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Annual General Assembly 2019 Marrakesh (Morocco), 16 October 2019

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		Wednesday, 16 October 2019			
	Arrival of participants				
1	Opening of the 2019 Annual General Assembly	The 2019 Annual General Assemblytook place at the Habous' Mohammad VI Cultural and Administrative Complexin Marrakesh, Morocco.			
1-1	Welcome by the President of ICOMOS Morocco	Mr Abdelati Lahlou, the President of ICOMOS Morocco, welcomed all participants to Marrakesh and to the 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly, and declared the meeting opened at 17:39.			
1-2	Opening by the President of ICOMOS	Mr Toshiyuki Kono welcomed all participants to the 2019 Annual General Assembly, and noted that according to French law, ICOMOS as an international organization has the duty to hold a yearly general assembly of members to meet and approve the annual accounts and budget.			
2	Organisation of the meeting				
2-1	Attendance and quorum, report by the Credentials Committee and, if necessary, the Candidatures Committee (resolution AGA 2019/1)	Mr Cyrill Von Planta, Chair of the Credentials Committee, presented the Committee's report on the Assembly's attendance and quorum. The Credential Committee was composed of: - Chair: Cyrill Von Planta (Austria) - Christophe Rivet (Canada) - Stacy Vallis (New-Zealand) - Abdoul Sow (Senegal) - Jeanine Abdul Massih (Lebanon) - Laura Robinson (Treasurer) A meeting was held one week prior to the AGA and all documents have been reviewed electronically by the members of the Credential Committee. One last meeting was held one daybefore the AGA to review the final resolution. Resolution AGA 2019/1	Statutes art 9a 1, 2, 3, 4		
		The 2019 ICOMOS General Assembly: Takes note of the report presented by the Chair of the Credentials Committee, Mr Cyrill von Planta (ICOMOS Austria); Notes that this report states that: - as at 31 December 2018, within the whole of ICOMOS there were 1155 potential voting members representing 84 National Committees and 58 individual members from countries without National Committees, giving a total of 1213 potential voting members; - as at the date of this meeting, 16 October 2019, there are 173 voting members present expressing 554 votes and representing 50 National Committees and 4 individual members up to date with their dues and having sent their list of voting members and proxies.			

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		Notes that General Assembly deliberations should be taken by a majority of the voting members present or represented - in this case 278 votes - from at least one third of the National Committees – in this case 28 Committees; Acknowledges that at least one third of the National Committees are represented, so that there is a statutory quorum for the meeting. Ms Gaia Jungeblodt (Director of the International Secretariat) reminded the Assembly that the Rules of Procedure permit the counting of votes in favour of a resolution by counting the number of votes against a resolution or abstaining from voting and subtracting these from the total number of votes present in the room.			
0.0	Floring of the Descriptor (1960)	The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).	04-4-4		
2-2	Election of the President, Vice- President(s) and the Rapporteur of the 2019 Annual General Assembly and, if necessary, the Teller and two Assistant Tellers (resolution AGA 2019/2)	According to article 9.b. of the new Statutes of ICOMOS « For each meeting, the General Assembly shall elect its President, up to three Vice-Presidents, and a Rapporteur whose term of office shall be the duration of the meeting". Peter Phillips (Secretary General, Australia) introduced the nominees for President, Vice-President, Rapporteur and Tellers of the 2019 AGA: Resolution 2019/2 The 2019 Annual General Assembly elected the following: Mr Abdelati Lahlou (ICOMOS Morocco) as President of the 2019 Annual General Assembly Ms Jeanine Abdul Massih (ICOMOS Lebanon) as Vice President of the 2019 Annual General Assembly Ms Laura Maxwell (International Secretariat) as Rapporteur Ms Anne Mie Draye (Belgium) as Head Teller Mr Asaf Ben Haim (Israel), Mr Lassinan Traore (Côte d'Ivoire), Ms Sanaa Niar (Algeria), Ms Marcela Clot (Argentina), and Ms Kim Jeong-eun (Korean Republic). Ms Zazanda Salcedo (Bolivia) was nominated but declined to accept appointment. The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).	Statutes art 9b		
2-3	Adoption of the Agenda (resolution AGA 2019/3)	Resolution 2019/3 The 2019 ICOMOS General Assembly adopted the proposed agenda (first disseminated on 11 June 2019 via the ICOMOS e-News n°180)			
		The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions)			

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2-4	Adoption of the minutes of previous meetings: GA 2017, EGA 2017 and AGA 2018 (resolution AGA 2019/4)	Resolution AGA 2019/4 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly adopted the minutes of previous meetings: General Assembly 2017, Extraordinary General Assembly 2017 and Annual General Assembly 2018.			
		The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).			
3	Reports on the past year				
3-1	Report by the President of ICOMOS	The President presented his report, which was published in the working documents of the Annual General Assembly (also disseminated by the "Info for Members" n°1 on 16 September 2019 – file: "AGA2019_3-1_PresidentReport_EN"). The PRES explained that the report was not just about past actions but also contained proposals for the future. He noted that there had been several hundred applications for the World Heritage Atelier, and the selection process will soon start. He emphasised that, as an NGO, ICOMOS must recognise its strengths and eliminate weaknesses. ICOMOS members must take action to revitalise trust in the organisation. ICOMOS has its own specificities, advantages and disadvantages compared to its larger partner organisations.	Statutes art 9d1		
		The AGA took note of the report by the President.			
3-2	Report by the Treasurer of ICOMOS	Ms Laura Robinson (Treasurer General) presented her report, which was published in the working documents of the Annual General Assembly (also disseminated by the "Info for Members" n°1 on 16 September 2019 – file: "AGA2019_3-2_TreasurerReport_EN"). Ms Robinson conveyed her thanks to the Secretariat, in particular Marie-Laure Lavenir (Director General) and Henri Verrier (Head of Finances) for helping to put the report together. Ms Robinson also acknowledged the great value of voluntary work put into ICOMOS, which cannot so easily be accounted for in the report on the ICOMOS budget. The AGA took note of the report by the Treasurer.	Statutes art 9d1		
4	Adoption of the annual accounts and budget				
4-1	Approval of the 2018 accounts and discharge of the Board and Treasurer from liabilities (resolution AGA 2019/5)	Resolution AGA 2019/5 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly Noted the reports by the President and the Treasurer; and Approved the 2018 accounts and discharged the Board and the Treasurer from liabilities. The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).	Statutes art 9d2		
4-2	Approval of the 2020 budget (resolution AGA 2019/6)	Resolution AGA 2019/6 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly	Statutes art 9d3		

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		Approved the budget for 2020 as presented in the Working Documents with the request that the final draft budget be submitted to the Board by 31 March 2020.			
		The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).			
5	Resolutions on Statutory Matters				
5-1	Appointment of the Credentials Committee of the 20 th General Assembly (resolution AGA 2019/7)	Resolution AGA 2019/7 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly appointed as members of the Credentials Committee for the 20th General Assembly: - Robert Quarles von Ufford (Netherlands) - Alpha Diop (Mali) - Fauzia Qureshy (Pakistan) - Saul Alcantara Onofre (Mexico) - Laura Robinson (exofficio) (South Africa) The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).	RoP art 43		
5-2	Appointment of the Candidatures Committee of the 20 th General Assembly (resolution AGA 2019/8)	Resolution AGA 2019/8 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly appointed as members of the Candidatures Committee for the 20 th General Assembly: - Alfredo Conti (Argentina) - An Emerging Professional (Name to be suggested by the Emerging Professionals Working Group) - Grainne Shaffrey (Ireland) - Ishanlosen Odiaua (Nigeria) - Faika Bejaoui (Tunisia) - Yukio Nishimura (Japan) - Jeanine Abdul Massih (Lebanon) Ms Gaia Jungeblodt noted that members of the Committee must not be a candidate or from a country with a candidate, and that the majority of members must be present at the GA2020. The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).	RoP art 44		
5-3	Appointment of the Resolutions Committee of the 20 th General Assembly (resolution AGA 2019/9)	Resolution AGA 2019/9 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly Appointed as members of the Resolutions Committee for the 20 th General Assembly: - Kirsti Kovanen (Finland) - Adriana Careaga (Uruguay) - Priyanka Singh (India) - Chilangwa Chaiwa (Zambia) - A Francophone native speaker – to be nominated soon	RoP art 45		

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		- An Anglophone native speaker - to be nominated soon			
		Ms Gaia Jungeblodt noted that the majority of members must be present at the GA2020.			
		The AGA adopted the resolution unanimously (0 votes against, 0 abstentions).			
6	Amendments to the Rules of Procedure				
6-1	Presentation by the Secretary General	Mr Peter Phillips (Secretary General) presented his report, which was published in the working documents of the Annual General Assembly (also disseminated by the "Info for Members" n°1 on 16 September 2019 – file: "AGA2019_6-2_Amendments_Rules of Procedure_EN")	RoP art 44		
		Mr Phillips explained that the purpose of the amendment to Article 66 was to allow nominations from the floor in exceptional circumstances during the elections at the General Assembly. The resolution should be adopted now in order to be in force for the elections in 2020.			
		Discussion Ms Anne-Mie Draye (Belgium) commented on article 66-5. She agreed that the article should be amended, but the present proposal is not an optimal solution. An active Candidatures Committee should propose enough candidates – up until the actual elections. The potential candidates from the floor should also comply with criteria in the Statutes to run for election.			
		Mr Phillips accordingly proposed the following amendments to draft resolution AGA 2019/10: In Article 66-5. add the words "and the Candidatures Committee" after "The Election Committee", and the words "comply with the Statutes," after "all such nominations". The amendments were put to the meeting and adopted without dissent. The amended resolution was then put to the meeting.			
6-2	Resolution to amend Articles 3-4 and 66-5 of the Rules of Procedure	Resolution AGA 2019/10 The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly			
	(resolution AGA 2019/10)	Recalling Extraordinary General Assembly resolution EGA 2017/6; Noting that the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure have been prepared by the Board in accordance with Article 10-d-10; Having examined the proposed Rules of Procedure, as well as the Background report prepared by the Board; Adopts by a simple statutory majority the amendments to Articles 3 and 66 of the Rules of Procedure as follows:			
		 (a) Deleting the present Article 3-4 and inserting the following as Article 3-4: 4. The President will chair the World Heritage Panel or will appoint a Chair or two co-Chairs. The Panel Chair(s) shall appoint the World Heritage Panel on the advice of the ICOMOS World Heritage Units. The Panel shall comprise individual ICOMOS members who collectively are gender balanced, represent all regions of the world and possess a wide range of relevant 			

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		cultural heritage skills and experience, chosen each year for their particular area of expertise based on the nominated properties. (b) Deleting the present Article 66-5 and inserting the following as Article 66-5: 5 In the event that: a. fewer than twenty candidates are recommended by the Candidatures Committee as fulfilling the requirements to stand for election to the Board; b. fewer than twenty members are elected to the Board pursuant to Article 66-1; c. there is only a single candidate for the position of President, Secretary General or Treasurer, and that candidate is not elected to the Board, or receives less than a majority of votes cast for the position for which he is standing; or d. fewer than five candidates for Vice-President are elected to the Board; nominations for the vacant position(s) shall be called from the floor. The Elections Committee and the Candidatures Committee shall verify that all such nominations comply with the Statutes, have the agreement of the member(s) nominated, and the support from the number of members, National Committees and countries required by Article 63. From among the eligible candidates, the election for the vacant position(s) shall then be held in accordance with the above procedures. The AGA adopted the resolution by simple majority (0 votes against, 1 abstention).			
7	Other business	Mr Dinu Bumbaru (Canada) recalled that this year was the 50th anniversary of the recognition of French and English as being of equal status as official languages of Canada. Mr Bumbaru proposed that the Assembly adopt, in anticipation of GA2020, that all ICOMOS statutory texts should be translated into French. Mr Cyrill Von Planta (Austria) proposed that GA2020 Candidatures Committee request candidates to explain in their platform what would be their plan and actions for the next 3 years.			
8	Closing				
8-1	Invitation to the 2020 Annual General Assembly (Sydney, 1-10 October 2020) including introduction to the Ambassadors program	Mr Richard Mackay (Australia) introduced the GA2020 events and organisation, and mentioned that the airline company Qantas will open discounted flights after Christmas. The presentation is available on ICOMOS website via this link .			
8-2	Vote of thanks	The 2019 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly unanimously adopted a vote of thanks to ICOMOS Morocco. Mr Toshiyuki Kono thanked Mr Lahlou for chairing the session and thanked ICOMOS Morocco and all Moroccan colleagues for successfully hosting the event.			
		The meeting closed at 19:05 pm.			
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