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NOMINATIONS OF NEW UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 5.5 of the Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks as approved by the General Conference at its 38th session (38 C/Resolution 23), the Director-General submits hereby the nominations of the third statutory meeting of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council for the endorsement of the Executive Board for the period 2019-2022. These nominations are listed in paragraph 1 below and comprise 11 new UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Action expected of the Executive Board: proposed decision in paragraph 3.



INTRODUCTION

1. The UNESCO Global Geoparks Council convened its third statutory meeting during the International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy on 8 and 9 September 2018. Following the examination of related documents and reports, the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council decided to nominate as new UNESCO Global Geoparks for the period 2019-2022 the following 11 sites:

- Colca y Volcanes de Andagua, Peru (deferred application from the second statutory meeting¹)
- Courel Mountains, Spain
- Funiushan, China (an extension of an existing UNESCO Global Geopark²)
- Imbabura, Ecuador
- Jiuhuashan, China
- Kütralkura, Chile
- Sanqingshan, China (an extension of an existing UNESCO Global Geopark²)
- Taishan, China (an extension of an existing UNESCO Global Geopark²)
- Trollfjell, Norway (deferred application from the first statutory meeting¹)
- Vis Archipelago, Croatia
- Yimengshan, China

2. In accordance with Section 5.5 of the Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks as approved by the 38th session of the General Conference (38 C/Resolution 23), these nominations decided upon by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council are hereby submitted to the Executive Board for its endorsement. The details of the 11 nominations are contained in the information document 206 EX/7.INF.

Proposed decision

3. In the light of the above, the Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 38 C/Resolution 23,
2. Having examined documents 206 EX/7 and 206 EX/7.INF,
3. Welcomes the important contribution of UNESCO Global Geoparks to the Organization's work with regard to the conservation and protection of the geological heritage;
4. Endorses the nominations of the UNESCO Global Geoparks decided upon by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council at its third statutory meeting, held in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, on 8 and 9 September 2018.

¹ In accordance with Section 5.5 of the Operational Guidelines, the Council may recommend to defer an application for a maximum of two years to allow for improvements to be made to the quality of the application. In case of deferral, there is no need to repeat the field evaluation during this time.

² In accordance with Section 5.6 (xii) of the Operational Guidelines, should an existing UNESCO Global Geopark wish to change its size, but the proposed change amounts to more than 10% of the existing area, a new application must be made. Such applications are exempt from the restriction on the number of "active" applications per Member State at any one time.