

78. Curonian Spit (Lithuania/Russian Federation) (C 994)

Decision: 36 COM 7B.78

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-12/36.COM/7B,
 2. Recalling Decisions 31 COM 7B.114, 32 COM 7B.98 and 34 COM 7B.91 adopted at its 31st (Christchurch, 2007), 32nd (Quebec City, 2008) and 34th (Brasilia, 2010) sessions respectively,
 3. Welcomes the submission of the first joint report by the two States Parties;
 4. Recognizes the efforts made by both States Parties to ensure the safeguarding of the property and encourages them to continue such efforts in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
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5. Also welcomes the progress made in terms of greater collaboration between the National Parks in both parts of the property and the joint actions that have been agreed to take forward work on an overall Tourism Strategy, a joint Traffic Management Plan and joint Management Structures;
 6. Notes that the State Party of the Russian Federation has suspended the proposed Economic Development Zone in the Kaliningrad region;
 7. Requests confirmation from the State Party of the Russian Federation, by **1 September 2012**, that the proposed large leisure complexes will not be constructed;
 8. Takes note of the possibility of a liquefied gas terminal outside the property at Klaipeda and also requests the State Party of Lithuania to undertake full impact assessments (Strategic Environmental and Heritage Impact Assessments) prior to any decision on such a development, in order to consider the potential impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property. These assessments should be provided to the World Heritage Centre in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*;
 9. Also notes the progress with the revised National Park Plan for Lithuania and further requests the State Party of Lithuania to provide three printed and electronic copies of the revised Management Plan for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
 10. Requests furthermore both States Parties to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2014**, a joint updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 38th session in 2014.