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REPORT IN BRIEF
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I. EXAMINATION OF NATURAL CULTURAL AND MIXED PROPERTIES ON
THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST (WHC-13/37.COM/8B)

On 21 June 2013, the World Heritage Committee chaired by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, Chairperson of the 37th session has examined 11 nomination files, natural, cultural and mixed, to be on the World Heritage List and has decided as follows:

- 1) **To inscribe 5 natural sites** of, **Xinjiang Tianshan**, China; **Namib Sand Sea**, Namibia; **Mount Etna**, Italy; **El Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere**, Mexico; **Tajik National Park (Mountains of the Pamirs)**, Tajikistan; and **2 cultural sites** of **Hill Forts of Rajasthan**, India; and **Wooden Tserkvas of the Carpathian Region**, Poland and Ukraine on the World Heritage List.
- 2) **To approve** an extension of **Mount Kenya National Park, National Forest**, Kenya to include the **Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and Ngare Ndare Forest reserve**;
- 3) **To refer** the examination of the Nomination of 2 natural sites, **the Great Himalayan National Park**, India and **Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary**, Philippines to allow the State Party to meet important issues required by the Advisory bodies. It was contrary to a draft decision proposed by the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Center.
- 4) **To defer** the examination of the Nomination of 1 site of Archipel des Bijagos – Motom Moranghajogo, Guinea Bissau on the World Heritage List in order the State Party has enough time to correct their files.

II. EXAMINATION OF STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PANAMA VIEJO AND HISTORIC DISTRICT
OF PANAMA, PANAMA (37.COM 7B.100)

As the 21 committee member states were unable to reach a consensus to adopt a draft decision on the state of conservation of **the Archaeological Site of Panama Viejo and Historic District of Panama, Panama** which proposed by the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Center, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, Chairperson of the 37th session has decided to establish a close and small working group to find an appropriate solution which can be acceptable by all stakeholders. The working group consisted of 5 committee member states, **Algeria, France, Mali, Mexico, Senegal, Switzerland, ICOMOS** and the World Heritage Center, and chaired by Cambodian Delegate. Finally, In the 3 consecutive sessions, a decision was drafted by the working group and adopted on June 21, 2013 by the Committee without discussion.

In the adopted decision, the World Heritage Committee reiterates its deep concern about the overall state of conservation of the property and regrets that no sufficient progress has been made in comprehensively and sustainably addressing issues, or in implementing the emergency Action Plan agreed in 2009.

The WHC requests the State Party to submit by 1st February 2015 a significant modification to the boundaries to allow it to justify a revision of the outstanding Universal Value of the Property. However, before the deadline, the State party is requested to invite as soon as possible a high level World Heritage Center/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring Mission (RMM) guided by the World Heritage Center, to discuss the different possibilities of this modification.

The World Heritage Committee, however, lays down the condition in case that in the absence of the implementation of the request made in this decision, the **Archaeological Site of Panama Viejo and Historic District of Panama** would be deleted from the World heritage list at its 39th session in 2015, in conformity with Chapter IV.C of the Operational Guidelines.

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