

The 4th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk

Villa Decius, Krakow, 30 June - 1 July 2017

Resolution

Concerning World Heritage and Climate Change

The participants of the 4th International Civil Society Forum on World Heritage at Risk

Acknowledge the critical role of World Heritage Sites in reaching national targets of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change; and

Recommend that the World Heritage Committee calls upon all State Parties responsible for the preservation and management of World Heritage Sites to:

- manage World Heritage Sites in such a way that their conservation is also beneficial to the State Parties' obligations under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change as well as reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030);
- prevent and phase out immediately developments and activities within, above or underneath World Heritage Sites that contribute directly or indirectly to the emission of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases;
- co-operate with the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to develop guidelines and/or other relevant instruments to ensure that adaptation and mitigation measures do not have any harmful impacts on World Heritage Sites and their Outstanding Universal Values.

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