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them. This may have consequences for planned actions and resources which may then have to be reassessed. Ways will have to be found to address the concerns of the Committee and report on them to it within a year or two years and then on a regular basis, until such time that the Committee is satisfied with the outcome.

Committee decisions can recommend a number of courses of action. These can include:

- a) [The Committee] may decide that the property has not seriously deteriorated and that no further action should be taken;
- b) when the Committee considers that the property has seriously deteriorated, but not to the extent that its restoration is impossible, it may decide that the property be maintained on the List, provided that the State Party takes the necessary measures to restore the property within a reasonable period of time. The Committee may also decide that technical cooperation be provided under the World Heritage Fund for work connected with the restoration of the property, proposing to the State Party to request such assistance, if it has not already been done;
- c) when the requirements and criteria set out in paragraphs 177–182 are met, the Committee may decide to inscribe the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger according to the procedures set out in paragraphs 183–189;
- d) when there is evidence that the property has deteriorated to the point where it has irretrievably lost those characteristics which determined its inscription on the List, the Committee may decide to delete the property from the List. Before any such action is taken, the Secretariat will inform the State Party concerned. Any comments which the State Party may make will be brought to the attention of the Committee;

(OG para 176)

Except in the most urgent circumstances, it is likely that the Committee will recommend that a UNESCO / Advisory Body mission be sent to investigate the circumstances before deciding to consider Danger listing or other serious action. The Committee may also decide to send a mission if there has been little recent involvement with a property, in order to ascertain the facts.

The mission will examine whether there is any indication of threats or, conversely, significant improvements in the conservation of the property since the last report to the World Heritage Committee. It will also examine whether there has been any follow-up to previous decisions of the Committee on the state of conservation of the property, and will provide information on any potential or ascertained threat or damage to or loss of OUV, including integrity and authenticity (OG para 173).

This information is received by the World Heritage Centre which, after consulting the State Party concerned and the Advisory Bodies, submits a State of Conservation report to the World Heritage Committee. In exceptional cases, this process may lead to consider inscribing the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger.