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**TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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**Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly
of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*
at its 21st session (UNESCO, 2017)**

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1A. Opening of the General Assembly

No Resolution.

1B. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the General Assembly

Resolution: 21 GA 1B

The General Assembly,

1. Elects **H.E. Mr. Adrian CIOROIANU (Romania)** as Chairperson of the 21st session of the General Assembly,
2. Elects **Mrs. Feven TEWOLDE (Ethiopia)** as Rapporteur of the 21st session of the General Assembly,
3. Elects **Chile** and **Cyprus** as Vice-Chairpersons of the 21st session of the General Assembly.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OF THE TIMETABLE OF THE 21ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2A. Adoption of the Agenda of the 21st session of the General Assembly

Resolution: 21 GA 2A

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Document WHC/17/21.GA/2A,
2. Adopts the Agenda included in the above-mentioned Document.

2B. Adoption of the Timetable of the 21st General Assembly

Resolution: 21 GA 2B

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Document WHC/17/21.GA/2B,
2. Adopts the timetable of its 21st session as included in the above-mentioned Document.

3. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE 20TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNESCO, 2015)

Resolution: 21 GA 3

The General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the report of the Rapporteur of the 20th session of the General Assembly (UNESCO, 2015).

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Resolution: 21 GA 4

The General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the report of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee on the activities of the World Heritage Committee.

5. ELECTIONS TO THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Resolution: 21 GA 5

The General Assembly,

1. Elects the following 12 States Parties, **Australia, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Guatemala, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain** and **Uganda**, as members of the World Heritage Committee.

6. EXAMINATION OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE FUND, INCLUDING THE STATUS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATES PARTIES

Resolution: 21 GA 6

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/17/21.GA/6 and WHC/17/21.GA/INF.6,

2. Having in particular examined the accounts of the World Heritage Fund for the financial period ended 31 December 2015,
3. Approves the accounts of the World Heritage Fund for the financial period ended 31 December 2015;
4. Takes note of the financial statements relating to the World Heritage Fund for the period 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2017.

7. DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD HERITAGE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 16 OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

Resolution: 21 GA 7

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/17/21.GA/7 and WHC/17/21.GA/INF.7,
2. Recalling Article 16 of the *World Heritage Convention*,
3. Expressing its concern at the financial difficulties that the World Heritage Fund is facing and further recalling that the payment of assessed compulsory and voluntary contributions, as per Article 16 of the *World Heritage Convention*, is a legal obligation incumbent on all States Parties which have ratified the *Convention*,
4. Decides to set the percentage for the calculation of the amount of the contributions to be paid to the World Heritage Fund by States Parties for the financial period 2018-2019 at 1% of their contributions to the regular budget of UNESCO;
5. Emphasizing the urgency of securing adequate financial resources to achieve the objectives of the 1972 *Convention* to identify and conserve the world's cultural and natural heritage of Outstanding Universal Value, in particular in light of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and the unprecedented threats such as climate change, natural disasters, and deliberate attacks on cultural heritage in territories affected by armed conflict and terrorism,
6. Notes the status of compulsory and voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund as presented in Document WHC/17/21.GA/INF.7;
7. Welcomes the recommendations made by the *ad hoc* working group in Documents WHC/16/40.COM/13A and WHC/17/41.COM/12A and the related Decisions on the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund (Decisions **40 COM 15** and **41 COM 14**), particularly the roadmap for the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund that integrates a set of complementary short-, medium- and long-term actions to be implemented in a phased timeline;
8. Reminds States Parties that they are bound to make compulsory contributions and as such reiterates the plea of the World Heritage Committee to States Parties to the *Convention* to pay their annual contributions **by 31 January** in order to facilitate the timely implementation of the activities financed by the World Heritage Fund;

9. Urges States Parties concerned to settle all outstanding arrears;
10. Invites States Parties to provide supplementary voluntary contributions to the sub-account for enhancing the human capacities of the Secretariat to achieve the target of at least USD 1,000,000 per year, in total, as recommended at the 19th session of the General Assembly of States Parties.

8. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S "REPORT ON THE GOVERNANCE OF UNESCO AND DEPENDANT FUNDS, PROGRAMMES AND ENTITIES" (DOCUMENT 38C/23)

Resolution: 21 GA 8

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Document WHC/17/21.GA/8,
2. Recalling Resolution **20 GA 11** and Decisions **40 COM 13B** and **41 COM 12B** adopted by the General Assembly at its 20th session (UNESCO, 2015) and by the World Heritage Committee at its 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) and 41st (Krakow, 2017) sessions respectively and the ongoing reflection undertaken by the Governing Bodies of the *World Heritage Convention* to assess, improve and streamline their working methods,
3. Takes note of the endorsement by the General Conference, at its 39th session (**39 C/Resolution 87**), of the recommendations of the working group on the governance, procedures and working methods of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO;
4. Calls upon the World Heritage Committee to entrust the *ad hoc* working group with the follow-up to the progress in the implementation of the recommendations for the working group on governance;
5. Asks the World Heritage Committee to consider broadening the composition of the *ad hoc* working group and to envisage also opening meetings to all States Parties;
6. Requests that a progress report of the follow up and implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Governance as endorsed by the General Conference be presented at its 22nd session in 2019.

9. FUTURE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION OUTCOMES AND PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN 2012-2022

Resolution: 21 GA 9

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document WHC/17/21.GA/9,

2. Recalling Resolutions **17 GA 9**, **18 GA 11**, **19 GA 10** and **20 GA 12** adopted during the 17th (UNESCO, 2009), 18th (UNESCO, 2011), 19th (UNESCO, 2013) and 20th (UNESCO, 2015) sessions of the General Assembly of States Parties respectively, concerning the adoption of the Strategic Action Plan and Vision and the monitoring of the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan,
3. Welcomes the continuous progress in the performance of the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan;
4. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies and the support of the States Parties, to pursue efforts undertaken in the implementation;
5. Also requests that a progress report on the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its 22nd session.

10. WORLD HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Resolution: 21 GA 10

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined Document WHC/17/21.GA/10,
2. Recalling Decisions **39 COM 5D**, **40 COM 5C**, and **41 COM 5C** adopted respectively at its 39th (Bonn, 2015), 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) and 41st (Krakow, 2017) sessions, as well as Resolution **20 GA 13**, adopted by the General Assembly at its 20th session (UNESCO, 2015),
3. Takes note of the follow-up activities and the progress made by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies in disseminating and mainstreaming the World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy (WH-SDP) into the processes of the *World Heritage Convention* and in operational and capacity building activities and of the support provided by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to Members States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
4. Underlines the need to achieve appropriate balance and integration between the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage properties and the pursuit of sustainable development objectives;
5. Calls upon States Parties, in their pursuit in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, to harness mainstreaming the WH-SDP into their national processes related to World Heritage, in full respect of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage properties;
6. Also calls upon States Parties to provide funding for the implementation of the WH-SDP at national, regional and international levels;
7. Further calls on States Parties to support capacity-building programmes and activities aimed at providing methodologies and tools for integrating heritage conservation into sustainable development frameworks and mainstreaming the WH-SDP in conservation and management activities;

8. Requests the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and the Category 2 Centres to pursue the implementation of the WH-SDP and also requests the World Heritage Centre to report on progress to the World Heritage Committee.

11. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

No Resolution.