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33COM 7B.112 - Vilnius Historic Centre (Lithuania) (C 541)

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-09/33.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision 32 COM 7B.99, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Regrets that the State Party did not provide the documentation on the "Regulation on the Protection of the Vilnius Old Town" and the updated documentation on the development of high-rise buildings in the buffer zone as requested by the Committee at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008);
4. Commends the State Party for the innovative quality of the guidelines proposed to improve coordination and integrated management of all World Heritage properties in Lithuania and the World Heritage City of Vilnius in particular, and encourages the State Party to continue to explore and develop this mechanism for full implementation;
5. Requests that the new commission for the property begin its regular work as soon as possible, with a clear set of conservation objectives and procedures, as well as a decision-making process which emphasizes the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Encourages the continued work on the development of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, based on the values recognized at the time of inscription, and the additional analysis and evaluation of the existing management system, and a proposal for reconciling the various planning instruments to ensure an integrated approach to the management of the property;
7. Reiterates its request for the State Party to submit the information requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 32nd session related to the legislation covering the property (including any new legislation), the planning instruments in force for the protection of the property, and the regulations concerning the construction of high buildings which may have an impact on the visual integrity;
8. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2011, a detailed report on the further development and implementation of the guidelines proposed to improve coordination and integrated management of World Heritage properties in Lithuania with particular reference to the Vilnius Old Town for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.