure its authenticity with other East Asian countries such as Japan, Korea and Vietnam;
9. Further encourages the State Party to organize, in collaboration with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, a Regional Symposium on the Outstanding Universal Value, Authenticity and Integrity of Cultural Heritage Properties in Asia, in 2007 or 2008, to assess the relevance of conservation principles developed at the international level within the region;
10. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, with a report on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

64. Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya (India) (C 1056 rev)

Decision 30 COM 7B.64

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.52**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Recognises the efforts and progress made by the State Party to respond to the requests made at the 29th session (Durban, 2005);
4. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to adopt and implement the provisions of the management plan of April 2005 within the Bodhgaya Development Plan, if possible by **1 February 2007**;
5. Invites the State Party to request assistance from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to advance the implementation of the management plan, and to ensure the protection of the outstanding universal value of the property, as well as of the adjacent buffer and periphery zones;
6. Reiterates its recommendation to the State Party to undertake all necessary actions to ensure the nomination of the related landscape identified with the wanderings and enlightenment of the Lord Buddha in this region as an extension to the Mahabodhi Temple Complex;
7. Strongly recommends that the State Party, as a matter of priority, follow-up on the possible designation of the property under national legislation;
8. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, a detailed report on the progress made on the above points, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

65. Borobudur Temple Compound (Indonesia) (C 592)

Decision 30 COM 7B.65

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.53**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the national authorities for having cancelled the projects for major road developments, commercial complexes and a retail precinct in the vicinity of the World Heritage property, as well as for the significant improvements in the management of visitors within the core area of the property;

4. Requests the State Party not to implement the proposed commercial street development along the road on the northern edge of zone 2 of the World Heritage property;
5. Also requests the State Party to conduct an impact assessment of the asphalt mixing plant to determine whether or not it could cause any damage to the values of the World heritage property and, if in the affirmative, to take the appropriate measures to remove or mitigate the involved risks;
6. Further requests the State Party to review the legal and institutional framework for the protection and management of the World Heritage property and its surrounding area, along the lines indicated in the report of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Mission. To this end, the State Party should accomplish, within one year, the following benchmark tasks:
 - a) Elaborate a draft of the Presidential Decree to be revised, developed through a preliminary consultation among all concerned parties, and according to the concept outlined in the report of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Mission;
 - b) Develop a detailed design proposal, including plans and elevations at the adequate scale, for the improvement of the entry area;
 - c) Improve the interpretation at the site Museum according to the standard of the Ship Museum, and provide brochures in foreign languages at the latter, including reference to the status of Borobudur as a World Heritage property and the reasons why it was inscribed on the World Heritage List;
 - d) Develop and put in place a specific diagnostic monitoring programme aimed at identifying the cause for the increasing rate of deterioration of the stone, if necessary with assistance from the World Heritage Centre;
7. Requests moreover the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report including information on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Mission, as well as of the specific benchmarks indicated in paragraph 6 above, for the consideration of the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

**66. Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range (Japan)
(C 1142)**

Decision 30 COM 7B.66

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.28** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),

3. Commends the State Party for the preparation of the overall Preservation and management plan for the Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range World Heritage Site, and for the three supplementary Prefectural Plans;
4. Suggests that these Prefectural Plans could be complemented, in time, by benchmarks and indicators, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of these Plans over time.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.67

The World Heritage Committee

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 15B.64** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the State party of Japan concerning the progress made in the elaboration of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed execution of a highway through the northern Nara prefecture;
4. Appreciates the efforts of the Government of Japan to clarify the nature of the traffic congestion which the new highway is meant to address, and to analyze the impacts of the tunnel building on the water table for the chosen route;
5. Encourages the State Party to consider the possibility of entrusting the elaboration of the EIA for the highway project to an independent consultant hired for that purpose;
6. Requests the State Party to ensure that the EIA include consideration for alternative options for the route of the Highway, as well as a cost-benefit analysis demonstrating that the option being suggested, with the necessary mitigation measures, offers least potential impact to the Nara World Heritage property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007** at the latest, a report illustrating the outcome of the EIA, as well as the process followed for its elaboration, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007. The report should be submitted as soon as the EIA process is completed and in any case before decisions that would be difficult to revert are taken concerning the project for the Highway.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.68

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.103**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),

3. Regrets that insufficient information on the state of conservation of the property has been provided by the State Party;
4. Notes with great concern that the site has been included in the List of the 100 Most Endangered Sites of the World Monuments Watch in 2005, due to the significant decay of the property caused by the local climate conditions and the shift of the riverbed;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to the property to examine the urgency of the situation, in close consultation with the responsible authorities, and report to the Committee on the outcome of the mission at its 31st session in 2007;
6. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.69

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Notes with concern the threats to the site caused by lack of an appropriate management system, continued deterioration of original wall structures, as well as inappropriate conservation measures which threaten the authenticity of the site;
3. Further notes, with regret, that despite the considerable efforts and the important international campaign funds provided to the site in the last 26 years, this World Heritage property is still lacking an appropriate management structure, conservation plan and conservation capacities;
4. Strongly encourages the national authorities to take all necessary measures to strengthen the administrative, management and technical structures for the property;
5. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Establish an appropriate management structure and long-term conservation plan for the site;
 - b) Identify training needs so as to address the shortcomings of national experts;
 - c) Ensure the conservation programme at the site is undertaken according to international conservation standards;
 - d) Prepare and submit to the World Heritage Centre a revised Action Plan for the property;
 - e) Urgently review the boundaries and buffer zone of the property in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies; and

6. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to the property to examine the current state of conservation and define, in close consultation with the responsible authorities, solutions and concrete actions to address the above concerns, including a clear timetable for implementation, and report to the Committee on the outcome of the mission at its 31st session in 2007;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a detailed report on the progress made in the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.70

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.62**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with concern that a management plan for the property based on the principles set out in the *Operational Guidelines* still needs to be prepared;
4. Requests the State Party, with assistance from the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to develop a comprehensive management plan, clearly based on the outstanding universal value of the property and specifically targeted at the situation in Shakhrisyabz;
5. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a progress report by **1 February 2007** on the preparation of the above-mentioned management plan, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

71. Complex of Hué Monuments (Viet Nam) (C 678)

Decision 30 COM 7B.71

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.58**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the significant efforts made by the State Party of Viet Nam towards the removal of the illegal constructions that negatively impact on the value of the World Heritage property;
4. Notes with appreciation the positive steps undertaken by the State Party to implement the recommendations made by the Committee at its 29th session in 2005;

5. Notes however that the full implementation of those recommendations requires further substantial work, and requests the State Party to pursue its efforts by:
 - a) Continuing the implementation of the programme for the removal of the illegal constructions within the World Heritage property, in particular those built after the floods of 1999, and the resettlement of their occupants, within the established timeframe (i.e. within 2010) in close consultation with all the concerned parties;
 - b) Establishing a complete inventory of all traditional buildings of Hué, possibly based upon a GIS system, that conforms to relevant international standards and which include information on their character, significance and state of conservation, so as to inform appropriate policies for their safeguarding. This inventory should be completed by June 2007;
 - c) Developing a comprehensive management plan, to be operational by the end of 2008, based on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and on the outcome of the above-mentioned survey, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS. As previously recommended, this plan should involve all monuments and landscape areas considered as having a significant heritage value associated with Hué and which are currently not included in the property on the World Heritage List, in view of a possible re-nomination of the property to include more of its cultural landscape. A first draft of the management plan, including its contents, should be prepared by the end of 2006;
 - d) Conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment, including consideration of cultural heritage aspects, of the proposed tourist resort project on the Vong Canh hill along the Huong River. This should be carried out as soon as possible and, in any case, before irreversible decisions are taken that may affect the value of the World Heritage property;
6. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS monitoring mission in 2007 to assess the state of conservation of the property and assist in defining the scope and content of the management plan to be developed;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit a report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above recommendations for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.72

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.95** and **29 COM 7B.83**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with great concern that the reports provided by the State Party do not respond to the requests made by the Committee at its 29th session;
4. Urges the State Party to collaborate closely with the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre to elaborate detailed benchmarks (completion of restoration work on the Church of the Transfiguration; and the development and implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the property, which addresses tourism development, risk preparedness, boundary definition and buffer zone issues);
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to the property to assess the state of conservation and the factors affecting the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and strongly urges the State Party to work jointly with this mission;
6. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007, with a detailed report, a timescale and a work plan for:
 - a) A comprehensive management plan, including a tourism strategy, risk preparedness measures and clear boundary and buffer zone definitions;
 - b) The preparation of a buffer zone for the property;
7. Invites the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** an overall restoration concept for the Church of Transfiguration, as well as a report on the status and the likely impact of proposed interventions on the authenticity and integrity of the property.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.73

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,

2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.80** and **29 COM 7B.70** adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes the continued efforts made by the national authorities, the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and the district municipalities with specific projects including the European Capital of Culture 2010 initiative, the substantive inventory process of core areas of the World Heritage property at the Historic Peninsula as well as improving legal provisions;
4. Endorses the detailed recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission;
5. While noting with concern the degradation and loss of timber houses, in particular in the Zeyrek and Suleymaniye core areas, welcomes the initiation of the urban design and implementation action plans for these areas;
6. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party has promptly halted the restoration works in Ayvansaray district, which includes Tekfur Palace and Anemas Dungeon, upon the request of the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission;
7. Requests the State Party to urgently implement the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission, and in particular:
 - a) Review all new large-scale development and infrastructure projects, which could threaten the visual integrity of the Historic Peninsula (including skyscraper development such as the Dubai Towers, the proposed high-rise development at Hydarpaşa), the Galataport project, and the new bridge across the Golden Horn as well as the extension project for the Four Seasons Hotel; and carry out impact studies according to international standards;
 - b) Improve the cooperation between District Municipalities, the Metropolitan Municipality, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and other stakeholders, including universities, NGOs, professional organizations, inhabitants etc., enhance coordination of all planning organs and establish clear management and monitoring responsibilities, including the designation of a specific World Heritage site coordinator;
 - c) Re-establish and reorganize the World Heritage Coordination Unit of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to provide effective support from the central Government for the safeguarding of the integrity of the World Heritage property;
 - d) Prepare an integrated and comprehensive World Heritage management plan, by **1 February 2008** at the latest, utilizing the 1:5000 Urban Conservation Plan and the 1:1000 Implementation Plan for the Historic Peninsula (2005) and the current Museum City project;
 - e) Submit a Progress Report on the preparation of the World Heritage management plan, by **1 February 2007**, and ensure that the World Heritage management plan be developed according to international standards;

- f) Submit by **1 February 2008** a revised Süleymaniye Renewal Project to constitute a Süleymaniye Conservation Implementation Plan, with a new focus on the conservation of existing buildings of heritage value and extend the project boundaries to cover the whole Süleymaniye World Heritage core area;
8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007, a progress report including all issues indicated above **to enable the World Heritage Committee to consider the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger**, in the case of absence of tangible remedial measures to prevent the loss of the outstanding universal value of this property, at its 32nd session in 2008.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.74

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.89**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with great concern that proposed new developments around the Tower of London and Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey and Saint Margaret's Church World Heritage properties, appear not to respect the significance of either World Heritage property, their settings and related vistas;
4. Regrets that the London Plan policies to protect the World Heritage property and its environment do not seem to be applied effectively, that statutory protection for views to and from the Tower could be diminished, and that the management plan has still not been finalised;
5. Also regrets that the requested in-depth study on the possible impact of development projects in the immediate vicinity of the World Heritage property has not been submitted and that no detailed skyline study of the Tower, its setting and views has yet been carried out and urges the State Party to carry out such a skyline survey as soon as possible to provide a qualitative framework for assessing the impact of new development on views and setting that contribute to the outstanding universal value of the Tower;
6. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS monitoring mission as soon as possible to assess the impact of current planning proposals in the spirit of the Vienna Memorandum on "World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape" (2005) and **to review the possibility of inclusion of the property in the List of World Heritage in Danger**, including benchmarks and timeframes for corrective action;
7. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report, by **1 February 2007** on the progress of its undertakings in this area, and on the

state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

75. Butrint (Albania) (C 570 bis)

Decision 30 COM 7B.75

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7A.27**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes the authorities' continuing efforts towards the improvement of the general situation of the site;
4. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party expanded the area of Butrint National Park and thereupon the buffer zone of the World Heritage property and requests the State Party to submit the relevant documents including maps of the revised buffer zone of the World Heritage property in accordance with chapter III.I of the *Operational Guidelines*;
5. Regrets that there has been no progress on the updating of the existing management plan and requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed report by **1 February 2007** on the implementation of the 2005 mission's recommendations and the progress made with the updating and implementation of the integrated management plan of the property according to international standards, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
6. Acknowledges that the State Party has invited a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to the property in 2007, as requested in Decision **29 COM 7A.27**, to assess the implementation of the decisions of the World Heritage Committee in cooperation with the State Party and submit a report on its findings at the 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.76

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.63**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the local authorities for initiating preparation of a management plan and a master plan for the World Heritage property, thus taking into account the World Heritage status in the urban planning processes;

4. Notes with concern the potentially negative impact of the ongoing and new large-scale construction projects in the core and buffer zones of the World Heritage property on its outstanding universal value;
5. Encourages the authorities to reconsider the overall design, volume and roofscape of the construction project for the Department Store of Kastner & Öhler;
6. Requests the authorities to fully take into account the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) in the preparation of the World Heritage property’s management plan;
7. Requests the State Party to provide an update report by **1 February 2007** for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.77

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling that the property was inscribed in 2004 for its outstanding universal value as a Cultural Landscape,
3. Notes with great concern that the construction project of the “Waldschlösschen-Bridge” is located in the core area of the cultural landscape;
4. Notes with satisfaction that the national authorities have commissioned a visual impact study, and the City of Dresden has suspended the construction project of the bridge until the discussions by the Committee at its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006);
5. Further notes the negative results of the visual impact study carried out on the “Waldschlösschen bridge”, confirming the impact on the landscape;
6. Considers that the construction of the “Waldschlösschen bridge” would irreversibly damage the values and integrity of the property in accordance with paragraph 179 (b) of the *Operational Guidelines*;
7. Requests the State Party and the City authorities to urgently halt this construction project and to take up discussions with all stakeholders to find alternative solutions so as to ensure the safeguarding of the outstanding universal value of the property and to provide details on this process and a time frame in conformity with Decision **29 COM 7C**;
8. **Decides to inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger**, with a view to considering delisting the property from the World Heritage List at its 31st session in 2007, if the plans are carried out;

9. Also requests the State Party to review without delay the projects in the core zone taking into account the results of the visual impact study and to provide a comprehensive update report to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007 in order to review the conditions for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

78. Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation) (C 540)

Decision 30 COM 7B.78

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Notes the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission undertaken from 2 to 7 February 2006 and the current efforts of the authorities to conserve this World Heritage property;
3. Notes that the height of the new Mariinsky Theatre has been lowered by 10 metres;
4. Requests the authorities to fully take into account the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) in the protection of the historic urban landscape;
5. Endorses the recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission, specifically the timeline of actions and the preparation of maps, which have been agreed to by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the officials of the City of St. Petersburg during the mission;
6. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre a proposal for the modification of the boundaries of the World Heritage property including precise definition of borders and buffer zones for all components of the property by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

79. Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches (Spain) (C 348 rev)

Decision 30 COM 7B.79

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.69**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes that the State Party has designated a buffer zone;
4. Notes with concern that the legal protection has not been significantly improved to ensure the conservation of the values and integrity of the World Heritage property;

5. Urges the State Party to improve the legal protection of the property on the national level, as requested in Decision **29 COM 7B.69**;
6. Requests the State Party to submit detailed maps presenting the boundaries of the property and its buffer zones, and ICOMOS to review the boundaries of the property once the boundary modifications have been presented;
7. Notes the intention of the City authorities to create an integrated management plan for the property and requests that a realistic time-frame for this be established as soon as possible;
8. Requests the authorities to fully take into account the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) in the management of the historic urban landscape of the World Heritage property;
9. Also requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the implementation of all Committee decisions regarding the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

80. Madriu – Perafita – Claror Valley (Andorra) (C 1160)

Decision 30 COM 7B.80

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.71**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes the progress made with legal protection, and encourages the State Party to follow up on the process with the definitive legal text concerning the buffer zone;
4. Commends the State Party for clarifying the buffer zone protection on the western boundary of the property;
5. Encourages the State Party to redefine the Camp de Claror Plateau from area 2 to area 1 within the zoning of the buffer zone;
6. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with a progress report on the implementation of the management plan by **1 February 2008** for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.81

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.73**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with appreciation the decision by the Vienna authorities to stop the high-rise *Kometgründe-Meidling* project, as well as the results of the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission in March 2006;
4. Encourages the authorities to review the buffer-zone of the World Heritage property so as to enlarge the protected area and to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the property that takes into account the broader urban landscape of the property;
5. Recalls the importance of the provisions of the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005), as well as the fine-tuning of the “High-rise concept of Vienna”, adopted by the City of Vienna in 2002 ;
6. Requests the State Party, in accordance with paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, to inform the World Heritage Centre on any major urban development projects that may adversely affect the integrity of the property;
7. Further requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed about any further new development for the Kometgründe-Meidling.

82. Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (C 946 Rev)

Decision 30 COM 7B.82

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 8B.49**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Stressing the role of UNESCO in providing guidance to States Parties on development projects on a regular basis,
4. Expresses its great concern about the inappropriate construction of a hotel in the vicinity of the property;
5. Welcomes the report by the expert mission of June 2006 invited by the State Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina to find appropriate solutions to protect the values and the integrity of the property;

6. Urges the national authorities to:
 - a) Immediately halt the current project,
 - b) Review the plans, and
 - c) Find alternative solutions in line with the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) and the Master Plan and the Management plan, adopted for the World Heritage property of the Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar;
7. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the state of conservation of the property and the construction project for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.83

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.101**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes with great concern the State Party’s letter of 27 January 2006, which appears to ignore the recommendations of the 2005 mission and the Committee’s Decision;
4. Requests the State Party to re-affirm its commitment to the removal of the theatre from the Summerhouse Garden and its replacement in the adjacent buffer zone site, and also to establish a firm schedule for the associated activities;
5. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the progress of its undertakings in this area, and on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.84

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Notes that the State Party has taken the initiative to invite a mission to the property, and provided detailed information in reply to issues raised in the mission report including the project proposal for the Viru Hotel extension and the naval port;

3. Encourages the national authorities to carefully review and revise the Viru Hotel project, taking into account the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005), and requests the State Party to keep the World Heritage Centre informed of future developments in the Viru Hotel project and the naval port;
4. Urges the State Party to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the property and its buffer zone;
5. Notes that the State Party has addressed the issue of the transportation of hazardous materials and requests the State Party to carry out an overall risk assessment;
6. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report on the issues above by **1 February 2007** including a progress report on the revision of the Viru Hotel project for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.85

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.66**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes the efforts made by the authorities to strengthen control on developments in the immediate environment of the Villa Saraceno;
4. Requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre further clarification on how the proposed buffer zone planned near the Villa Saraceno would ensure the control of development processes and the integrity of the setting near the World Heritage property and encourages the State Party to submit the revised buffer zone in accordance with the procedures established in the *Operational Guidelines*;
5. Acknowledges the progress being made in the development of the management and conservation plans (including buffer zones), however, regrets that the management and conservation plan for the area concerning the Villa Saraceno has not been finalized as requested (Decision **29 COM 7B.66** paragraph 6);
6. Reiterates its request to the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, as soon as available, the detailed technical drawings concerning the highway, and notably of the interchange infrastructure foreseen in the section closest to the Villa Saraceno, so as to assess its impact on the integrity of the landscape, before proceeding with the construction of the section of the highway closest to the Villa Saraceno;
7. Encourages the State Party to continue the efforts towards the finalization of the management and conservation plans, including the establishment of appropriate buffer

zones, to reflect the cultural setting, for all the components of this serial World Heritage property;

8. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report on the implementation of the management and conservation plan for the World Heritage property and its buffer zones, as well as detailed designs and drawings of the interchanges, and of the landscaping of the highway in the vicinity of the Villa, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.86

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.79**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Notes the positive efforts made by the Ministry of Culture and the Municipality of Vilnius during the last two years to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework for heritage conservation, specifically the steps undertaken to address the concerns expressed by the Committee with regard to the high-rise buildings constructed and planned in the vicinity of the historic centre of Vilnius and their visual impact on the World Heritage property;
4. Recalling the provisions of the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) to protect historic urban landscapes,
5. Acknowledges the work undertaken to set up a plan of action for the revision of the buffer zone of the property;
6. Notes with appreciation the information provided on the follow-up to the “Strategy for Wooden Architecture Heritage Preservation” adopted in 2004;
7. Notes with great concern the continued lack of integration and co-ordination of initiatives in the heritage and other sectors at both State and local levels which hinder protection efforts for the World Heritage property;
8. Urges the State Party to initiate development of a fully integrated management plan, to govern and co-ordinate all decisions affecting the Old Town development and conservation, through participatory consultation processes over the next two years, and requests the State Party to explore how the Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency (OTRA) may be given the authority and independence to develop and manage the implementation of such a plan under the shared supervision of the Ministry of Culture and the Office of the Mayor of Vilnius;
9. Further requests the State Party to provide to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2008** a detailed report on the development of an integrated management plan for Vilnius

Old Town as described in the recommendations above, including the redefinition of the buffer zone surrounding the historic core, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

87. Curonian Spit (Lithuania / Russian Federation) (C 994)

Decision 30 COM 7B.87

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.67**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the States Parties for their continued collaboration to complete the joint Lithuanian-Russian post-project Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the D-6 oil platform and to continue bilateral environmental monitoring;
4. Notes that both States Parties have recognized the necessity of a bilateral agreement concerning co-operation in case of pollution accidents, pollution prevention/mitigation and compensation measures, and a cooperation plan in case of pollution accidents in the Baltic Sea and urges both States Parties to sign the agreement and plan as soon as possible;
5. Further notes that the States Parties have not yet reported on the general state of conservation of the Curonian Spit, in particular the actual status of implementation of the joint post-project EIA and activities agreed to under the Action Plan;
6. Requests both States Parties to provide the World Heritage Centre with a detailed and updated report, by **1 February 2007**, on the general state of conservation of the property with reference to the cultural landscape values for which the property was inscribed and including the status of implementation of the joint post-project EIA and activities agreed to under the Action Plan, especially regarding the signature of a bilateral agreement concerning co-operation in case of pollution accidents, pollution prevention/mitigation and compensation measures, and a cooperation plan in case of pollution accidents in the Baltic Sea, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision: 30 COM 7B.88

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.68**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),

3. Commends the State Party for the preparatory work done to date on the management plan for the site and under the Stage II Oświęcim Strategic Government Programme;
4. Regrets that the State Party was unable to provide the World Heritage Centre with the management plan by 1 February 2006, as requested in Decision **29 COM 7B.68**, paragraph 5;
5. Requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with the management plan, elaborated with involvement of the International Experts Group, by **1 February 2007**, and a report on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.89

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 15B.77** and **29 COM 7B.81**, adopted at its 28th (Suzhou, 2004) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively,
3. Notes with satisfaction that significant work has been carried out to improve the state of conservation of the parks and palaces in the core zone of the World Heritage property and notes the efforts made by the State Party and the responsible authorities;
4. Requests the State Party to set up a clear management structure for the World Heritage site and to prepare an integrated comprehensive management plan, that takes into account all the relevant planning documents for the area of Sintra;
5. Also requests, as a first step, that the State Party ensure the preparation of a short-term Action Plan for the period of 2007 to 2009, defining the overall concept and measures for enhancing the World Heritage values including the buffer zones;
6. Encourages the State Party to seek technical support, if necessary, for the elaboration of the above requested documents;
7. Further requests the State Party to submit an up-dated report including the above-mentioned Action Plan to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.90

Not examined by the Committee.

91. Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct (Spain) (C 311 rev)

Decision 30 COM 7B.91

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.103**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Encourages the State Party to seek specific international expertise in the conservation of major classical monuments and to keep the Centre and ICOMOS informed on its outcome.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.92

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.86**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Regrets that the State Party has not yet submitted the integrated management plan requested during the 28th and 29th sessions of the World Heritage Committee and also regrets that the State Party has not made progress in the last year as requested by the Committee to improve and implement specific legislation so as to ensure appropriate legal protection of the historic urban fabric and structure on a national level;
4. Requests the authorities to fully take into account the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) in the management of the historic urban landscape of the World Heritage property;
5. Invites the State Party to consider organizing jointly with the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM a training and information seminar in Salamanca, which would clarify the obligations under the *World Heritage Convention* concerning control and management of urban planning for World Heritage cities and this property in particular;
6. Requests the State Party to provide a map of the inscribed site that includes not only the property shown on the most recent map submitted, but the seven outlying properties also inscribed by the Committee in 1988: the Churches of San Marcos, Sancti Spiritus, San Juan Barbalos, and San Cristobal, as well as the Colegio de los Irlandeses, the Convento de las Claras, and the Casa-Convento de Santa Teresa;
7. Further recalls point 7 of its Decision **29 COM 7B.86** and requests the State Party to provide an updated report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, on progress made in meeting the Committee’s requests for improved legal protection and

management of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.93

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 14B.49**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Commends the City Council on securing investment to construct a new Museum building;
4. Notes with great concern that the new Museum building next to the Three Graces does not comply with the recommendation of the 28th session as it is designed to be dominant rather than recessive; and also notes that three additional new buildings are being planned on the waterfront, one of which could also be intrusive in architectural terms;
5. Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS monitoring mission to consider the impact of these proposals on the World Heritage property;
6. Urges the State Party to put in place strategic plans for future development that set out clear strategies for the overall townscape and for the skyline and river front;
7. Further requests the State Party to provide the World Heritage Centre with an updated report by **1 February 2007** on the progress of strategic plans for future development and on the state of conservation of the property, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.94

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.93** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Strongly recommends closer institutional coordination among the different governmental departments in approving and supervising restoration and rehabilitation works in the Colonial City of Santo Domingo;
4. Encourages the adoption, and strict enforcement of the new law on monumental heritage; the adoption of the Integrated Revitalisation Plan and the implementation of the related actions proposed; and the adoption and full implementation of the Risk Management Plan for the Zona Colonial;
5. Encourages furthermore the revision of the nomination documents including the establishment of a buffer, as proposed by the State Party, for the protection of the site, and the early submission of this proposal to the World Heritage Committee for review;
6. Requests the States Party to submit a progress report by **1 February 2007** on progress made in addressing all of the above points, including the outcomes of the efforts made to improve the management of the property (as in the earlier case of the historic core of the Hostal de Ovando in 2002), for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

95. Maya Site of Copan (Honduras) (C 120)

Decision 30 COM 7B.95

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.90**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Also recalling the recommendations of the previous monitoring missions of 1999, 2003 and 2005,
4. Urges the State Party not to proceed with the construction of the planned airport at Rio Amarillo Valley. The two ICOMOS missions of 2003 and 2005 based on visits to the sites and the environmental impact studies done by the Government of Honduras, as well as by independent organizations, have shown the negative impact that the

construction of this airport will have on the cultural resources, the traditional social networks, the beliefs and values of the indigenous people, and the landscape. The State Party is encouraged to consult closely with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies on the appropriate steps to be taken;

5. Requests the State Party submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**, the terms of reference for conducting a Public Use Study for the management of the future Rio Amarillo Archaeological Park to complement the already existent management plan;
6. Further requests the State Party to continue monitoring the state of conservation of the Copan Hieroglyphic Stairway, based on the programme developed by the Getty Conservation Institute;
7. Requests moreover the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, 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 Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.96

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling the results of the November 2002 ICOMOS mission findings and Decisions **27 COM 7B.95** and **29 COM 7B.103** adopted at its 27th (UNESCO, 2003) and 29th (Durban, 2005) sessions respectively;
3. Congratulates the State Party for the results reached to present in regards to the Xochimilco project;
4. Reminds the State Party that it is absolutely necessary to follow-up on these achievements (completion and implementation of the management plan and creation of a management unit); and that an inconclusive process may jeopardize the participatory commitment achieved and threaten the property;
5. Requests the State Party and ICOMOS to consult with IUCN on the conservation and effective management of Natural Areas and Ecological Zones in order to ensure the protection of the natural environment of the heritage site;
6. Further requests that the State Party submit a detailed and specific report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, on the measures to be taken with respect to the lowering of the water table beneath the World Heritage property and the implementation of the management plan for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.97

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B. 98**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Commends the State Party for the actions taken to protect and preserve the World Heritage site of Chavin;
4. Urges the State Party to finalize the management plan for the property;
5. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a progress report and a draft management plan for examination by the Committee at its 31th session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.98

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.97** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Urges the State Party to finalise and implement the Disaster Preparedness Plan as soon as possible;
4. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Disaster Preparedness Plan for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

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

Decision 30 COM 7B.99

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/7B*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B. 98**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),

3. Commends the State Party for the measures envisaged within the framework of the Plan for the Conservation and Protection of the Lines of Nasca and Pampas de Jumana as well as through the Emergency Plan elaborated by a Multi-sectorial Commission;
4. Encourages the State Party to implement such measures as soon as possible with a view to ensure the conservation of the integrity of the World Heritage property;
5. Recommends the State Party to develop, in consultation with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre, a comprehensive management plan for the property;
6. Requests the State Party to address the issue of the illegal constructions near the site in order to avoid further impact on the World Heritage property;
7. Also requests the State Party to submit a detailed report to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the above recommendations, for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

GENERAL DECISION

Decision 30 COM 7B.100

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Welcomes the initiatives of States Parties for architectural competitions for new buildings in World Heritage properties where compatible with the Outstanding Universal Value, including in historic neighbourhoods in the spirit of the Vienna Memorandum on “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture, Managing the Historic Urban Landscape” (2005) ;
2. Encourages the States Parties, in preparing the competition documents, to inform the Secretariat, seek comments from the Advisory Bodies and inform the Committee according to paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*.

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

8A. TENTATIVE LISTS OF STATES PARTIES SUBMITTED AS OF 20 APRIL 2006 IN CONFORMITY WITH THE *OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES*

Decision 30 COM 8A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8A*,
2. Takes note of the Tentative Lists presented in Annexes 2 and 3 of this document.

8B. NOMINATIONS OF PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

8B.1. CHANGES TO NAMES OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Decision 30 COM 8B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to the Qal'at al-Bahrain Archaeological Site as proposed by the Bahrain authorities. The name of the property becomes **Qal'at al-Bahrain – Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun** in English and **Qal'at al-Bahreïn – ancien port et capitale de Dilmun** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to SGaang Gwaii (Anthony Island) as proposed by the Canadian authorities. The name of the property becomes **SGaang Gwaay** in English and in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to the Historic District of Québec as proposed by the Canadian authorities. The name of the property becomes **Historic District of Old Québec** in English and **Arrondissement historique du Vieux-Québec** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.4

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Cape Girolata, Cape Porto, Scandola Nature Reserve and the Piana Calanches in Corsica as proposed by the French authorities. The name of the property becomes Gulf of Porto: **Calanche of Piana, Gulf of Girolata,**

Scandola Reserve in English and **Golfe de Porto : calanche de Piana, golfe de Girolata, réserve de Scandola** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.5

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Church of Saint-Savin sur Gartempe as proposed by the French authorities. The name of the property becomes **Abbey Church of Saint-Savin sur Gartempe** in English and **Abbatiale de Saint-Savin sur Gartempe** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Decorated Grottoes of the Vézère Valley as proposed by the French authorities. The name of the property becomes **Prehistoric Sites and Decorated Caves of the Vézère Valley** in English and **Sites préhistoriques et grottes ornées de la vallée de la Vézère** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.7

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Historic Centre of Avignon as proposed by the French authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Historic Centre of Avignon: Papal Palace, Episcopal Ensemble and Avignon Bridge** in English and **Centre historique d'Avignon : Palais des papes, ensemble Episcopal et Pont d'Avignon** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.8

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Roman and Romanesque Monuments of Arles as proposed by the French authorities. The name of the property becomes **Arles, Roman and Romanesque Monuments** in English and **Arles, monuments romains et romans** in French

Decision 30 COM 8B.9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Ohrid Region with its Cultural and Historical Aspect and its Natural Environment as proposed by the authorities of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The name of the property becomes the **Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region** in English and **Patrimoine naturel et culturel de la région d'Ohrid** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Røros as proposed by the Norwegian authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Røros Mining Town** in English and **Ville minière de Røros** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to the Rock Drawings of Alta as proposed by the Norwegian authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Rock Art of Alta** in English and **Art rupestre d'Alta** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* including the request of the Government of the Republic of Poland for amending the name of the site to the “Former Nazi German Concentration and Extermination Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau” in order to promote adequate historical understanding of its creation;
2. Values the continuing endeavors of Poland to ensure the conservation of the site and the preservation of its authenticity in cooperation with the institutions and organizations concerned at the international level;
3. Recognizes the importance of the information and education efforts, directed in particular to the youth, undertaken by many State Parties in order to denounce the atrocities of the Nazi regime;

4. Recalls that the criterion for its inscription on the World Heritage List relates to the events of outstanding universal significance that not only depict an evil period of history but also to serve as a beacon of warning to uphold the human values and ideals that are part of the UNESCO constitution declared out of the ashes of the Second World War in 1945;
5. Strongly encourages educational programmes and media activities to explain the historical context of the property, the role of the Nazi regime in the building of this concentration camp and the planned genocide of the Jewish people together with the lessons and warnings that need to be learned for the world and also requests that these programmes should be made available at World Heritage web-site links and considers, that the modification of the name and the site description should reflect these values;
6. Welcomes the proposal made by the State Party to appraise the possible amendments, through international consultation together with the Secretariat, as evidence of its appropriate outstanding universal value, prior to its examination at the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2007.

Decision 30 COM 8B.13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Banská Štiavnica as proposed by the Slovak authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Historic Town of Banská Štiavnica and the Technical Monuments in its Vicinity** in English and **Ville historique de Banská Štiavnica et les monuments techniques des environs** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.14

Not examined by the Committee.

Decision 30 COM 8B.15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Hattusha as proposed by the Turkish authorities. The name of the property becomes **Hattusha: the Hittite Capital** in English and **Hattousa : la capitale hittite** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,

2. Approves the proposed name change to Mesa Verde as proposed by the American authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Mesa Verde National Park** in English and **Parc national de Mesa Verde** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Yellowstone as proposed by the American authorities. The name of the property becomes **Yellowstone National Park** in English and **Parc national de Yellowstone** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.18

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to La Fortaleza and San Juan Historic Site in Puerto Rico as proposed by the American authorities. The name of the property becomes **La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico** in English and **La Fortaleza et le site historique national de San Juan à Porto Rico** in French.

Decision 30 COM 8B.19

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Approves the proposed name change to Chaco Culture National Historical Park as proposed by the American authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Chaco Culture** in English and **La culture Chaco** in French.

8B. II. NOMINATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Decision 30 COM 8B.20

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*,
2. Takes note that the following States Parties had requested that their nominations not be examined at the 30th session of the Committee in 2006:
 - a) Tel Dan – The Triple Arched Gate (Israel)
 - b) Baltic Klint (Estonia)
 - c) Ancient Plovdiv (Bulgaria)
 - d) Church of Agios Sozomenos, Galata and Church of Agios Mamas, Louvaras (Extension to the “Painted Churches in the Troodos Region”) (Cyprus)
 - e) Renaissance Houses at Slavonice (Czech Republic)
 - f) Site of Marvão (Portugal)
 - g) Nyika National Park (Malawi)

A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

A.1 ARAB STATES

A.1.1 New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.21

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Decides not to inscribe **Toubkal, Morocco**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria;
3. Encourages the State Party to address the range of issues impacting on the integrity of Toubkal National Park, and take the following actions:

- a) Provide effective legal protection for Toubkal National Park, and other protected areas in Morocco;
- b) Reinforce Toubkal National Park's management capacity both in relation to human and financial resources;
- c) Implement suitable measures to bring the use of natural resources in Toubkal National Park and its buffer zone within sustainable limits; and
- D) Consider the scope for including Toubkal National Park within the framework of other Biosphere Reserves existing in this region.

A.2 ASIA / PACIFIC

A.2.1 New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.22

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Inscribes the Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuary – Wolong, Mt. Siguniang, and Jiajin Mountains, China, on the basis of natural criterion (iv):

Criterion (iv): The Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuary includes more than 30% of the world's population of giant Panda and constitutes the largest and most significant remaining contiguous area of panda habitat in the world. It is the most important source of giant panda for establishing the captive breeding population of the species. The property is also one of the botanically richest sites of any temperate region in the world or indeed anywhere outside of the tropical rain forests. Underlining the outstanding value is the large size of the nominated property and the fact that it protects a wide variety of topography, geology, and plant and animal species. The nominated property has exceptional value for biodiversity conservation and can demonstrate how ecosystem management systems can work across the borders of national and provincial protected areas.

3. Requests the State Party to:
 - a) Ensure the "Sichuan World Heritage Management Committee" has sufficient powers, resources and authority to ensure it can effectively carry out its role in relation to management of the property, including in relation to the review and approval of any major development proposals which may impact on the natural values of the nominated property;
 - b) Review existing infrastructure within the property with a view to better controlling impacts and, where possible, removing infrastructure and allowing habitat restoration with native species;

- c) Review the possibilities for future addition of areas of high nature conservation value to the property; with priority on those areas which are particularly important for panda habitat and which are close to but outside the property. Options for developing conservation corridors linking the property with other suitable areas of panda habitat should also be reviewed;
 - d) Progressively increase the level of staffing and resources within all reserves within the property, with the aim of ensuring that the level of staffing and management in all areas of the property is equivalent to that within the Wolong Nature Reserve within a ten year period;
 - e) In relation to the existing and proposed dams, ensure that:
 - (i) the impact of the dam at Yaoji, and the associated relocation of people, on the values of the property be closely monitored;
 - (ii) effective mitigation measures are applied at Yaoji to minimize the impacts associated with dam construction, the impoundment and the relocation of the village; with priority to implementing measures to encourage the establishment of panda habitat;
 - (iii) no additional dams are built within the property;
 - f) In relation to the Wolong Tourism Development Plan, undertake an independent expert review of the existing plan, under the direction of the World Heritage Management Office, to assess the impacts of the proposals on values within the nominated property and to recommend modifications that may be required. The World Heritage Office should also play a role in establishing tourism development guidelines, review of proposals and development of recommendations for mitigation of impacts for any major tourism development which may affect the values of the property;
 - g) Address other management issues noted in this evaluation report, including in relation to local populations, scientific research and education;
 - h) Consider changing the name of the nominated property to “The Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries” from the currently proposed name of: “The Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuary: Wolong, Mt Siguniang and Jiabin Mountains”;
4. Encourages the State Party to invite a mission to the property in 3 years to assess the implementation of the above recommendations and other recommendations outlined in the IUCN Evaluation Report;
 5. Commends the State Party for the process of consultation and scientific research involved in the preparation of the nomination dossier for this property, and for effectively addressing IUCN recommendations to enhance the conservation and management of the property.

Decision 30 COM 8B.23

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Defers the inscription of the **Transborder Rainforest Heritage of Borneo, Indonesia and Malaysia**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (iv) as the transboundary property does not meet the required conditions of integrity at present;
3. Commends the States Parties of Indonesia and Malaysia for their efforts in promoting transboundary cooperation for the conservation and management of the Transborder Rainforest Heritage of Borneo;
4. Notes that the future inscription of the transboundary property is dependent on the effective implementation by the States Parties of Indonesia and Malaysia of the following recommendations:
 - a) Joint preparation and implementation of a bilateral management framework for the transboundary property, which should be supported by adequate institutional arrangements and adequate human and financial resources to ensure the effective implementation of joint conservation and management actions in the field;
 - b) Joint preparation and implementation of an emergency action plan in order to prevent, detect and control illegal, unregulated activities impacting the long-term integrity of the property;
 - c) Rationalization by the State Party of Indonesia of the southern boundary of Betung Kerihun National Park and the necessary statutory measures enacted to ensure effective control of illegal logging;
5. Urges the States Parties of Indonesia and Malaysia to implement the above recommendations as a matter of urgency.

A.3 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

A.3.1 New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.24

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Defers examination of the nomination of the **Hirkan Forests of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan**, to the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (iv), to allow the State Party to consider options for renominating the property as part of a transnational serial property with other Hirkanian forest areas in Iran;

3. Recommends that the State Party also consider the following issues relating to the integrity of the nominated property:
 - a) Options for expanding the boundaries of the property to include additional forest areas of high conservation value;
 - b) Formally establishing the buffer zone for the property;
 - c) Ensuring adequate resources for the implementation of the management plan, including for patrolling;
 - d) Effectively addressing threats to the property, including the removal of illegal settlements and the management of grazing.

Decision 30 COM 8B.25

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Recognizes the role of the global biological phenomenon of migratory species, including birds, butterflies, fishes and mammals and adopts the principle that the sites associated with these global phenomena be inscribed on the World Heritage List taking into account that the inscription of these sites have to be based on their sustainability to the continuance of these phenomena, their integrity and relevant criteria;
3. Recalls the many decisions concerning the outstanding universal natural and cultural value of the Great Rift Valley as adopted by the IUCN/WCPA World Park Congress (2003), the IUCN World Conservation Congress (2004), the UNEP General Assembly meeting (2005) and the International and Regional Workshop on the *World Heritage Convention* and the Conservation of African Cultural Landscapes in Malawi (2005);
4. Considers the links with the Ramsar Convention and the Convention on Migratory Species and its Palearctic Waterfowl Agreement in accordance with paragraphs 40 to 44 of the *Operational Guidelines*, and recognizes that the outstanding value of the Palearctic migratory flyway and the many lakes, including the site nomination and those in Eastern Africa, represent some of the most important wetlands in the flyway as a stop-over wintering point and breeding ground for a large number of species including those endangered;
5. Notes the nomination statement for a trans-national serial nomination with Kenya and possibly other States Parties along the Great Rift Valley;
6. Defers examination of the nomination of the **Great Rift Valley Migration Flyway, the Hula, Israel**, on the World Heritage List under natural criteria.

Decision 30 COM 8B.26

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Defers examination of the nomination of the **Dinosaur Ichnite Sites of the Iberian Peninsula, Spain**, to the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criterion (i), in view of the need for in-depth assessment and substantial revision of this nomination;
3. Recommends that, in reconsidering the potential to strengthen the possible case for outstanding universal value of the nomination, the State Party give particular attention to:
 - a) A definition of a more focused conceptual framework that clearly demonstrates the relationship of dinosaur ichnite sites in Spain to other important fossil sites in Portugal;
 - b) The relationship of any revised nomination to the interests of the footprint site in Bolivia, currently the subject of preparatory assistance funded by the World Heritage Fund;
 - c) A thorough, global comparative analysis, including justification for a property based on dinosaur ichnites to be considered as being of outstanding universal value;
 - d) A serial nomination, which is coherent and manageable, focused around a much smaller number of localities and with all the elements selected relating to global significance;
4. Commends the State Party for the exemplary cooperative and participatory approach to site conservation and research, and the significant commitment that has been given to the recognition of the values of the nominated serial property by the State Party, the Autonomous Communities, the different communes involved and their citizens.

A.3.2 Extension of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

Decision 30 COM 8B.27

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Approves the extension of the **High Coast, Sweden**, to include the Kvarken Archipelago, Finland, on the basis of natural criterion (i):

Criterion (i): The Kvarken Archipelago with its 5,600 islands and surrounding sea is of exceptional geological value for two main reasons. First, it is an area of rapid glacio-isostatic uplift with rates that are among the highest in the world. The uplift is ongoing and is associated with major changes in the water bodies in post glacial times. The

Kvarken, along with the existing High Coast, its Swedish equivalent on the west coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, are key areas for the understanding of the processes of crustal response to the melting of the continental ice sheet. Second, the Kvarken area possesses a distinctive array of glacial depositional landforms, such as De Greer moraines, which add to the variety of glacial landscapes features in the region and reinforce the previous validity of the High Coast inscription.

3. Notes that the property thus becomes a serial transboundary property of both Finland and Sweden with the new name of **Kvarken Archipelago / High Coast, Finland and Sweden**. The total size of the transboundary serial property will be 336,900 hectares.

A.4 LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

A.4.1 New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Inscribes the **Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary, Colombia**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria (ii) and (iii):

Criterion (ii): As the largest no-fishing zone in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, the Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary is a globally significant and largely pristine marine protected area with unaltered and non-threatened ecosystems, free of invasive species, that is essential to maintain and replenish the population of sharks, giant grouper and billfish in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, whilst providing unique opportunities for ecosystem conservation, research, and recreational diving.

Criterion (iii): Malpelo's pristine underwater environment is of striking natural beauty because of the incredibly rich and diverse marine life; and major aggregations of large predator fish. Visitation to this site is an exhilarating experience for divers, and has been featured in specialized diving periodicals *around the world*.

3. Defers the examination of the nomination of **Gorgona Natural National Park, Colombia**, to the World Heritage List on the basis of natural criteria;
4. Commends the State Party for its continued efforts in conserving these important marine protected areas, as well as the NGOs, other institutions and private partners that are contributing to their conservation;
5. Recommends the State Party to:
 - a) Improve the management of Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary, including through the implementation of a programme to ensure that illegal fishing pressure is avoided permanently in the areas in and around the sanctuary;

- b) Strengthen tourism management and develop the funding base for long term management of both Gorgona Natural National Park and Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary;
- c) Commence research on the deeper waters in both areas, including seamounts within them.

B. MIXED PROPERTIES

B.1 AFRICA

B.1.1 Properties deferred, referred back or recommended for not inscription by the World Heritage Committee at previous sessions

Decision 30 COM 8B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*, *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.2*,
2. Refers the nomination of the **Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda, Gabon**, under natural criterion back to the State Party in order to:
 - a) Allow the State Party to provide a full and thorough global comparative analysis that demonstrates the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, considering other protected areas in Gabon and the region, and in relation to detailed inventories of fauna and flora, as available;
 - b) Address the need for increased management capacity at the property to effectively meet the conditions of integrity and to support the implementation of the new Management Plan of Lopé National Park, placing priority on confirming staffing arrangements and long term financing commitments, to ensure the overall sustainable management of the property, including the relationship of its cultural and natural values;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the State Party for the work that has been carried out to improve the management plan for Lopé National Park;
4. Invites IUCN and ICOMOS to give clear guidance to the State Party on:
 - a) Preparation of the comparative analysis;
 - b) The possibility of a serial transnational nomination insofar as the natural aspect is concerned;
5. Refers the nomination of the **Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda, Gabon**, under cultural criteria back to the State Party to provide:
 - a) A smaller area nominated for its cultural value based on a more detailed analysis of archaeological sites and petroglyphs and their relationship with each other and the river corridor;
 - b) A detailed list of cultural sites, detailing for archaeological sites their type and age, if known, and whether they have been excavated, and for rock art sites the

number of images, if known, within each site or if not an approximate number to provide a record of what might be inscribed on the World Heritage List;

- c) A detailed map of cultural sites, so that their precise location is known;
 - d) How archaeological expertise will be provided to take forward the actions in the management plan;
6. Considers that any nomination of cultural sites should encompass the River Ogooue valley and further tributaries if the significances of the archaeological sites can be justified;
 7. Suggests that assistance is requested to research the appropriate value that adequately reflects what appears to be the richness of archaeological finds in the River Ogooue corridor of the area and define boundaries which reflect this value. As no details are given of the special qualities of Mount Iboundji, this should be excluded from the area considered for inscription;
 8. Invites the State Party to submit an international assistance request to support the work required to provide the information requested above.

Decision 30 COM 8B.30

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party. (Decision **30 COM 8B.20**)

C. CULTURAL PROPERTIES

C.1 AFRICA

C.1.1. New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.31

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Refers the nomination of the **Ruins of Loropéni, Burkina Faso**, back to the State Party in order to:
 - a) Explore further the values and significance of the site through surveys and targeted excavations of the ruins and their hinterland, to establish the role and function of Loropéni and its association with trade across the Sahara and towards the West African coast;
 - b) Gather existing research on Loropéni and ruins in the wider Lobi area to strengthen understanding of the relationship between Loropéni and other fortified settlements in the Lobi area;
 - c) Formulate a detailed project to stabilize the walls of the Loropéni ruin and suggest how this might be funded.
3. Recognizes that it is desirable that the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre assist the State Party in undertaking the tasks mentioned in paragraph 2 above.
4. Invites the State Party to submit an international assistance request to support the work required and to provide the information requested.

Decision 30 COM 8B.32

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Stone Circles of Senegambia, Gambia and Senegal**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (i) and (iii):

Criterion (i): The finely worked individual stones display precise and skilful stone working practices and contribute to the imposing order and grandeur of the overall stone circle complexes.

Criterion (iii): The nominated stone circles, represent the wider megalithic zone, in which the survival of so many circles is a unique manifestation of construction and funerary practices which persisted for over a millennia and a half across a large sweep of landscape, and reflects a sophisticated and productive society.

3. Recommends that the States Parties give consideration to extending the nominated sites to include quarry sites;
4. Also recommends that the States Parties consider nominating further sites as part of a wider cultural landscape serial nomination in order to sustain more of the megalithic landscape of Senegambia;
5. Further recommends that a research strategy be put in place to address the wider associations of the stone circles and to record in more detail the megalithic zone.

Decision 30 COM 8B.33

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes Aapravasi Ghat, Mauritius, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criterion (vi):

Criterion (vi): Aapravasi Ghat, as the first site chosen by the British Government in 1834 for the ‘great experiment’ in the use of indentured, rather than slave labour, is strongly associated with memories of almost half a million indentured labourers moving from India to Mauritius to work on sugar canes plantations or to be transhipped to other parts of the World.

3. Recommends that the State Party and other interested parties:
 - a) Undertake research on indentured labour to consider the extent, scope and impact of the indentured labour Diaspora around the world;
 - b) Consider the possibility of inscribing the Aapravasi Ghat archives for the UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register.

C.1.2. Properties deferred, referred back or recommended for not inscription by the World Heritage Committee at previous sessions

Decision 30 COM 8B.34

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes **Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historical Town, Ethiopia**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v):

Criterion (ii): The historic town of Harar Jugol exhibits an important interchange of values of original Islamic culture, expressed in the social and cultural development of the city enclosed within the otherwise Christian region. Such influences have been merged with traditions that relate to the inland of Africa and particularly to southern Ethiopia, giving a particular characteristic form to its architecture and urban plan.

Criterion (iii): Harar Jugol bears exceptional testimony to cultural traditions related to Islamic and African roots. It is considered “the fourth holy city” of Islam, having been founded by a holy missionary from the Arabic Peninsula. Though a trading place and thus a melting pot of various influences, Harar has been in relative isolation in its region, contributing to a cultural specificity, expressed in its characteristic community structure and traditions, which are still alive.

Criterion (iv): Harar Jugol is an outstanding example of a type of architectural and urban ensemble which illustrates the impact of African and Islamic traditions on the development of specific building types. The building types and the entire urban layout reflect these traditions, which give a particular character and even uniqueness to Harar Jugol.

Criterion (v): Harar Jugol with its surrounding landscape is an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, representative of cultural interaction with the environment. The social and spatial structure (afocha) and the language of the people all reflect a particular and even unique relationship that there developed with the environment. The cultural and physical relationships with the territory have survived till today, but they are also vulnerable to irreversible change under the impact of modern globalizing world.

3. Recommends that the name of the nominated property be changed into: “Harar Jugol, the fortified historic town”;
4. Requests the State Party to inform the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007 on the completion of the Urban Master Plan revision.

Decision 30 COM 8B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes **Chongoni Rock Art Area, Malawi**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (iii) and (vi):

Criterion (iii): The dense and extensive collection of rock art shelters reflects a remarkable persistence of cultural traditions over many centuries, connected to the role of rock art in women's initiations, in rain making and in funeral rites, particularly in the Chewa agricultural society.

Criterion (vi): The strong association between the rock art images and contemporary traditions of initiation and of the nyau secret society, and the extensive evidence for those traditions within the painted images over many centuries, together make the Chongoni landscape a powerful force in Chewa society and a significant place for the whole of southern Africa.

3. Recommends that the State Party:
 - a) Finalise the legal modalities relating specifically to this property;
 - b) Produce a set of guidelines with the traditional leaders and the Department of Forestry for the use of individual sites and the forest in general for religions and traditional ceremonies;
 - c) Amend the management plan to reflect the need to integrate forestry work with other community initiatives in the nominated area;
4. Encourages the staff at the site with training in conservation and granting them authority to oversee the implementation of the management plan and to seek political commitment from local traditional leaders.
5. Requests the State Party to report back on progress made on the above recommendations by **1 February 2007**.

Decision 30 COM 8B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Kondoa Rock Art Sites, United Republic of Tanzania**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (iii) and (vi):

Criterion (iii): The rock art sites at Kondoa are an exceptional testimony to the lives of hunter-gathers and agriculturalists who have lived in the area over several millennia, and reflect a unique variation of hunter-gather art from southern and central Africa and a unique form of agro-pastoralist paintings.

Criterion (vi): Some of the rock art sites are still used actively by local communities for a variety of ritual activities such as rainmaking, divining and healing. These strong intangible relationships between the paintings and living practices reinforce the links with those societies that created the paintings, and demonstrate a crucial cultural continuum.

3. In order to support management and monitoring, encourages all State Parties with relevant records of the rock paintings to allow copies to be made to contribute to a data-

base in Kondoa of existing records of the site, now scattered across many institutions in several countries;

4. Commends the State Party for appointing a site manager and assistant, beginning the process of management involving the local community, working on a detailed inventory, putting in place, a strategy to deal with the provision of firewood for local communities from areas away from the nominated site and, setting out a timetable for trained staff and a database to be in place;
5. Requests the State Party to ensure that any illegal excavations come to a halt.

C.2 ARAB STATES

C.2.1. New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.37

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the *Aflaj Irrigation Systems of Oman, Oman*, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criterion (v):

Criterion (v): The collection of *Aflaj* irrigation systems represents some 3,000 still functioning systems in Oman. Ancient engineering technologies demonstrate long standing, sustainable use of water resources for the cultivation of palms and other produce in extremely arid desert lands. Such systems reflect the former total dependence of communities on this irrigation and a time-honoured, fair and effective management and sharing of water resources, underpinned by mutual dependence and communal values.

3. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2007**, for examination at its 31st session in 2007:
 - a) Documentation confirming that the enlarged areas are given adequate legal protection;
 - b) A management plan or system for the settlement areas, to complement traditional management arrangements, which addresses the restoration, and conservation of the traditional structures such as mosques, watchtowers, forts, houses, and wash places, the re-introduction of traditional mortars, the control of development, the management of visitors, and the presentation of the *Aflaj*.

Decision 30 COM 8B.38

The World Heritage Committee,

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

2. Inscribes the **Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din, Syrian Arab Republic**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The crusader castles represent a significant development in the fortification systems, which substantially deferred from the European rather more passive defense systems, and which also contributed to the development of the castles in the Levant. Within the castles that have survived in the Near East from the Crusader period, the nominated properties represent the most significant examples illustrating the exchange of influences and documenting the evolution in this field, which had an impact both in the east and in the west.

Criterion (iv): In the history of architecture, Crac des Chevaliers is taken as the best preserved example of the castles of the crusader period, and it is also seen as an archetype of a medieval castle particularly in the context of the military orders. Similarly, the Fortress of Saladin, even though partly in ruins, still represents an outstanding example of this type of fortification, both in terms of its quality of construction and the survival of its historical stratigraphy.

3. Invites the State Party to report back to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007** on the implementation of the new management system and initiatives regarding the clearance of illegal structures and recommends that the State Party keep the World Heritage Committee informed about any changes that are planned within the nominated areas and their buffer zones;
4. Notes that the State Party has agreed to change the name of the nominated property from “**Castles of Syria**” into: “**Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din**”.

C.3 ASIA / PACIFIC

C.3.1. New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.39

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes **Yin Xu, China**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): Yin Xu, capital of the Late Shang dynasty exhibits an exchange of important influences and the highest level of development in China's ancient bronze culture, including the system of writing.

Criterion (iii): The cultural remains at Yin Xu provide exceptional evidence to cultural traditions in Late Shang Period, and are testimony to many scientific and technical achievements and innovations, such as the solar and lunar calendar system, and the earliest evidence of systematic written Chinese language in oracle bones.

Criterion (iv): The palaces, ancestral shrines and the royal tombs of Yin Xu are outstanding examples of early Chinese architecture. They have great significance establishing the early prototypes for Chinese palace architecture and royal tomb complexes.

Criterion (vi): The material remains discovered at Yin Xu provide tangible evidence to the early history of the system of Chinese writing and language, ancient beliefs, social systems, and major historical events, which are considered of outstanding universal significance.

Decision 30 COM 8B.40

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Refers the nomination of the River island of Majuli in midstream Brahmaputra River in Assam, India, back to the State Party in order to:
 - a) Assemble more information on the Sattras remaining on the island and on the way they have influenced and continue to influence landscape patterns and the overall interaction between people and nature in Majuli and further a field;
 - b) Create an inventory of architecture and spatial patterns in the landscape associated with the Sattras and their movable heritage;
 - c) Put in place legal protection;
 - d) Amplify the Management Plan to take account of the specific nature of Sattral landscapes and buildings, the interrelationship between people and nature, the potential for traditional farming practices to sustain biodiversity, the need to codify traditional knowledge, the conservation and development of traditional architecture, a cultural tourism strategy and approaches to sustainable development;
 - e) Undertake an appraisal of the overall river basin in which Majuli lies, and the potential impact of climate change, in order to ascertain the chances of the island surviving in the medium term;
 - f) Develop and implement a Risk Preparedness Strategy;
 - g) Carefully consider the impact of the proposed bridges on the special characteristics of the Majuli cultural landscape;

3. Encourages the State Party to produce an inventory of flora and fauna of the site with particular emphasis on threatened and endangered species that may be protected as result of local management practices.

Decision 30 COM 8B.41

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes **Bisotun, Islamic Republic of Iran**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii) and (iii):

Criterion (ii): The monument created by Darius I The Great in Bisotun in 521 BC is an outstanding testimony to the important interchange of human values on the development monumental art and writing. The symbolic representation of the Achaemenid king in relation to his enemy reflects traditions in monumental bas-reliefs that date from ancient Egypt and the Middle East, and which were subsequently further developed during the Achaemenid and later empires.

Criterion (iii): The site of Bisotun is located along one of the main routes linking Persia with Mesopotamia and associated with the sacred Bisotun mountain. There is archaeological evidence of human settlements that date from the prehistoric times, while the most significant period was from 6th century BC to AD 6th century. The Bisotun inscription is unique being the only known monumental text of the Achaemenids to document a specific historic event, that of the re-establishment of the Empire by Darius I The Great. It was the first cuneiform writing to be deciphered in the 19th century.

3. Requests the State Party to report on the design and construction of access routes to the site and the development and design of eventual visitor facilities, before such works are undertaken.

C.3.2. Minor Modifications to the boundaries

Decision 30 COM 8B.42

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Noting the information provided by the UNESCO mission in June 2006 and in particular the updated proposal submitted by the State Party for the modification to the boundaries;
3. Considers that this updated proposal for the modification to the boundaries of the seven monument zones of the property reflects the remaining outstanding universal value justified for criteria (iii)(iv)(vi) from the time of its inscription;

4. Approves the proposed modification to the boundaries of the **Kathmandu Valley, Nepal**, as Minor Modification;
5. Requests the State Party to continue with the establishment and implementation of the Integrated Management Plan, built around the outstanding universal value of the property, for the long-term conservation of the property.

C.4 EUROPE / NORTH AMERICA

C.4.1. New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.43

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision **30 COM 8B.20**)

Decision 30 COM 8B.44

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Refers the nomination of **The Causses and the Cévennes, France**, back to the State Party.

Decision 30 COM 8B.45

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Old Town of Regensburg with Stadtamhof, Germany**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii),(iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The architecture of Regensburg represents the city's role as a medieval trading centre and its influence in the region north of the Alps. Regensburg was an important transition point on continental trade routes to Italy, Bohemia, Russia and Byzantium. It also had multiple connections with the transcontinental Silk Roads. As such, the city exhibits an important interchange of cultural and architectural influences, which have shaped its urban landscape.

Criterion (iii): The Old Town of Regensburg bears an exceptional testimony to cultural traditions especially in the Holy Roman Empire, being the location for most of the assemblies of the Empire in the High Middle Ages. Regensburg also significantly contributed to more recent European history being the seat of the Perpetual Assembly from the 1663 to 1806. As a testimony to these functions, there are the remains of two imperial palatine palaces from the 9th century, and a large number of other well

preserved historic buildings, which are testimony to the wealth and political importance of the community.

Criterion (iv): The Old Town of Regensburg is an outstanding example of a central-European medieval trading town, which has well preserved its historical stratigraphy, and which is an exceptional illustration to the development of commerce particularly from the 11th to 14th centuries.

Decision 30 COM 8B.46

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes **Genoa: The *Strade Nuove* and the system of the *Palazzi dei Rolli*, Italy**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The ensemble of the *Strade Nuove* and the related palaces exhibit an important interchange of values on the development of architecture and town planning, in the 16th and 17th centuries. Through the architectural treatises of the time, these examples were publicized making the *Strade Nuove* and the late-Renaissance palaces of Genoa a significant landmark in the development of Mannerist and Baroque architecture in Europe.

Criterion (iv): The *Strade Nuove* in Genoa is an outstanding example of an urban ensemble consisting of aristocratic palaces of high architectural value, illustrating the economy and politics of the mercantile city of Genoa at the height of its power in the 16th and 17th centuries. The project proposed new and innovative spirit, representing the siglo de los Genoveses (1563 to 1640). In 1576, the Republic of Genoa established a legally based list of *Rolli* recognizing the most outstanding palaces for official lodging of distinguished guests.

3. Encourages the State Party to eliminate the section of the motorway in front of the historic centre by building it into a tunnel.

Decision 30 COM 8B.47

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Centennial Hall in Wroclaw, Poland**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (i), (ii) and (iv):

Criterion (i): The Centennial Hall of Wroclaw is a creative and innovative example in the development of construction technology in large reinforced concrete structures. The Centennial Hall occupies a key position in the evolution of methods of reinforcement in architecture, and one of the climax points in the history of the use of metal in structural consolidation.

Criterion (ii): The Centennial Hall is a pioneering work of modern engineering and architecture, which exhibits an important interchange of influences in the early 20th century, becoming a key reference in the later development of reinforced concrete structures.

Criterion (iv): As part of the exhibition grounds of Wrocław, the Centennial Hall is an outstanding example of modern recreational architecture that served a variety of purposes, ranging from conferences and exhibitions to concerts, theatre and opera.

3. Notes that the name of the nominated property be changed to: “Centennial Hall in Wrocław”;
4. Requests the State Party to continue in the efforts already made for the conservation and management of the Centennial Hall, and particular attention be given to the planning and design of any new structures to house the services and facilities in the Exhibition Grounds, respecting the values of the existing historic context.

Decision 30 COM 8B.48

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision 30 COM 8B.20)

Decision 30 COM 8B.49

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Vizcaya Bridge, Spain**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (i) and (ii):

Criterion (i): The Vizcaya Bridge is a dramatic and aesthetically pleasing addition to the river estuary and an exceptional expression of technical creativity, reflecting an entirely satisfactory relationship between form and function.

Criterion (ii): Vizcaya Bridge, through the development of the hanging transporter mechanism and its fusion of iron working technology with new steel cables, created a new form of construction that influenced the development of bridges around the world over the next three decades and exported French and Spanish technologies.

Decision 30 COM 8B.50

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape, United Kingdom**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The development of industrialised mining in Cornwall and West Devon between 1700 and 1914, and particularly the innovative use of the beam engine, led to the evolution of an industrialised society manifest in the transformation of the landscape through the creation of new towns and villages, smallholdings, railways, canals, docks and ports, and this had a profound impact on the growth of industrialisation in the United Kingdom and then on industrialised mining around the world.

Criterion (iii): The extent and scope of the remains of copper and tin mining, and the associated transformation of the urban and rural landscapes, including the now distinctive plant communities of waste and spoil heaps and estuarine areas, presents a vivid and legible testimony to the success of Cornish and West Devon industrialised mining when the area dominated the world's output of copper, tin and arsenic.

Criterion (iv): The mining landscape of Cornwall and West Devon, and particularly its characteristic engine houses and beam engines, as a technological ensemble in a landscape, reflect the substantial contribution the area made to the industrial revolution and formative changes in mining practices around the world.

3. Notes the statement of the State Party specifying that, according to paragraph 106 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2005), a further buffer zone is not required due to the comprehensive mechanism of conservation which shall protect the **Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape** from large scale development that might impinge on its integrity and value;
4. Requests that any proposals concerning the re-opening of mines in the nominated areas be forwarded to the World Heritage Committee for debate and scrutiny;
5. Also requests that the natural values of the cultural landscape should be fully integrated into the future management of the site in a way that demonstrates the link between biodiversity and landscape protection and that policies should be developed for biodiversity, the protection of natural landscapes, contamination control and for the protection of distinctive habitats and plant communities related to mining.

C.4.2. Extension of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Decision 30 COM 8B.51

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Defers the examination of the extension of the **City of Graz – Historic Centre** to include **Schloss Eggenberg, Austria**, on the World Heritage List to allow the State Party to improve the management system and relevant plans for the whole property in question and in order to reinforce the link between the Castle and the City.

Decision 30 COM 8B.52

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (Decision 30 COM 8B.20)

Decision 30 COM 8B.53

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Approves the extension of the **Dečani Monastery** to include the **Patriarchate of Peć Monastery, Gračanica Monastery and the Church of the Virgin of Ljeviša, Serbia**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iii) and (iv):

Criterion (ii): The Patriarchate of Peć Monastery, the Gračanica Monastery and the Church of the Virgin of Ljeviša played a decisive role in the development of ecclesiastical building and mural painting in the Balkans between the 14th to the 16th centuries, in the discrete Balkan Palaiologian Renaissance architectural style, which reflects a fusion of eastern Orthodox Byzantine with western Romanesque styles.

Criterion (iii): The wall paintings in the three churches are an exceptional testimony to the manifestations of the cultural tradition of the Palaiologian Renaissance of Byzantium in the Balkans. They show the height of the development of Balkan art from the first half of the 14th century in Gračanica and Ljeviša, similar only to the church of the Holy Apostles in Thessaloniki and the Monastery of Protaton at Mount Athos, while the paintings at the churches at Peć, dating from around 1300 until 1673-74, are a powerful demonstration of the emergence of this style and its aftermath.

Criterion (iv): The Patriarchate of Peć Monastery, the Gračanica Monastery and the Church of the Virgin of Ljeviša reflect the development of a discrete Palaiologian Renaissance style of architecture and mural decoration in the Balkans in the 14th century, when the combined forces of Church and State were harnessed to create a strong identity for Serbia, in line with its political orientations.

3. Notes the changing of the name of the property which as extended becomes: “**Medieval Monuments in Kosovo**”;
4. Recommends that the State Party put in place stronger protection for the buffer zones;
5. Also recommends that the State Party give consideration to extending the boundaries of the Patriarchate of Peć Monastery to include more of its valley setting;
6. Requests the State Party to give consideration to putting in place appropriate guarding arrangements for the Church of the Virgin of Ljeviša;
7. Further requests the State Party to prepare detailed state of conservation reports on the murals, and on underlying problems with their fabric, as acknowledged in their management plans, and in the case of Ljeviša, on the impact of the recent fire on both fabric and murals.

Decision 30 COM 8B.54

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*, and recalling Decision **30 COM 8B.53** on the extension of the Dečani Monastery to include the Patriarchate of Peć Monastery, Gračanica Monastery and the Church of the Virgin of Ljeviša, Serbia,
2. Notes, in compliance with Article 11.4 of the Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and *Operational Guidelines*, paragraph 179, and in conformity with Decision **29 COM 7C**,
 - a) The need for a legal status for the protection of the property;
 - b) The lack of legislative protection of buffer zones;
 - c) The lack of implementation of the management plan and of active management;
 - d) The difficulties to monitor the property due to political instability, post-conflict situation (visits under the Kosovo Stabilization Force/United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (KFOR/UNMIK) escort and lack of guards and security);
 - e) The unsatisfactory state of conservation and maintenance of the property.
3. Inscribes the **Medieval Monuments in Kosovo, Serbia**, on the List of World Heritage in Danger in order to allow international support to address the following benchmarks:
 - a) Full and permanent protection of the property under secure and stable political environment;
 - b) Agreed medium-term plan for the restoration of wall paintings (including preventive conservation regime) and conservation and rehabilitation of the properties; and
 - c) Implementation of the management plans, and full establishment of buffer zones and boundaries including their legal protection.
4. Requests the State Party, in conformity with Committee Decision **29 COM 7C**, in cooperation with UNESCO programmes, UNMIK and Provisional Institutions of Self Government in Kosovo, to take the following urgent / short-term corrective measures by the end of 2006:
 - a) Put in place appropriate guarding and security arrangements for the Church of the Virgin of Ljeviša;
 - b) Prepare a conservation status report including a condition survey for the wall paintings and the status of the conservation works and take temporary measures where there is an urgent need (for example the lead roof of the west bay of the nave of the Church of Virgin of Ljeviša, that was partly removed, etc.);

- c) Prepare a risk preparedness study, in conformity with *Operational Guidelines* paragraph 118 and Decision **28 COM 10B.4**;
5. Also requests the State Party, in cooperation with UNESCO programs, UNMIK and Provisional Institutions of Self Government in Kosovo, to take the following long-term corrective measures:
- a) Ensure the adequate long-term legislative, regulatory protection and management of the property, in conformity with *Operational Guidelines* paragraph 97;
 - b) Put in place strong protective regimes for the buffer zones;
 - c) Adequately delineate the boundaries (e.g. extend the boundaries of the Patriarchate of Peć to include more of its riverside-valley settings);
 - d) Prepare detailed state of conservation reports as a basis for adapted monitoring, preventative conservation measures, and specific conservation projects to reverse decline;
 - e) Ensure appropriate and timely implementation of the Management Plan.

C.4.3. Properties deferred, referred back or recommended for not inscription by the World Heritage Committee at previous sessions

Decision 30 COM 8B.55

This nomination was withdrawn at the request of the concerned State Party (**Decision 30 COM 8B.20**)

C.5 LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

C.5.1. New nominations

Decision 30 COM 8B.56

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Defers the examination of the nomination of the **Incallajta: the fundamental rock of the Inca power in the Collasuyo, Bolivia**, on the World Heritage List to allow the State Party to:
 - a) Continue with its research to establish the wider significances of Incallajta in relation to Inca routes and other parts of the Inca Empire,

- b) Determine whether or not the site was the fundamental rock of Inca power in the Collasuyo,
 - c) Evaluate the appropriateness to integrate Incallajta into the proposed Qhapaq Ñan – Main Andean Road in order to link it to other nearby Inca sites,
 - d) Involve the local population in the management of the site, as envisaged in the management plan,
3. Recommends that the buffer zone be extended to match with the wider area that in the map of the dossier is called visual protection;
 4. Urges the State Party to enhance the present state of conservation of the property that is on the whole very poor and in places critical.

Decision 30 COM 8B.57

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Sewell Mining Town, Chile**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criterion (ii):

Criterion (ii): Sewell town in its hostile environment is an outstanding example of the global phenomena of company towns, established in remote parts of the world through a fusion of local labour with resources from already industrialised nations, to mine and process high value copper. The town contributed to the global spread of large-scale mining technology.

3. Recommends that, while supporting the principle of adaptive re-use, a minimum number of dwelling units be restored rather than adapted to display the realities of mining life in the town and to keep sufficient of the internal layout of the buildings to ensure that their original functions can be discerned.

Decision 30 COM 8B.58

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/INF.8B.1*,
2. Inscribes the **Agave Landscape and the Ancient Industrial Facilities of Tequila, Mexico**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iv), (v) and (vi):

Criterion (ii): The cultivation of agave and its distillation have produced a distinctive landscape within which are a collection of fine haciendas and distilleries that reflect both the fusion of pre-Hispanic traditions of fermenting mescal juice with the European distillation processes and of local and imported technologies, both European and American.

Criterion (iv): The collection of haciendas and distilleries, in many cases complete with their equipment and reflecting the growth of tequila distillation over the past two hundred and fifty years, are together an outstanding example of distinct architectural complexes which illustrate the fusion of technologies and cultures.

Criterion (v): The agave landscape exemplified the continuous link between ancient Mesoamerican culture of the agave and today, as well as the contours process of cultivation since the 17th century when large scale plantations were created and distilleries first started production of tequila. The overall landscape of fields, distilleries, haciendas and towns is an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement and land-use which is representative of a specific culture that developed in Tequila.

Criterion (vi): The Tequila landscape has generated literary works, films, music, art and dance, all celebrating the links between Mexico and tequila and its heartland in Jalisco. The Tequila landscape is thus strongly associated with perceptions of cultural significances far beyond its boundaries.

3. Requests the State Party to reinforce objectives to improve the environmental integrity of the property;
4. Suggests that the involvement of all stakeholders could deliver benefits to local communities, and particularly farmers, through the traditional processes that have shaped the landscape;
5. Congratulates the State Party on documenting the collection of distilleries and setting in place plans for their conservation in situ;
6. Recommends that the State Party define buffer zones to protect against development immediately outside the boundaries;
7. Also recommends that increased attention be given to the interplay between nature and culture in the management plan and in the monitoring of the property.

Decision 30 COM 8B.59

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/7B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/8B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 7B.71**, adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005);
3. Approves the proposed minor extension to the buffer zone of **Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra**.

Decision 30 COM 8B.60

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11B.Add*,

2. Approves the proposed name change to Redwood National Park as proposed by the American authorities. The name of the property becomes the **Redwood National and State Parks** in English and **Parcs d'État et national Redwood** in French.

8C. UPDATE OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

Decision: 30 COM 8C.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (*WHC-06/30.COM/7B*, *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add* and *WHC-06/30.COM/7B.Add.2*) and of proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (*WHC-06/30.COM/8B* and *WHC-06/30.COM/8B.Add*),
2. Inscribes the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Germany, Dresden Elbe Valley (Decision **30 COM 7B.77**)
 - Serbia, Medieval Monuments in Kosovo (Decision **30 COM 8B.54**)

Decision: 30 COM 8C.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (*WHC-06/30.COM/7A* and *WHC-06/30.COM/7A.Add.Rev*),
2. Maintains the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Afghanistan, Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Decision **30 COM 7A.22**)
 - Afghanistan, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley, (Decision **30 COM 7A.23**)
 - Azerbaijan, Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (Decision **30 COM 7A.29**)
 - Benin, Royal Palaces of Abomey (Decision **30 COM 7A.16**)
 - Central African Republic, Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.1**)
 - Chile, Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Decision **30 COM 7A.31**)
 - Côte d'Ivoire, Comoé National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.2**)
 - Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea, Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Decision **30 COM 7A.3**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo, Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Decision **30 COM 7A.8**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.6**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Virunga National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.7**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Garamba National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.4**)
 - Democratic Rep. of the Congo Salonga National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.5**)
 - Egypt, Abu Mena (Decision **30 COM 7A.19**)
 - Ethiopia, Simien National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.9**)
 - Honduras, Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Decision **30 COM 7A.15**)

- India, Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (Decision **30 COM 7A.13**)
- Islamic Republic of Iran, Bam and its Cultural Landscape (Decision **30 COM 7A.25**)
- Iraq, Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Decision **30 COM 7A.20**)
- Jerusalem, Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (Decision **30 COM 7A.34**)
- Nepal, Kathmandu Valley (Decision **30 COM 7A.26**)
- Niger, Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Decision **30 COM 7A.10**)
- Pakistan, Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (Decision **30 COM 7A.27**)
- Peru, Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Decision **30 COM 7A.32**)
- Philippines, Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Decision **30 COM 7A.28**)
- United Republic of Tanzania, Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (Decision **28 COM 7A.17**)
- United States of America, Everglades National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.14**)
- Venezuela, Coro and its Port (Decision **30 COM 7A.33**)
- Yemen, Historic Town of Zabid (Decision **30 COM 7A.21**)

Decision: 30 COM 8C.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (*WHC-06/30.COM/7A* and *WHC-06/30.COM/7A.Add.Rev*),
2. Decides to remove the following properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Algeria, Tipasa (Decision **30 COM 7A.18**)
 - Germany, Cologne Cathedral (Decision **30 COM 7A.30**)
 - India, Groups of Monuments at Hampi (Decision **30 COM 7A.24**)
 - Senegal, Djoudj Bird Sanctuary (Decision **30 COM 7A.11**)
 - Tunisia, Ichkeul National Park (Decision **30 COM 7A.12**)

8D. REVISION OF CRITERIA OF PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST ACCORDING TO THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES (2005)

Decision 30 COM 8D.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8D*,
2. Noting the change to criteria numbering of properties inscribed for geological values by its 16th session (Santa Fe, 1992);
3. Further noting the agreement of the concerned States Parties to the proposed changes as outlined in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of Annex I of Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8D*;
4. Decides to approve the criteria numbering as presented in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of Annex I of Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8D.1*.

Decision 30 COM 8D.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8D.1*,
2. Recalling its decision to unify into one set of criteria the six cultural and four natural criteria in paragraph 77 of the *Operational Guidelines* (2005);
3. Noting the changes already made to the numbering of geological criteria by its decision **30 COM 8D.1**;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies to include the revised criteria numbering in its publications.

9. EVALUATION OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

Decision 30 COM 9

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/9*,
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the outcomes reflected in the papers presented by IUCN and ICOMOS contained in Document *WHC-06/30.COM/9*;
3. Conscious that outstanding universal value is a concept that shall embrace all cultures, regions and peoples, and does not ignore differing cultural interpretations of outstanding universal value because they originate from minorities, indigenous groups and/or local peoples;
4. Recognises that the identification of outstanding universal value on the basis of the established criteria needs to be analysed also in their cultural and natural context, and that in some instances, the tangible and intangible interpretations cannot be separated;
5. Emphasises the importance of international assistance for countries which have no properties or are under-represented on the World Heritage List, as a primary means to help lead to a greater representation of outstanding universal value;
6. Requests the World Heritage Centre in close cooperation with the Advisory Bodies to undertake a careful review of past Committee decisions, and create two compendiums of relevant material and decisions, compiled into the form of guidance manuals, from which precedents on how to interpret and apply discussions of outstanding universal value, in terms of nominations to both the World Heritage List, and the List of World Heritage in Danger, can be clearly shown;
7. The first compendium shall cover outstanding universal value and the inscription of proposed properties by criteria onto the World Heritage List and shall be presented to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007; the second compendium shall cover outstanding universal value with regard to debates about seeking to inscribe, or remove, properties from the World Heritage List in Danger and shall be presented to the Committee at its 32 session in 2008. Both compendiums shall cover:
 - a) Successful case studies under the relevant criteria;
 - b) As far as possible, elaborate under each criterion, what was the ‘threshold’ for successful inscription or removal;
 - c) Show how the relevant decisions interpreted the inscription criteria;
 - d) Explain how these inscriptions or removals related to the recommendations from the Advisory Bodies;

- e) Specifically include the utilization of, or note the obvious omission of the values of minorities, indigenous and/or local peoples;

The compendiums shall be available in both paper and electronic forms, and shall be fully indexed, easily accessible, fully searchable and publicly available;

8. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies, to prepare for discussion at the 31st session:
 - a) A prioritized list of guidance manuals, in addition to the compendiums noted above, complete with a fully costed budget;
 - b) A prioritized list of future global studies and thematic frameworks, complete with a fully costed budget;
 - c) A training programme on outstanding universal value for new Committee Members, complete with a fully costed budget;
9. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies to propose a new format for Tentative Listing, while taking into account each State Party's situation, to include a level of information to allow:
 - a) A preliminary evaluation by the Advisory Bodies to guide State Parties in the preparation of their nominations;
 - b) An evaluation of the Global Strategy by the Advisory Bodies to inform State Parties of possible comparative advantages that might be considered in their nominations, based on the categories and criteria for Outstanding Universal Value;
 - c) A preliminary study on the Statements of Outstanding Universal Value in the tentative lists in order to assess the entries on those lists against the objectives of the World Heritage Global Strategy;
10. Encourages State Parties to develop feasibility studies for their Tentative Lists;
11. Requests the World Heritage Centre to identify State Parties without Tentative Lists and recommend to the Committee the necessary actions to be taken to assist these countries;
12. Stressing the need to maintain consistency in the decisions of the Committee regarding State of Conservation, inscription of properties on the World Heritage List, and the List of World Heritage in Danger and recognizing that the concept of outstanding universal value is at the core of these decisions;
13. Decides to accept the offer of the Netherlands to host a meeting of experts to elaborate on Chapter IV of the *Operational Guidelines*, including, but not limited to developing criteria for determining adequate protection and management, the format for the State of Conservation reports, standards for establishing and measuring benchmarks for conservation, criteria for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and criteria for delisting World Heritage properties;
14. Decides to accept the offer of Israel to support a meeting in Paris on Buffer zones;

15. Further decides to review progress made on this Decision at its 31st session in 2007.

10. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY: FILLING THE GAPS - AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

No Decision is required.

11. PERIODIC REPORTS

11A.1. PRESENTATION OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR SECTIONS I AND II OF EUROPE

Decision 30 COM 11A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30COM/11A.1* and taking note of Document *WHC-06/30COM/INF.11A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **25 COM VII.25-27** and **7 EXT COM 5A.2**, adopted respectively at its 25th session (Helsinki, 2001) and 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Expressing its sincere appreciation for the considerable efforts by all 48 States Parties in Europe in submitting the Periodic Reports for Section I in 2004 and Section II in 2005,
4. Notes the successful use of an electronic tool, the development of an evaluation tool and the storage in a World Heritage Centre database of all information submitted by the States Parties;
5. Thanks the German authorities for hosting a European meeting (Berlin, Germany, 8 - 9 November 2005) on the results of Periodic Reporting Section I and the finalization of Section II, as well as the development of an overall Strategic Action Plan and welcomes the “Berlin Appeal” to enhance cooperation and support by European States Parties and European Institutions on World Heritage;
6. Welcomes with satisfaction the synthesis report of the European Region illustrating a growing co-operation among States Parties;
7. Acknowledges and endorses the Action Plan of the European synthesis report on Section I and II and the sub-regional reports and requests the States Parties to make an effort towards a coordinated approach for its implementation;
8. Requests States Parties to work with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to start implementing the Action Plan for the European Region;
9. Further notes that preparations for the follow-up to the Periodic Reporting results, including name changes, boundary changes and statements of significance have started in some European States Parties, following the Circular Letter of 23 January 2006, and welcomes the meetings offered by the Greek authorities in November 2006, by the French authorities in October 2006 and by the Spanish authorities in January 2007, to ensure a coordinated and systematic approach of these follow-up activities;

10. Notes the importance of management plans for the protection of World Heritage properties and that many European sites reviewed lack this tool, and requests States Parties to prepare management plans for those World Heritage properties that still do not have them;
11. Recognizes the need to avoid the nomination of similar types of properties and encourages States Parties to cooperate in harmonizing their Tentative Lists by sharing information on the sites proposed;
12. Strongly encourages the States Parties in Europe to continue the improved cooperation and requests all States Parties to submit any changes to names, criteria, boundaries and statements of significance in a timely fashion and in accordance with deadlines outlined in the *Operational Guidelines*;
13. Notes also that such proposals (and the similar ones made in Periodic Reports for other Regions) have considerable resource and workload implications for the Committee, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies as well as for States Parties;
14. Further requests that all European States Parties provide an official letter to the World Heritage Centre by **31 September 2006**, indicating their agreement to make the electronic database available for data-sharing with the Council of Europe and other partners as well as on the World Heritage webpage for the general public;
15. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to prepare a progress report on the follow-up to the European Periodic Report including time tables, budgetary implications and priorities for examination at its 31st session in 2007.

11A.2 CLARIFICATIONS OF BOUNDARIES OF PROPERTIES BY STATES PARTIES IN RESPONSE TO THE RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

Decision 30 COM 11A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11A.2*,
2. Takes note of the clarification of property limits provided by States Parties in the European Region in response to the Retrospective Inventory;
3. Further notes that other clarifications will be provided in the follow-up to European Periodic Reporting (Decision **30 COM.11A.1**);
4. Thanks the States Parties concerned for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List.

11B. FOLLOW-UP TO THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR NORTH AMERICA

Decision 30 COM 11B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11B*,
2. Recalling Decisions **29 COM 11 A.4** and **29 COM 11 A.5** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Noting proposals for changes to the nomination dossiers for some World Heritage properties in North America,
4. Approves the Statements of significance for the World Heritage properties in North America as included in Annex I of Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11B*;
5. Notes the changes to the names as indicated in Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8B*, and further notes the adjustments to natural heritage criteria concerning geological values, as indicated in Document *WHC-06/30.COM/8D* and decides to also change the name of **Redwood National Park** to **Redwood National and State Parks**;
6. Encourages the State Party of Canada to put forward extensions to Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks and Wood Buffalo National Park, pursuant to Canada's Tentative List for World Heritage Sites (2004);
7. Encourages Canada and the United States of America to submit any outstanding documentation related to World Heritage properties, as soon as possible;
8. Recommends that Canada and the United States of America continue, in cooperation with other Committee members, States Parties, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre to explore, as appropriate, the potential for developing guidelines for management plans and principles for evaluating visual impacts for activities in and adjacent to World Heritage properties;
9. Encourages Canada and the United States of America to continue their strong collaboration and to consider how to enhance collaboration with the State Party of Mexico in matters of shared interest for natural and cultural heritage.

11C.1. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR THE ARAB STATES

Decision 30 COM 11C.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11C.1*,
2. Recalling Decision **7 EXT.COM 5B** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre on the progress made in the implementation of the Regional Programme for the Arab States and in responding to the priority needs identified in the Periodic Reporting submitted by the Arab States in 2000;
4. Thanks the Flemish Authorities (Kingdom of Belgium) for the project entitled “Development of a World Heritage information management capacity in the Arab States”, and the Nordic World Heritage Foundation for its assistance to the State Board of Antiquities of Iraq;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the United Arab Emirates, and especially the Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority, for hosting the Regional Meeting on the Follow-up to Periodic Reporting in the Arab States, held in Abu Dhabi in December 2005;
6. Requests the States Parties, in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to continue implementing the Regional Programme, and notably the Action Plans adopted in Abu Dhabi, to be developed into operational national work plans, and to establish a fund raising strategy to provide the necessary financial and human resources required to this end;
7. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 32nd session in 2008 on the implementation of the Regional Programme.

11C.2. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Decision 30 COM 11C.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11C.2*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 11D** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre on the progress made in the implementation of its Decisions **28 COM 17 B.II** and **29 COM 11.D**, and commends the efforts of all professionals involved in preserving the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage;
4. Regrets that the prevailing situation, besides heavily affecting the life of the communities, does not allow effective and smooth implementation of conservation programmes;
5. Encourages the reactivation of the joint Israeli-Palestinian Technical Committee for Archaeology, as recommended in its previous session;
6. Urges all parties concerned with the safeguarding of the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage to take appropriate measures to prevent and avoid any further destruction or damage to the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre to continue its efforts, in liaison with the concerned parties, in order to elaborate an Action Plan for the preservation and rehabilitation of this heritage, and to continue assisting the Palestinian institutions concerned in reinforcing their capacity in the protection, preservation and management of the cultural and natural heritage;
8. Encourages the States Parties to contribute to the implementation of such an Action Plan;
9. Invites the World Heritage Centre to present a report on the progress made to the World Heritage Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

11D. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR ASIA-PACIFIC

Decision 30 COM 11D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11D*,
2. Recalling decision **7 EXT.COM 5D** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004),
3. Takes note of the outcomes of the sub-regional meetings and activities carried out in 2004 and 2005 for the implementation of the regional programmes “Action Asia 2003-2009” and “World Heritage-Pacific 2009”;
4. Requests the Asia-Pacific States Parties to implement the Action Plans adopted during the sub-regional meetings, with special focus on the establishment of a national World Heritage coordinating mechanism, involving all concerned institutions, NGOs and the academic sector;
5. Strongly encourages the Asia-Pacific States Parties to take necessary action to strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms including partnerships and networks among countries in the region so as to address conservation challenges towards World Heritage in a more effective manner;
6. Invites the Director-General of UNESCO to consider means to strengthen the capacity of the UNESCO Office in Apia so as to assist the Pacific States Parties in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to support the Asia-Pacific States Parties in the implementation of the national and sub-regional Action Plans;
8. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 31st session in 2007 on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Asia Pacific;
9. Thanks the State Party of China for pursuing and making possible the World Heritage Research and Training Institute.

11E. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Decision 30 COM 11E

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11E*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 16**, **7 EXT.COM 5E** and **29 COM 5** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004), 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004) and 29th session (Durban, 2005) respectively,
3. Takes note of the information provided by the World Heritage Centre on the progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned Decisions for the follow-up to the Periodic Report in Latin America and the Caribbean;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, the UNESCO regional offices and the States Parties of the region, to further develop the Caribbean and the Latin American Action Plans into operational work plans and identify partners for their implementation;
5. Invites the Director-General of UNESCO to review operations and staffing in the UNESCO regional offices to ensure that services are provided in a coordinated manner with the World Heritage Centre to assist the States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and the respective Action Plans;
6. Calls upon the State Parties, the World Heritage Centre and all the other stakeholders involved in the protection and conservation of natural and cultural heritage of the region to establish a fund raising strategy to provide the necessary financial and human resources required to implement the World Heritage Action Plans;
7. Strongly encourages the States Parties, other World Heritage partners and stakeholders in the region to cooperate actively and take the necessary actions to follow up on the implementation of the Action Plans for World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean in a concerted and concrete manner;
8. Encourages the States Parties of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to continue working together for the preparation of the trans-national nomination dossiers (Qhapaq Ñan - Main Andean Road) and requests the States Parties to submit a progress report by **1 February 2007** for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007 ;
9. Calls upon the donors to continue supporting the initiative and thanks the World Heritage Centre for technical support;

10. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 32nd session in 2008 on the implementation of the Caribbean and Latin American Action Plans.

11F. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR AFRICA

Decision 30 COM 11F

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11F*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 11C.1** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Takes note of the Report of Progress Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Africa;
4. Acknowledges the efforts of the World Heritage Centre in assisting African States Parties in improving the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and in conserving properties and the progress thus far achieved in implementing the Action Plan from the Periodic Report for Africa adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002);
5. Further acknowledges with satisfaction concerning the support provided by financial partners to Africa Regional Programme such as, the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF), Italy and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for hosting and supporting the organization of the Regional Seminar on Managing World Heritage properties in Africa, further appeals to the international community both public and private as well as funds and foundations to continue to provide assistance towards the attainment of the objectives contained in the Action Plan of the Africa Periodic report;
6. Invites Africa Regional Programme partners such as NWHF, AWHF to cooperate with the World Heritage Centre, IUCN, ICOMOS and ICCROM with view to designing a long-term capacity building and institutional development programme for World Natural Heritage in Africa built on the efforts so far achieved through the Regional Programme and based on the model of the Africa 2009 programme that would ensure sustained reinforcement of World Heritage activities through capacity and institutional building, thematic meetings and networking;
7. Welcomes the launching of the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) held in May 2006 and encourages States Parties to support and contribute to the Fund;
8. Requests the World Heritage Centre to collaborate with the relevant States Parties and with other UNESCO Departments with view to organizing the side-event dedicated to the African World Heritage cities at the 4th Africities Summit;
9. Further requests the Centre, ICOMOS, ICCROM and IUCN in collaboration with other States Parties through the AWHF to advocate the enhancement of the Africa Programme.

10. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 32nd session in 2008 on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Africa.

11G. REFLECTION ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEXT CYCLE OF PERIODIC REPORTING

Decision 30 COM 11G

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11G*,
2. Recalling Decisions **25 COM VII.25-27** adopted at its 25th session (Helsinki, 2001), **7 EXT.COM 5** and **7 EXT.COM 5A.1** adopted at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), and **29 COM 11.A** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2006),
3. Recognises the importance of Periodic Reporting to ensure the implementation of the Strategic Objectives and the credibility of the *Convention* and strongly encourages all State Parties to continue to support the exercise;
4. Adopts the Terms of Reference of the Periodic Reporting Reflection Year as proposed in the Document *WHC-06/30.COM/11G*;
5. Decides to suspend for two years the commencement of the next cycle of Periodic Reporting in order to ensure that necessary time is allocated to study and reflect on the first cycle and develop strategic direction, clear objectives and benchmarks for the next cycle;
6. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare a policy document on Periodic Reporting to be discussed at the 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee in 2007, prior to the General Assembly of State Parties to the *Convention* in 2007;
7. Decides that significant modifications to boundaries and changes to the criteria (renominations) and revisions of the statements of Significance/Outstanding Universal Value requested by States Parties as a follow up to the first Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise do not enter into the limit imposed by the Suzhou-Cairns Decision (Decision **28 COM 13.1**); recognizing that these modifications, changes and revisions create an additional workload for, and additional resource pressures, on the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies, and the Committee, and that there may be a need to prioritise this work in the future;
8. Decides to entrust to a small Working Group composed of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics/international experts/Committee Members/ Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre,
 - a) The simplification of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire;
 - b) The elaboration of indicators; and the development of a format for progress reports on Periodic Reporting with clear objectives, benchmarks, and results that facilitate global comparison and evaluation;

9. Decides to allocate US\$ 40,000 for the functioning of this Working Group whose works will be submitted to the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008;
10. Decides to allocate additional support (US\$ 30,000) to the Retrospective Inventory project to prepare for the next cycle of Periodic Reporting in cooperation with the Regional Units of the World Heritage Centre;
11. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare a project proposal for the re-organization of the data management at the World Heritage Centre, including how this system will facilitate the work with the Retrospective Inventory, State of Conservation and Periodic Reporting, and to submit it to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
12. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare a final report on the Periodic Reporting Reflection Year including all the above-mentioned elements to be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.

12. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR WORLD HERITAGE

Decision 30 COM 12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/12*,
2. Recalling Decision **29 COM 12** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Emphasizing that setting precise but realistic and measurable results and indicators is essential for effective performance appraisal and monitoring,
4. Takes note of the set of performance indicators of all the World Heritage Thematic Programmes which are structured according to the four Strategic Objectives set at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002);
5. Encourages the Director of the World Heritage Centre to seek appropriate funding for these Thematic Programmes and invites donors to provide financial support to this effort;
6. Further requests a management audit in order to facilitate the development of the strategic plan for reinforcing the implementation of the *Convention*, and that no management structure changes at the World Heritage Centre should occur until the management audit is completed.

13. WORKING METHODS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 30 COM 13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/13*,
2. Recalling its Decision **29 COM 18C** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005),
3. Requests the Secretariat to develop, without prejudice to the *World Heritage Convention* and the *Operational Guidelines*, a document to be discussed at the 31st session of the Committee in 2007 on the division of responsibilities between the World Heritage Committee and the General Assembly of State Parties based on the following principles;
 - a) Strategic policy issues should be discussed and adopted by the General Assembly,;
 - b) Decisions by the General Assembly should direct and guide the work of the World Heritage Committees in its implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*;
 - c) The World Heritage Committee should concentrate its agenda around the State of Conservation of listed properties, Periodic Reporting, and nominations to the World Heritage List;
4. Also requests the World Heritage Centre to present a draft agenda for the General Assembly in 2007, as an attachment to the above mentioned document;
5. Recommends that the World Heritage Committee holds one session per year. Extraordinary sessions of the Committee should only take place when very exceptional circumstances make it necessary;
6. Reaffirms that to ensure an efficient meeting, the following principles should be followed:
 - a) To have a manageable agenda in relation to the number of days set for the meeting;
 - b) To start all proceedings on time;
 - c) To apply rule 22.2 of the *Rules of Procedure* and to set a strict limit to the time allowed for each speaker;
 - d) To allow one additional full meeting day every two years, devoted to issues to be presented to the General Assembly the same year, starting with the 31st session in 2007;

7. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to reflect on changing the procedure for the election of States Parties to the World Heritage Committee, based on the following principles:
 - a) A fair geographic distribution of the 21 Members of the Committee (also finding a solution for the one seat reserved for a State Party not having property inscribed on the World Heritage List);
 - b) One round of voting where the countries with the highest number of votes are elected to the Committee;
 - c) An efficient voting mechanism;
8. Requests moreover the World Heritage Centre to present a new election system, together with the necessary amendments in the *Rules of Procedure*, to the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2007, for comments to be forwarded later to the following General Assembly in 2007 for deliberation, proposed adoption and subsequent use for electing new members to the Committee at the same session;
9. Also recommends that, when required and in order to enhance efficiency, consultative groups, appointed by and reporting to the Committee, may be set up in order to aid the Committee on complex and difficult issues;
10. Further recommends that working documents for decision by the Committee should be as short as possible and normally not exceed 5 pages, contain all the elements necessary for a well founded decision, and be written in plain (non-technical) language to the extent possible;
11. Takes note of other points of information contained in Document *WHC-06/30.COM/13*;
12. Requests the World Heritage Centre to carry out a cost-benefit analysis of the current summary record and an audio recording and to report back at its 31st session in 2007;
13. Decides that additional information requested by the relevant Advisory Bodies on a nomination file, should be sent by the States Parties by **28 February**, as evidenced by the postmark.

14 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

14A. EXAMINATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Decision 30 COM 14A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/14A*, Part I and Part II,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 10B** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Taking into account the comments on Document *WHC-05/29.COM/14B* made by States Parties,
4. Notes with appreciation the findings and recommendations contained in the Report on Impacts of Training Activities;
5. Decides that:
 - a) Preference will be given to developing countries as defined by the United Nations Economic and Social Council's Committee for Development Policy in the grant of international assistance, as already provided for in paragraph 239(b) of the *Operational Guidelines*;
 - b) International Assistance will now comprise the following three types:
 - (i) Emergency Assistance;
 - (ii) Preparatory Assistance;
 - (iii) Conservation and Management Assistance (incorporating assistance for training and research, technical cooperation, and promotion and education);
 - c) There will be no earmarking of funds against the different types of International Assistance, except in the case of Emergency Assistance;
6. Confirms that:
 - a) Evaluating the impacts of International Assistance activities, such as training, is a key element of a results-based approach to the utilization of the World Heritage Fund. Impact evaluations test the validity of specific approaches to addressing the objectives of the *World Heritage Convention*, help determine what works and what does not work, and are a means to learn about effective interventions;

- b) Efforts need to be made to expand and deepen the impact evaluation for International Assistance;
 - c) These efforts depend on the introduction of a revised Application Form, selection of monitoring indicators and improved reporting procedures, and new database format (see Document *WHC-06/30.COM/14A*, Part II) so that relevant data will be available;
 - d) The findings of the impact evaluations should be disseminated to States Parties as a means to increase quality of International Assistance and capacity.
7. Decides that:
- a) Preference for International Assistance should be given to activities that promote a programmatic approach, as a way to maximize effectiveness;
 - b) A new Application Form be developed taking into account the working document and in particular the need to focus on project aims, implementation measures, outcomes, and impacts as measured by indicators. This will be accompanied by written guidelines for distribution to all stakeholders on how to define project objectives, design cost effective and important indicators, and report on outcomes and impacts. This new application form shall be assessed at the 32nd session in 2008;
 - c) A system of monitoring using indicators designed as part of the application process, and supported by field supervision visits whenever possible, shall be adopted. Summaries of outcomes following completion of activities will be required;
 - d) the requests for International Assistance will be evaluated by a panel composed of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee or one vice-Chairperson, representatives of the World Heritage Centre Regional Desks and Advisory Bodies, meeting at least twice a year before action by the Chairperson and Committee;
 - e) The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies shall develop selection criteria (Annex 9 of the *Operational Guidelines*) to use in the evaluation of requests for presentation to the Committee at its 31st session in 2007;
 - f) A new database following the recommendations of the evaluators should be established;
 - g) The new International Assistance system consisting of a new application form, use of indicators and reporting requirements, new database, and Evaluation of Requests panel should go into effect on a pilot basis for two years no later than the 31st session in 2007;
8. Requests the Secretariat, in conformity with the above-mentioned paragraphs 6.a, 6.b, and 6.e, to make the necessary changes in the *Operational Guidelines*;
9. Also requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to propose a procedure for periodically updating the *Operational Guidelines* for discussion at the 31st session;

14B. EXAMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

No Decision is required

15 EXECUTION OF THE BUDGET 2006-2007

Decision 30 COM 15.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/15.Rev* and *WHC-06/30.COM/15.Rev.Add*,
2. Takes note of the statement of account of the World Heritage Fund for 2004 to 2005 and the situation of the reserves and the contributions as at 31 December 2005;
3. Also takes note of the implementation of the budget and the statement of accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2006 to 2007 and the current situation of the reserves and contributions as at 31 March 2006;
4. Recalls the debate on the general overview of the 2006 to 2007 World Heritage Centre budget and in particular, on the issue of rationalisation of budgetary allocation to the Advisory Bodies;
5. Calls upon the World Heritage Centre to consult with the Advisory Bodies and present proposals at the 31st session of the Committee in 2007, for increasing funding and staff support to the Advisory Bodies, including through extrabudgetary funding and outsourcing by States Parties;
6. Also calls upon States Parties who have not yet paid their full contributions, including voluntary contributions, to do so at their earliest convenience;
7. Further takes note of the follow up of the recommendations of International Oversight Service and requests the World Heritage Centre to inform on progress achieved at its 31st session in 2007.

Decision 30 COM 15.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/15.Rev* and *WHC-06/30.COM/15.Rev.Add*,
2. Having also examined the budgetary adjustments proposed by the World Heritage Centre, as well as the requests formulated by ICOMOS and IUCN,
3. Authorizes the World Heritage Centre to proceed with the necessary budgetary revisions, if the financial situation of the Fund so permits, to finance the following activities:

- a) Development and dissemination of material for disaster reduction at World Heritage sites (USD 25,000);
 - b) Management audit of the World Heritage Centre (USD 80,000);
 - c) Phase II of the Retrospective Inventory for the World Heritage List (USD 30,000);
 - d) Implementation of Decision **30 COM 9** concerning Outstanding Universal Value (USD 40,000);
 - e) Organization of a meeting for the revision of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire (USD 40,000);
 - f) Budgetary adjustment for ICOMOS consultant services (USD 66,690);
 - g) Budgetary adjustment for IUCN consultant services (USD 50,000);
4. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare a costed, time-bound budget for a new series of World Heritage Resource Manuals for discussion at the 31st session in 2007.

16. ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND RAPPORTEUR OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (JUNE-JULY 2007)

Decision 30 COM 16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Recalling its Decision **29 COM 19** adopted at its 29th session (Durban, 2005), which elected a Bureau whose mandate began at the end of its 29th session (Durban, 2005) until the end of its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006),
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 Tumu Te Heuheu (New Zealand) as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of the 30th session of the Committee until the end of the 31st session of the Committee (June-July 2007);
 - b) Mr John Pinkerton (Canada) as the Rapporteur of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandate will begin at the end of the 30th session of the Committee until the end of the 31st session of the Committee (June-July 2007);
 - c) Benin,
 - d) Japan,
 - e) Norway,
 - f) Cuba and
 - g) Moroccoas Vice-Chairpersons of the World Heritage Committee, whose mandates will begin at the end of the 30th session of the Committee until the end of the 31st session of the Committee (June-July 2007);
3. Also decides that the Bureau of the 32nd session of the World Heritage Committee (June-July 2008) will be elected at the end of the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee (June-July 2007) in accordance with Rule 13.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee.

17. PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (JUNE-JULY 2007)

Decision 30 COM 17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/17*,
2. Decides that its 31st session will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, from 23 June to 1 July 2007;
3. Adopts the following provisional Agenda for its 31st session (Christchurch, 23 June to 1 July 2007):

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

OPENING SESSION

1. Opening session
2. 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 30th session of the World Heritage Committee (Vilnius, 2006)
5. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions
6. Sixteenth session of the General Assembly of States Parties (UNESCO, October 2007)

EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION

7. Examination of the State of conservation of World Heritage properties
 - 7.1 Issues related to the state of conservation of World Heritage properties: the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties
 - 7.2 Issues related to the state of conservation of World Heritage properties: Strategy for reducing Risks from Disasters at 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

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 May 2007, in conformity with the *Operational Guidelines*
 - 8B Nominations on the World Heritage List
 - 8C Update of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger

GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR A REPRESENTATIVE, BALANCED AND CREDIBLE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

9. Discussion on the outstanding universal value
10. Global Strategy: Evaluation of the Cairns-Suzhou Decision (Decision **28 COM 13.1**)

PERIODIC REPORTS

11. Periodic Reports
 - 11A Follow-up on the Periodic Report for Europe
 - 11B Follow up of the Periodic Report for Asia and the Pacific
 - 11C Presentation of the World Heritage Programme for the Pacific²

² This Agenda item will be presented during the opening session

11D Reflection on the preparation of the next cycle of Periodic Reporting

SPECIAL REPORTS

12. Special Reports

12A Protection of the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage

12B Nomination of Qhapaq Ñan - Main Andean Road for inscription on the World Heritage List

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

EVALUATION

13. Evaluation of the results of the implementation of the Committee's Strategic Objectives

GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

14. Implementation of the Global Framework Programme for Capacity Building on Natural Heritage

WORLD HERITAGE PACT

15. Evaluation of the World Heritage Partnerships for Conservation initiative (PACT)

WORKING METHODS AND TOOLS

16. Working methods of the World Heritage Committee

17. Reflection on the election of the members of the World Heritage Committee

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

18. International Assistance

19. Presentation of the report on the management audit of the World Heritage Centre

20. Budget:

20A Report on the execution of the 2006 to 2007 Budget

20B Proposal for the World Heritage Funds Budget for the 2008 to 2009 biennium

Other business

CLOSING SESSION

- 21.** Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 32nd session of the World Heritage Committee (June-July 2008)
- 22.** Provisional Agenda of the 32nd session of the World Heritage Committee (June-July 2008)
- 23.** Adoption of Decisions
- 24.** Closing ceremony

18. OTHER ISSUES

18A. AMENDMENT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE'S *RULES OF PROCEDURE*

Decision 30 COM 18 A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/18A*,
2. Having carefully noted that this item appears on the Agenda of its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006), in accordance with Rule 51 of its *Rules of Procedure*,
3. Recalling Decisions **7 EXT.COM 4B.1** and **29 COM 18C**, adopted respectively at its 7th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004) and its 29th ordinary session (Durban, 2005),
4. Decides to add a paragraph 21.6 to Rule 21 of its *Rules of Procedure* concerning the subsidiary bodies, to read as follows:
5. “21.6 Subsidiary bodies’ Recommendations to the World Heritage Committee should be made in the form of draft decisions.”
6. Also decides that paragraph 21.6 of the *Rules of Procedure* will take effect immediately;
7. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to inform the States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* of this decision immediately following its 30th session (Vilnius, 2006).

18B. REFLECTION ELEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION PROCEDURE OF MEMBERS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 30 COM 18B

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/18B*,
2. Recalling the Resolution adopted at the 15th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (UNESCO, 2005),
3. Invites States Parties to submit their comments on the above-mentioned Document to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2007**;
4. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to prepare a working document taking into account States Parties' comments for examination by the Committee at its 31st session in 2007.

18C. PILOT PROJECT TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF WORLD HERITAGE LISTING

Decision 30 COM 18 C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-06/30.COM/9*,
2. Notes the recommendations from the Kazan meeting,
3. Welcomes the proposal for the *Pilot Project to study the economic, social and environmental benefits of World Heritage Listing* and encourages the World Heritage Centre to seek extrabudgetary funds for its implementation.