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**Agenda Item: 5**

**Subject: Reports to World Heritage Centre 2018-2020**

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The meeting will be provided with an overview about requests from and subsequent answers to the World Heritage Centre in 2018-2020 (according OG § 174) and reports by the states parties to the Centre (according OG § 172).

**Proposal:** The meeting is invited to review the trilateral procedure in preparing answers and reports the Centre to ensure that a coherent trilateral approach is applied.

**Table 1: Reports to the WH Centre on projects (OG § 172, state party information)**

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| **Report to WHC** | **Topic** | **Status** | **TG-WH involvement** |
| 26.05.2020 | New Pier at port of Rømø, DK | Response by WHC with IUCN evaluation, 8.10.2020 | Informed |
| 18.06.2020 | New visitor centre, Lauwersoog, NL | Request by WHC for additional information 14.06.2020, Letter to WHC on 22.07.2020 | Informed |
| 13.10.2020 | District Heating Plants, Esbjerg, DK | Response by WHC on 19.10.2020, IUCN evaluation pending | Informed |
| 10.11.2020 | Tjæreborg Wind Farm Project, DJ | Response by WHC on 16.12.2020 with evaluation by IUCN | Informed |
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**Proposal**

TG-WH to discuss on a common approach (relevance and significance) when reporting projects inside and outside the property which should be reported in line with § 172 of the Operational Guidelines.

**Table 2: Request from the WH Centre requests concerning State of Conservation (OG § 174, third party information) 2018 - 2020**

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| **Date WHC request** | **Topic** | **Status** | **TG-WH involvement** |
| 03.04.2018 | Esbjerg Harbour extension plans, DK (third party information and state party reporting) | Additional information provided 8.5.2019, 18.11.2019 (revised plans), IUCN evaluation done 8.10.2020 | Informed |
| 30.05.2018 | Houting population decline, DK. | Reply on 23.10.2018 | Informed |
| 11.01.2019 | MSC Zoe container spill, NL | Final draft on 28.03.2019, submitted by NL, including information from Germany (container spill and Glory Amsterdam incident).. | Provided input in drafting |
| 05.06.2019 | Elbe deepening, D | Reply in preparation by Germany | Informed |
| 20.6.2019 | Fossil Fuel Mining, NL | Final draft on 16.08.2019 submitted by NL to TG-WH for comments | Provided input in drafting |
| 25.02.2020 | Salt Mining, NL | Reply on 2.12.2020, IUCN evaluation ongoing. Request for information on Agenda 2015 (7.12.2020( | Informed |
| 25.06.2020 | Wind farm project, Schleswig Holstein | Reply in preparation by Schleswig-Holsten | Informed |

**Proposal**

TG-WH to take note of the trilateral agreed procedure to involve TG-WH when preparing a reply to a WHC request on the State of Conservation of the property.