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World Heritage Committee

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DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE AT ITS 35th SESSION (UNESCO, 2011)

- 3. <u>Notes</u> the progress made with the development of a Strategic Management Plan and requests that it be sent to the World Heritage Centre immediately upon completion;
- 4. <u>Acknowledges</u> that major development projects which could adversely affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and specifically the construction of a hotel and construction on the former Franciscan monastery site within the historic centre and buffer zone, have come to a complete halt:
- Also acknowledges the progress of restoration works in accordance with established procedures, and <u>reiterates</u> that all future plans for restoration and new development must be submitted to the World Heritage Centre in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
- 6. Recognises the value of restoration projects implemented in coordination with the international community, and encourages the State Party to continue in such efforts;
- 7. <u>Urges</u> the State Party to fully address the recommendations of the 2010 World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission in order to achieve substantial progress towards removing the threats to the property;
- 8. <u>Also requests</u> the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to assess progress in the implementation of all necessary measures in compliance with its decisions, prior to the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2013;
- 9. <u>Further requests</u> the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2012 (prior to the mission) and by 1 February 2013, progress reports on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in 2013.

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

Decision: 35 COM 7B.114

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/7B,
- 2. Recalling Decision **33 COM 7B.127** adopted at its 33rd session (Seville, 2009),
- 3. <u>Acknowledges</u> the completion of the "Tower of London Local Setting Study", however, <u>expresses great concern</u> that this study only addresses individual views and a very narrow local setting, while the overall setting of the Tower in relation to the Outstanding Universal Value has not been defined and provided with protection in line with Decision 33 COM 7B.127 adopted by the Committee at its 33rd session (Seville, 2009);
- 4. <u>Considers</u> that the incremental developments around the Tower over the past five years have impacted adversely its visual integrity;

- 5. Requests the State Party to evaluate the impact of proposed changes to the visual setting of the property on its Outstanding Universal Value, and to develop and apply effective mechanisms for the protection of the setting as a matter of urgency;
- 6. <u>Also requests</u> the State Party to refrain from approving new construction projects in the vicinity of the property without assessing their potential impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
- 7. <u>Further requests</u> the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to discuss with national and local authorities the overall situation of the property with regard to the state of conservation of the site in its urban context and how current and proposed construction projects in its neighbourhood may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and how appropriate protection for its setting may be put in place for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012;
- 8. Requests furthermore the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the steps taken to implement all the decisions of the Committee, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

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

Decision: 35 COM 7B.115

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/7B,
- 2. Recalling Decision **33 COM 7B.128**, adopted at its 33rd session (Seville, 2009),
- 3. <u>Notes</u> the intention of the State Party to address issues related to the protection of the visual integrity of the property:
- 4. <u>Notes with regret</u> that specific measures to protect the immediate and wider settings and have not yet been sufficiently developed;
- 5. <u>Notes with concern</u> that the State Party acknowledges that major developments currently being considered could have a potential impact on the property;
- 6. Requests the State Party to evaluate the impact of proposed changes to the visual setting of the property on its Outstanding Universal Value, and to develop and apply effective mechanisms for the protection of the setting as a matter of urgency;
- 7. <u>Also requests</u> the State Party to refrain from approving any new development project until an adequate protection of the setting of the property is in place;
- 8. <u>Further requests</u> the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property to review and discuss with national and