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States of America to UNESCO
U.S. Mission to UNESCO
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Ref. : WHC/74/2575/US/PA/MR

Subject : **State of conservation of the World Heritage property of the
Everglades National Park (United States of America) (76)**

Dear Ambassador,

I would like to inform you that the World Heritage Committee, at its 34th session (Brasilia, Brazil, 25 July to 3 August 2010), examined the state of conservation of the World Heritage property of the Everglades National Park (United States of America). Please find attached in Annex I the Decision **34 COM 7B.29** adopted by the Committee.

The full list of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session is available electronically at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/34COM>.

Please note that the Committee requested the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission and to submit a detailed updated report by **1 February 2011** for consideration at its 35th session in 2011. I would appreciate if you could ensure the timely submission of the information requested to the World Heritage Centre. To facilitate this task please find enclosed an indicative format in Annex II for the submission of the state of conservation report.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*.

Please accept, dear Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Francesco Bandarin
Director a.i.
World Heritage Centre

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cc: U.S. National Commission for UNESCO
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Extract of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session (Brasília, 2010)

Decision: 34 COM 7B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-10/34.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.30**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Notes with concern that the property's aquatic ecosystem continues to deteriorate, and commends the State Party's initiative in requesting that the World Heritage Committee consider re-inscribing it on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
4. **Decides to inscribe Everglades National Park (United States of America) on the List of World Heritage in Danger;**
5. Welcomes the State Party's proposal to consider the feasibility of additional bridging on the Tamiami Trail, which if implemented should restore historical water flow volumes and pathways through the property and secure long-term ecosystem functions;
6. Encourages the State Party to finalize the feasibility plan for additional bridging on the Tamiami Trail, as well as the plans for additional upstream corrective measures, and to reinstate the planned Florida Bay Feasibility Study as soon as possible, and requests the State Party to submit copies of these documents to the World Heritage Centre;
7. Considers that the single most effective strategy to preserve the Everglades aquatic ecosystem in the face of climate change and sea level rise is the rapid implementation of the additional proposed restoration projects noted above;
8. Also requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to assess the state of conservation of the property, contribute to establishing a Desired State of Conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and revise the current corrective measures as necessary;
9. Further requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2011**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property, including information on the progress in implementing additional restoration projects and progress in reaching the Desired State of Conservation for removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

**Format for preparing a State Party's Report
on the State of conservation of its World Heritage property
inscribed on the World Heritage List**

Name of World Heritage property (State Party) (Identification number)

1. **Response from the State Party to the World Heritage Committee's Decision, paragraph by paragraph**
[Note: this information has to refer to developments over the past year or since the last decision of the Committee for this property]

2. **Other current conservation issues identified by the State Party**
[Note: conservation issues which are not mentioned in the Decision of the World Heritage Committee or any information request from the World Heritage Centre]

3. **In conformity with paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, please describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) within the protected area and its buffer zone and/or corridors that might be envisaged.**