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Heritage Committee (Paris, 6-11 December 2004)¹**

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1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(No decision required)

2. REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Decision 7 EXT.COM 2

The World Heritage Committee,

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

3A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Decision 7 EXT.COM 3A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/3A.Rev* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.3A.Rev*,
2. Adopts the agenda included in the first above-mentioned document.

3B. ADOPTION OF THE TIMETABLE

Decision 7 EXT.COM 3B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/3B.Rev*,
2. Decides to discuss item 11 of the agenda between items 4 and 5, as recommended by the Bureau;
3. Adopts the timetable included in above-mentioned document, as amended.

**3C. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE
WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (SUZHOU, 2004)**

Decision 7 EXT.COM 3C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/3C* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.3C* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.3C.Add*
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Rapporteur of its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004).

4. WORKING TOOLS AND WORKING METHODS

4A PROGRESS REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON THE REVISED OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Decision 7 EXT.COM 4A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/4 A*,
2. Also noting the oral presentation by the Chairperson of its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),

I. TENTATIVE LISTS

3. Reminds the States Parties to the *Convention* about the need to continue submitting their Tentative Lists in accordance with Article 11.1 of the *Convention* and the corresponding provisions of the *Operational Guidelines* ;
4. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the State Parties concerned, to continue updating its records on the basis of the Tentative Lists received – in particular, by removing from its records properties already inscribed in the World Heritage List and nominations which were rejected;
5. Also requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to set up an electronic database reflecting any change in the Tentative Lists, and to report on this matter at its 31st session (2007);

II. TRANSBOUNDARY AND TRANSNATIONAL NOMINATIONS

6. Decides to consider as :
 - a) transboundary nomination, only a property jointly nominated as such, in conformity with Article 11.3 of the *Convention*, by all concerned States Parties having adjacent borders;
 - b) transnational nomination, a serial nomination of properties located in the territory of different States Parties, which need not be contiguous and which are nominated with the consent of all States Parties concerned;

III. COMPARATIVE ANALYSES

7. Decides that comparative analyses by States Parties as part of the nomination dossier shall be undertaken in relation to similar properties, whether or not on the World Heritage List, both at the national and international levels;

IV. PHOTOGRAPH AND AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTS

8. Decides to add an option in the Technical Annexes of the revised *Operational Guidelines* whereby States Parties are encouraged to grant to UNESCO, in written form and free of charge, the non-exclusive cession of rights of slides/photograph/videos, provided that any profit goes to the World Heritage Fund and that it does not impinge upon intellectual property rights.

V. ENTRY INTO FORCE

9. Decides that the revised *Operational Guidelines* will enter into force on 2 February 2005, on the understanding that the provisions on the format of nominations will apply to nominations to be examined starting from 2007.

4B WORKING METHODS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 7 EXT.COM 4B.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/4B* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/4B.Add*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 13.1** and **28 COM 14B.57**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Confirms that the two complete nominations per State Party referred to in paragraph 17 a) of Decision **28 COM 13.1** are inclusive of nominations deferred and referred by previous sessions of the Committee, extensions (except minor modifications of limits of the properties), transboundary nominations and serial nominations;
4. Recalls its decision at its 6th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2003) requesting that, in undertaking their evaluation, the Advisory Bodies consult closely with States Parties submitting nominations to the World Heritage List, and requests the Advisory Bodies to forward by 31 January of each year, starting in 2006, any final question or requests for information that they may have after the examination of their evaluation;
5. Reminds the State Parties to the *Convention* of the deadline of 31 March of the year of examination of the nomination, to submit supplementary information to the Director of the World Heritage Centre, and decides to evaluate the viability of this date at its 30th session (2006);
6. Invites the concerned States Parties to send, at least two working days before the opening of its session, a letter to the Chairperson of that session, with copies to the Advisory Bodies, detailing the factual errors they might have identified in the evaluation of a nomination made by the Advisory Bodies. This letter will be distributed in the working languages to the Members of the Committee and may be read by the Chairperson, following the presentation of the evaluation referred to by the Advisory Bodies;
7. Requests the Bureau to ensure, starting from its 29th session (Durban, 2005), the strict application of the procedure detailed in Annex A to this decision regarding the elaboration of documents to be examined at each of its meetings;
8. Invites the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, to submit at its 29th session proposals on ways and means of optimizing the interrelation between the results of the Periodic Reporting cycles and the conclusions derived from the State of

Conservation reports –in particular in order to ensure consistency and a better conservation of the sites;

9. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to continue presenting the State of Conservation of reports in one document, proposing clearly in such document the reports on the state of conservation that the Committee is invited to debate (“for adoption requiring discussion”) and those that the Committee is invited just to adopt without debate (“for adoption requiring no discussion”);
10. Also requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, to propose at its 29th session:
 - criteria to present State of Conservation reports before the Committee
 - criteria orienting the inclusion of a site in the category “for adoption requiring discussion” and the category “for adoption requiring no discussion”;
11. Invites the Director of the World Heritage Centre to use the existing mechanism effectively to ensure that the Committee only considers State of Conservation reports when a decision is required or at significant stages in the implementation of a decision previously taken by the Committee;
12. Encourages States Parties, in addition to current practices, to directly fill their State of Conservation reports electronically;
13. Decides, on an experimental basis and starting at its 29th session, to:
 - continue the current practice of holding one annual ordinary session of the Committee, with the possibility of convening an extraordinary session if the number of non-examined items in the agenda of the session so justifies;
 - establish, in accordance with Rule 21 of the *Rules of Procedure*, an open-ended subsidiary body on administrative and financial issues, which will work simultaneously with the plenary sessions; and
14. Also decides to examine the previous practice in the framework of the 1972 *Convention* and of other conventions regarding the constitution and operation of working groups – inter alia, in parallel with the plenary sessions at the times prescribed by them - and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to make recommendations on this matter at its 29th session;
15. Further decides to evaluate at its 31st session (2007) the impact of the measures detailed in the preceding paragraph on the time management of its work. This, in particular, with a view to consider additional

improvements to its the working methods –including the setting-up of additional working groups;

16. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to organize an orientation session for new Committee Members and new Heads of Delegation.

ANNEX A to the Decision 7 EXT.COM 4B.1

PROCEDURE REGARDING THE ELABORATION AND EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AT THE MEETINGS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1. At least six weeks in advance of each World Heritage Committee meeting, the World Heritage Centre shall have finished the revision of the draft decisions proposed for that meeting –in particular, in order to check for consistency among such decisions and with previous decisions. The text of the draft decision shall appear in the first page of the corresponding working document. The working documents (for decision) shall be clearly distinguished –both in content and presentation- from the information documents.
2. Before circulating the documents to its Members, informal contacts shall take place between the Rapporteur and the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Chairperson, in order to have a first exchange of views on two elements of the future Draft Report, for each item included in the provisional agenda: the formal aspects of the corresponding draft decision and the main issues that may be addressed during the debates.
3. In consultation with the Chairperson, discussion of each item of the agenda of the Committee meeting should be structured as follows:
 - Presentation by the World Heritage Centre of all the working and information documents for the item, including references to the examination of the item at previous meetings of the Committee and/or the General Assembly;
 - Identification by the Chairperson -with the assistance of the World Heritage Centre and, if necessary, of the Rapporteur - of the main issues to be addressed in the debate on the item (to this regard, the results of the exchange of views referred to in the preceding paragraph may offer some guidance); and
 - General discussion of the item, preferably following the issues identified in the preceding paragraph.
4. The Chairperson should enforce rigorously Rule 22.2 of the *Rules of Procedure* and consider the use of appropriate means to this end;

5. In this way, the Committee will be adequately prepared to examine the draft decision for the item. During this process, the *Rules of Procedure* of the Committee and the additional indications by the Chairperson shall be followed fully and strictly, in particular as regards the submission of amendments (Members should submit amendments to decisions, preferably using the standard form included in Annex B) and the adoption of the draft decision (firstly paragraph by paragraph, and then in its entirety).
6. The Rapporteur is responsible of ensuring that, once a decision has been adopted by the Committee, under no circumstances its text is adjusted, completed or altered in any way.

Annex B to the Decision 7 EXT.COM 4B.1

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Item of the Agenda:

Amendment to the Draft Decision:

(Add number and paragraph n° of the original Draft Decision)

Submitted by:

(States Parties, Advisory Bodies, WHC)

Supported by:

Date :

TEXT

Decision 7 EXT. COM 4B.2

The World Heritage Committee:

1. Having examined Document **WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/4B**,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 13.1**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004)
3. Decides that the Special Meeting of Experts referred to in paragraph 13 of Decision **28 COM 13.1** shall take place in Kazan, as offered by the Russian Federation and thanks the Russian authorities for their offer;
4. Decides that the Special Meeting mentioned above will take place from 6 to 9 April 2005;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre to prepare a background paper collecting as much as possible relevant information pertaining to the elements referred to in, points a), b), c), and d) of paragraph 13 of the Decision **28 COM 13.1**. This document should be considered the reference document for the work of the Special Meeting of Experts and it should also be distributed to all Members of the Committee for information under a circular letter;
6. Requests the Advisory Bodies to present to the Special Meeting of Experts a document on the analysis of the Tentative List, and thematic studies as stated in paragraph 12 of the above-mentioned decision in order to get a clear position concerning the question of the unrepresented and less represented categories of natural and cultural properties on the World Heritage List;
7. Requests the World Heritage Centre to prepare, on the basis of the conclusions and proposals of the Special Meeting of Experts, a document for the consideration by the Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005).

Decision 7 EXT.COM 4B.3

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/4B* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/4B.Add*,
2. Decides that the Working group on the methods of work of the Committee established at its 7th extraordinary session shall complete its mandate at its 29th session (Durban, 2005).

5. PERIODIC REPORTING

Decision 7 EXT.COM 5

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7EXT.COM/5A*, *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5B*, *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5C*, *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5D* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5E*,
2. Aware of the need to:
 - a) study and reflect on the first cycle of Periodic Reporting;
 - b) develop strategic direction on the forms and the format of the Periodic Reports, training priorities and international cooperation priorities; and
 - c) to streamline the Committee's consideration of matters raised through Periodic Reporting relating to inscribed properties;
3. Decides to suspend for one year the commencement of the next cycle of Periodic Reporting.

5A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Decision 7 EXT COM 5A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5A*,
2. Recalling its Decision **25 COM VII.25-27** at its 25th session (Helsinki, 2001) to examine at its 29th session (Durban, 2005), the Periodic Report for North America,
3. Notes the report on the progress of such Periodic Report.

Decision 7 EXT.COM 5A.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5A*,
2. Recalling its Decision **25 COM VII.25-27** at its 25th session (Helsinki, 2001) to examine Section I of the Periodic Report for Europe at its 29th session (Durban, 2005), and Section II at its 30th session (2006),
3. Notes the report on the progress of the Periodic Report for Europe.

5B FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORT FOR THE ARAB STATES

Decision: 7 EXT.COM 5B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5B*,
2. Recalling its Decisions **24 COM VII.1-4** and **27 COM 20B.I**, adopted at its 24th session (Cairns, 2000) and its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003), respectively,
3. Takes note of 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 Report for the Arab States;
4. Thanks the Dutch Government for supporting the publication of such Periodic Report;
5. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to continue developing the Assistance Modules, as well as projects, as part of the strategy outlined in the Regional Programme, and to consult the concerned States Parties in the process;
6. Further requests the World Heritage Centre to report at its 30th session (2006) on the outcome of the Regional Meeting foreseen in 2005 – with particular attention to the review of the Assistance Modules and the mobilization of extra-budgetary resources for their implementation.

5C FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORT FOR AFRICA

Decision 7 EXT.COM 5C

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5C* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.11*,
2. Recalling its Decision **26 COM 20**, adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002),
3. Notes with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Africa;
4. Thanks the Italian Government for its prompt and generous contribution to the implementation of the first session of Modules II & III of the Africa Regional Programme 2004-2007, as well as the governments and institutions detailed in the Annex for their contribution to the conservation of World Heritage Sites in Africa;
5. Invites the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, to take into account, in the implementation of the training component of the Africa Regional Programme, the diversity of languages as well as the need to ensure an appropriate balance between natural and cultural heritage, with a view to promoting integrated programs;
6. Takes note of the meeting of African experts on the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and on the State of Conservation of World Heritage sites in Africa planned for March 2005 in Cape Town, South Africa;
7. Calls upon the State Parties to the *Convention*, UNESCO, the World Heritage Centre and other partners to support this initiative;
8. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) on the results and progress accomplished in the implementation of the recommendations of both the Periodic Report for Africa and the Africa Regional Programme.

ANNEX to the Decision 7 EXT.COM 5C

List of Governments and Institutions that have contributed to the Africa Regional Programme and to the conservation of World Heritage properties in Africa:

- Belgium, Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Federal Science Office;
- France – UNESCO Cooperation Agreement;
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)/ Small Grants Programme;
- Italy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Japan, Funds-in-Trust-Agreement with UNESCO;
- Finland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Netherlands, Funds-in Trust-Agreement with UNESCO;
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD);
- Nordic World Heritage Foundation;
- Portugal, Funds-in-Trust Agreement with UNESCO;
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- Swedish National Heritage;
- United Nations Development Programme/Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF).
- United Nations Foundation (UNF)

5D FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORT FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Decision 7 EXT.COM 5D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5D*,
2. Recalling Decision **27 COM 6A**, adopted at its 27th session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the Regional Programmes for the Asia-Pacific Region, which responds to the priority needs identified in the Periodic Report for such region;
4. Thanks the Japanese Government for supporting the publication of the “State of World Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region”;
5. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 30th session (2006) on the outcomes of the sub-regional meetings and other activities foreseen in 2004 and 2005 for the implementation of the programmes “Action Asia 2003-2009” and “World Heritage-Pacific 2009”.

5E FOLLOW-UP TO PERIODIC REPORT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Decision 7 EXT.COM 5E

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/5E* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.5E*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 16** adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the results of the meetings held in 2004 as a follow-up of the First Periodic Report for Latin America and the Caribbean, being those in Kingston (Jamaica), Cartagena (Colombia) and San José (Costa Rica);
4. Endorses the Action Plan for World Heritage in Latin America included in Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.5E*;
5. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies and the States Parties of the region, to convene a workshop, preferably at the beginning of 2005, to further develop the Caribbean and the Latin American Action Plans into operational work plans, timetables and detailed budgets, and identify partners for their implementation;
6. Strongly encourages the States Parties and all other World Heritage partners and stakeholders in the region to co-operate actively and to take the necessary actions to follow-up, in a concerted and concrete manner, in the implementation of the Action Plans for World Heritage in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean;
7. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 30th session (2006) on the implementation of the Caribbean and Latin American Action Plans.

**5F PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NOMINATION OF QHAPAQ ÑAN
(THE MAIN ANDEAN ROAD)**

Decision 7 EXT.COM 5F

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7EXT.COM/5F*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 13.2**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou; 2004),
3. Takes note with appreciation of the progress report on the nomination process of Qhapaq Ñan – Main Andean Road on the World Heritage List;
4. Thanks the Chilean Government for supporting the organization of the Fourth Expert Meeting held in Santiago de Chile from 7 to 10 November 2004;
5. Also thanks the Governments of France, the Netherlands and Spain for continuing to cooperate and to contribute extra-budgetary funds for this nomination process, and encourages other States Parties to the *Convention* to contribute additional financial and human resources for the project;
6. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to report at its 30th session (2006) on the follow up of this nomination process.

6. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Decision 7 EXT.COM 6

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the technical cooperation assistance request made by India regarding an improved geographic information system (GIS) for Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), as presented in Documents *WHC -04/7EXT.COM/6* and *WHC-04/7EXT.COM/6 Add*,
2. Noting that, in accordance with Decision **28 COM 10A**, four requests for technical cooperation will be submitted to the Chairperson/Committee in 2005, for a total amount of US\$ 104,915,
3. Considering that only an amount of US\$ 160,000 is available for cultural properties under technical cooperation assistance in the 2005 budget of the World Heritage Fund,
4. Taking into account the recommendation of the Bureau and the comments presented by ICOMOS in Document *WHC - 04/7EXT.COM/6Add.*, as well as the amount of international assistance provided to the DHR in recent years (US\$ 58,000),
5. Decides not to approve this request for technical cooperation.

7. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET 2004-2005

Decision 7 EXT.COM 7.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC -04/7 EXT.COM/7* and *WHC -04/7 EXT.COM/INF.7*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 11**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Authorizes the Director of the World Heritage Centre to re-allocate US\$ 30,000 from the savings made in the 2004 budget of the World Heritage Fund, in order to undertake a retrospective inventory with a view to harmonizing and updating the documentation for the properties inscribed in the World Heritage List,
4. Recognizing that Periodic Reporting is a critical tool for conservation and that the adequate management of the World Heritage List depends on an appropriate assessment of the state of conservation of World Heritage sites, also authorizes the Director of the World Heritage Centre to re-allocate US\$ 20,000 from the savings made in the 2004 budget of the World Heritage Fund, in order to identify main indicators on the state of conservation of sites;
5. Takes note of the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Reserves and Fund Balances included in the Annex to Document *WHC -04/7EXT.COM/7*.

Decision 7 EXT.COM 7.2

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC -04/7 EXT.COM/7*,
2. Takes note of the project concerning an exhibition on cultural and natural World Heritage in Africa which the World Heritage Centre plans to organize during the next summit of the African Union, planned on 4 and 5 July 2005;
3. Invites the States Parties to the *Convention* and partners to provide their financial and/or material support to this awareness-raising activity on the *Convention*.

8. PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF THE UNESCO DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2006 - 2007 (DRAFT 33C/5) AND THE UNESCO MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2008 - 2013 (DRAFT 34C/4)

Decision 7 EXT.COM 8

The World Heritage Committee

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7EXT.COM/8* and *WHC - 04/7EXT.COM/INF.8*,
2. Takes note of the information included in such documents.

9. CO-OPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNESCO CONVENTIONS CONCERNING HERITAGE

Decision 7 EXT.COM 9

The World Heritage Committee:

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-04/7EXT.COM/9** and **WHC-04/7EXT.COM/INF.9**,
2. Recalling Decision **26 COM 11** (paragraph 4), adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002),
3. Also mindful of Decision **28 COM 12** (paragraph 9) calling for “*greater coordination and co-operation between the World Heritage Centre and other sectors of UNESCO, as well as coordination between the 1972 Convention and other UNESCO Conventions and Recommendations relevant to cultural heritage, notably the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and protected area programmes and conventions adopted within and outside the framework of UNESCO*”,
4. Emphasizing Article 3a) of the 2003 Convention, which provides that such convention shall not be interpreted as “*altering the status or diminishing the level of protection under the 1972 Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of World Heritage properties with which an item of the intangible cultural heritage is directly associated*”,
5. Taking into account the respective scope of application of heritage related conventions,
6. Recognizing the primacy of the *World Heritage Convention* in relation to tangible heritage and where the tangible heritage has a clear link with intangible cultural heritage which cannot be severed,
7. Acknowledges the importance of ensuring an appropriate coordination between the *Convention* and the global environment related conventions and programmes, and welcomes to this regard the initiative to promote a liaison group among the secretariats of the conventions related to biodiversity conservation;
8. Noting the recent entry into force of the 1999 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and aware of the importance of identifying appropriate links between the 1972 *Convention* and such Protocol;
9. Invites States Parties of the 1972 *World Heritage Convention* to consider adhering to other international, regional and sub-regional instruments related to the protection of natural and cultural heritage;

10. Recalls that the coordination between 1972 *World Heritage Convention* and other conventions should apply at all levels, in particular when assisting States Parties in implementing such conventions;
11. Further invites the Director-General to continue to stimulate intellectual debate and reflection concerning the interconnectedness between the tangible and intangible heritage.

10. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR WORLD HERITAGE PROGRAMMES

Decision 7 EXT.COM 10

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/10*,
2. Invites the States Parties and Advisory Bodies to present written comments on the above mentioned document and requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to submit a consolidated document at its 29th session (Durban, 2005).

11. PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

Decision 7 EXT.COM 11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/11* and *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/INF.11*,
2. Recalling Decisions **28 COM 19.1** and **28 COM 19.2** , adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Takes note of the progress made so far by the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and States Parties to the *Convention* in the implementation of the Global Training Strategy;
4. Encourages the reinforcement and continuation of these implementation efforts as regards all aspects of capacity-building, of which training is only a component, taking into account the results of the Periodic Reporting cycles and ensuring their coordination with the strategic planning initiatives;
5. Requests that ongoing Periodic Reporting cycles and their follow-up be closely linked to the World Heritage Strategic Objectives (the “four C’s”) and to the Global Training Strategy, so that recommendations from such Periodic Reporting cycles can be systematically incorporated into training programmes;
6. Takes note with appreciation of the progress made to date in the setting up of the "World Heritage Research and Training Institute in China", and welcomes the assurances that there will be no financial implications to the World Heritage Fund from such initiative;
7. Takes note of the Global Framework Programme for Capacity-Building on Natural Heritage, as proposed in Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/11*;
8. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to submit at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) a proposal on budgetary provisions for the implementation of such Global Framework Programme .

12. PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE PARTNERSHIPS FOR WORLD HERITAGE CONSERVATION (PACT)

Decision 7 EXT.COM 12

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents *WHC-04/7EXT.COM/12* and *WHC-04/7EXT.COM/12.Corr*,
2. Recalling Decisions **26 COM 17.3** and **28 COM 20**, adopted respectively at its 26th (Budapest, 2002) and 28th (Suzhou, 2004) sessions,
3. Endorses the proposed change of name of the World Heritage Partnership Initiative as **World Heritage PACT** (“Partnerships for Conservation”);
4. Considers that the progress report on activities since its 26th session demonstrates the potential of the World Heritage PACT as a tool for implementing the Budapest Declaration of 2002;
5. Acknowledges the importance of involving local populations, whenever appropriate, in the implementation of the World Heritage PACT,
6. Suggests that the Director of the World Heritage Centre promotes the public recognition of World Heritage PACT partnerships through awareness-raising activities - preferably by initiatives such as awarding Certificates of appreciation or the establishment of a Roll of Honour published on the World Heritage Web site;
7. Recalls the importance, notably for the partners' own publicity purposes, of including, in every written agreement between the World Heritage Centre and a contributor to the World Heritage PACT, a clause outlining the conditions of use of contributions made by partners;
8. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to submit for adoption at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) the applicable regulatory framework for World Heritage PACT;
9. Also requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to present an information document at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) on the performance of World Heritage PACT, using the indicators proposed and other relevant indicators elaborated for World Heritage Programmes, and with particular regard to the following aspects:
 - the impact of the initiative on the World Heritage Fund
 - the overheads charged on partnerships and their appropriation

10. Further requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to submit at its 29th session an accurate inventory of the agreements concluded between the World Heritage Centre and States Parties in the framework of the World Heritage PACT, as well as non-governmental and private sectors partners, including timeframes, objectives and resources involved.

13. PUBLICATION PLANS

Decision 7 EXT.COM 13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/13*,
2. Recalling its Decisions **6 EXT.COM 5.2** and **6 EXT.COM 5.3**, adopted at its 6th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2003),
3. Welcomes the recommendation of the World Heritage Centre to merge the proposal to publish a compilation of World Heritage Basic Texts and a Handbook on the *World Heritage Convention* into one publication to be entitled: *The Basic Texts of the 1972 World Heritage Convention*;
4. Recognizes the importance of seeking extrabudgetary funding to ensure the translation of the Basic Texts into other languages;
5. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to:
 - a) Develop, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, as part of the World Heritage Papers Series, a publication on "Principles for the protection and conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and interventions situated within their buffer zone";
 - b) Submit at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) an information document with a table of contents and a detailed budget for the financing through extrabudgetary resources of this publication.

14. REPORT ON THE USE OF WORLD HERITAGE EMBLEM

Decision 7 EXT.COM 14

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents **WHC-04/7 EXT COM/14**, and **WHC-04/7 EXT COM/14.Corr**
2. Recalling Decision **26 COM 15**, adopted at its 26th session (Budapest, 2002)
3. Regrets that the World Heritage Emblem was not protected as had been requested;
4. Takes note of the Annual Report on the use of the World Heritage Emblem included in Document **WHC-04/7 EXT COM/14**;
5. Urges the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Office of Legal Affairs of UNESCO, to request the World Intellectual Property Organization to amend its initial communication under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the protection of industrial property in order to protect :
 - a) the graphics of the World Heritage Emblem by itself; and
 - b) the graphics with the words ‘World Heritage’ in any language, surrounding this graphic;
6. Expresses its concern at some inconsistencies in the handling by the World Heritage Centre of requests for use of the World Heritage Emblem and requests that proposals for use of the Emblem which are within the competence of the State Party should be referred immediately to the State Party concerned;
7. Recalls the segment entitled ‘Responsibilities of States Parties’ of the Guidelines and Principles for the Use of the World Heritage Emblem as follows: ‘*States Parties to the Convention should take all possible measures to prevent the use of the Emblem in their respective countries by any group or for any purpose not explicitly recognized by the Committee. States Parties are encouraged to make full use of national legislation including Trade Mark Laws*’.

15. NEW VOTING MECHANISM FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 7 EXT.COM 15

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/15*,
2. Recalling Resolution **14 GA 4.2** adopted by the 14th General Assembly (UNESCO, 2003) on a new voting mechanism and revision of procedures for elections of the Committee,
3. Requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Secretary of the UNESCO General Conference, to schedule the General Assembly of the States Parties to the *Convention* prior to the Programme Commissions of the General Conference of UNESCO;
4. Further requests the Director of the World Heritage Centre to organize the elections of the members of the Committee in a separate room from the main meeting room, equipped with voting facilities, and with ballots conducted on a pre-scheduled basis agreed by the General Assembly.

16. REVIEW OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Decision 7 EXT.COM 16

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/16.rev*,
2. Recalling Decision **28 COM 24**, adopted at its 28th session (Suzhou, 2004),
3. Decides that its 29th session will take place from 10 to 17 July 2005 ;
4. Adopts the following provisional agenda for its 29th session:

**Provisional agenda of the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee
(Durban, South Africa, 2005)**

OPENING SESSION

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

REPORTS

4. Report of the Rapporteur of the 7th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris, 06-11 December 2004)
5. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and on the implementation of the Decisions of the World Heritage Committee
6. World Heritage Committee's report for the General Assembly of States Parties

**EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND
OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER**

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

- 8A** Tentative Lists of States Parties submitted in conformity with the *Operational Guidelines* and as of 15 May 2005
- 8B** Nominations of properties to the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger

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

- 9.** Assessment of the conclusions and recommendations of the special meeting of experts (Kazan, Russian Federation, 6-9 April 2005) established by Decision **28 COM 13.1**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

- 10.** Budgetary provisions for the implementation of the Global Framework Programme for Capacity Building on Natural Heritage

PERIODIC REPORTS

- 11.** Periodic Reports
 - 11A** Presentation of the Periodic Report for North America and Part I of the Periodic for Europe (2005)
 - 11B** Progress Report on the preparation of Part II of the Periodic Report for Europe (2006)
 - 11C** Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Periodic Report for Africa
 - 11D** Progress Report on the protection of the Palestinian natural and cultural heritage

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 12.** Performance indicators for World Heritage Programmes
- 13.** Progress report on World Heritage PACT

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 14.** International Assistance:
 - 14A** Examination of International Assistance requests
 - 14B** Follow-up to the evaluation of the Emergency Assistance and evaluation of the other components of the International Assistance
- 15.** Report on the execution of the Budget 2004-2005 and follow-up to the recommendations concerning the administrative and financial issues of the Audit of the World Heritage Centre undertaken in 1997 (Decision **28 COM 11**)
- 16.** Presentation of the World Heritage Fund and Budget 2006 - 2007
- 17.** Report on the World Heritage Emblem

WORKING METHODS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

- 18.** Working methods of the World Heritage Committee

CLOSING SESSION

- 19.** Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur
- 20.** Provisional Agenda of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee (2006)
- 21.** Other business
- 22.** Adoption of Decisions
- 23.** Closure of the session

17. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

Decision 7 EXT.COM 17

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/17*,
2. Adopts the decisions included in this document as amended.

18. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

(No Decision required)

**WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
COMITE DU PATRIMOINE MONDIAL**

Seventh extraordinary session / Septième session extraordinaire

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**DECISIONS and RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUREAU
OF THE 7TH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF
THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
(UNESCO, 6-11 December 2004)**

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Decision 7 EXT.COM/BUR 2.1

The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the preparatory assistance request made by South Africa regarding the preparation of a nomination file for Richtersveld mixed heritage, as presented in Document **WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/BUR.2**;
2. Decides to approve this preparatory assistance request for mixed heritage for US\$ 20,000 under the 2004 budget.

Decision: 7 EXT.COM/BUR 2.2

The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Having examined the preparatory assistance request made by Sudan regarding the preparation of a nomination file for the property 'Island of Meroe, as presented in Document **WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/BUR.2**;
2. Decides to approve this preparatory assistance request for cultural heritage for US\$ 20,000 under the 2004 budget.

Recommendation: 7 EXT.COM/BUR 2.3

The World Heritage Bureau,

1. Having examined the technical cooperation assistance request made by India regarding an improved geographic information system (GIS) for Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), as presented in Documents **WHC -04/7EXT.COM/6** and **WHC-04/7EXT.COM/6 Add**,
2. Noting that in accordance with Decision **28 COM 10A**, four requests for technical cooperation will be submitted to the Chairperson / Committee in 2005 for a total amount US\$ 104,915;

3. Considering that only an amount of US\$ 160,000 is available for cultural properties under technical cooperation assistance in the 2005 budget;
4. Taking into account ICOMOS' comments as well as the amount of international assistance provided to the DHR in recent years (US\$ 58,000);
5. Recommends to the Committee not to approve this request for technical cooperation.

Decision 7 EXT.COM/BUR 2.4

The Bureau of the World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the technical cooperation assistance request made jointly by Mongolia and the Russian Federation regarding the elaboration of a Joint Mongolian-Russian Federation Site Management Plan for the Uvs Nuur Basin, as presented in Document **WHC-04/7 EXT.COM/BUR.2**,
2. Decides to approve this technical cooperation assistance request for natural heritage for US\$ 26,000 under the 2004 budget.