

**„CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE - WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE - Thirty-second session, Quebec City, Canada, 2 - 10 July 2008”**

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**STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES INSCRIBED ON THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER**

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**Dresden Elbe Valley (Germany) (C 1156)**

**Decision: 32 COM 7A.26**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document *WHC-08/32.COM/7A*,
2. Recalling Decisions **30 COM 7B.77** and **31 COM 7A.27** adopted at its 30th (Vilnius, 2006) and 31st (Christchurch, 2007) sessions respectively, and in particular its concern that the construction project of the Waldschlösschen Bridge would irreversibly damage the values and integrity of the property in accordance with Paragraph 179 (b) of the *Operational Guidelines*,
3. Notes with satisfaction that the State Party invited a Reinforced Monitoring mission to review the bridge construction project and any alternative solutions;
4. Also notes the report provided by the Reinforced Monitoring mission of February 2008 confirming that the current bridge project would irreversibly damage the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property;
5. Regrets the fact that the authorities, having allowed the construction works to proceed, have seriously compromised the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
6. Expresses its deep concern that the work planned will irreversibly damage the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of the property;
7. Strongly requests the State Party to immediately halt the current construction works and restore the property to its former state of conservation;
8. Strongly urges the State Party to reconsider the alternative tunnel option;
9. Decides to continue to apply the Reinforced Monitoring mechanism to the property and requests the State Party to provide progress reports as relevant;
10. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2009**, a report on the state of conservation of the property, including a progress report on the implementation of the issues above-mentioned, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 33rd session in 2009 ;
11. Further decides to retain the Dresden Elbe Valley (Germany) on the List of World Heritage in Danger, with the deletion of this property from the World Heritage List at its

33rd session in 2009, if the planned works on the bridge continue and the damage already caused is not reversed.