



The 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk

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We, the Civil Society Organizations who have attended the 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk organized by World Heritage Watch on 22-23 June 2018 in Bahrain, coming from 24 countries in 6 continents, as active and concerned citizens dealing with Natural and Cultural World Heritage properties at different places, would like to bring the following to the attention of the World Heritage Committee:

Resolution

On the World Heritage Site L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre

Taking into consideration the information provided with the NGO “Initiative for St. Andrew’s Passage”, recognizing the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site *L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre* and the threats facing the Site, the following recommendations should be addressed to the World Heritage Centre, the World Heritage Committee and the advisory bodies:

- to take into account the information provided by the civic society of L'viv and the NGO “Initiative for St. Andrew’s Passage” for further study and consideration;
- to include *the State of Conservation of L'viv - the Ensemble of the Historic Center* in the agenda of the 43rd World Heritage Committee’s Session;
- to recommend the State Party to restore as soon as possible the activity of the State Historical and Architectural Reserve and to take other necessary measures for ensuring better management and protection of the property and its buffer zone;
- to urge the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, in conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, details of all major developments (new construction and major reconstruction projects) and conservation works within the property and its buffer zone, with appropriate Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs);
- to recommend the State Party to invite a World Heritage Centre /ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring Mission for the inspection and evaluation of the State of Conservation of the Property as a matter of urgency and consider this an opportunity for the mission to meet with the representatives of the civil society and local communities;
- considering the Decisions 39 COM 7B.85 and 41 COM 7B.53 concerning the other Ukrainian Object - *Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra*, to urge the State Party:

- 1) to prepare an inventory of existing licensed constructions, and particularly approved tall and non-conforming buildings, in the protected area;
- 2) to carry out comprehensive Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) including 3D visual simulations of all potential projects to ensure the impacts on the property and its visual integrity can be considered and avoided;
- 3) to impose a legal ban on all previously delivered and planned permits for construction/reconstruction projects in the protected areas until these HIAs have been reviewed by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
- 4) to reduce the height of non-conforming and dissonant buildings in the territory of the property and its buffer zone which threaten and/or have negative impact on the OUV of the property, by means of demolishing the already constructed stories to the level of neighboring historical buildings.

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