



## **The 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk**

Ramada City Center Hotel, Manama, 22 - 23 June 2018

We, the Civil Society Organizations who have attended the 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk organized by World Heritage Watch on 22-23 June 2018 in Bahrain, coming from 24 countries in 6 continents, as active and concerned citizens dealing with Natural and Cultural World Heritage properties at different places, would like to bring the following to the attention of the World Heritage Committee:

### Resolution

#### **On Podsesennya (Ukraine)**

Having discussed the Report *Podsesennya - the Emerald Heritage of Ukraine* and taking into consideration the information provided with the NGO "Initiative for St. Andrew's Passage", and recognizing the Outstanding Universal Value and high historical, cultural and scientific potential of the territory, the 5th International Civil Society Forum on World Heritage at Risk agreed that the property is worthy of inscription on the UNESCO Tentative List.

The Forum agreed that the protection of the natural, historical and cultural landscape of *Podsesennya* should be recognised both at the national and international level. Therefore, aiming to ensure the better preservation of the site and its world-wide recognition, the Forum agreed to:

- request the State Party (namely, the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine and the Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine) to explore the potential of giving the site protected area status, to find the scientific and financial resources to prepare the Nomination dossier and to ensure all necessary measures for inscribing the site on the UNESCO Tentative List;
- request the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN provide the State Party with the necessary consultations and recommendations by international experts and to participate in the World Heritage Committee session on the issue.

Manama, 23 June 2018