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Information Document: Report on the progress made by HMG of Nepal in implementing the 55 Recommendations of the UNESCO-ICOMOS-HMG of Nepal Joint Mission and the Time-Bound Action Plan of Corrective Measures for Enhanced Management of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal.

Background: At its twenty-second session, the World Heritage Committee examined the findings and results of the Joint UNESCO-ICOMOS-HMG of Nepal Mission, and the 55 recommendations and Time-Bound Action Plan adopted by HMG of Nepal. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the inscription of the Kathmandu Valley site on the List of World Heritage in Danger until its twenty-third session. However, the Committee requested HMG of Nepal to continue implementing the 55 recommendations of the Joint Mission and to respect the deadlines of the Time-Bound Action Plan adopted by HMG of Nepal. Moreover, the Committee requested HMG of Nepal to submit a report on the progress made in implementing the 55 recommendations before 15 April 1999 for examination by the twenty-third session of the Bureau in July 1999.

Purpose of this Information Document: This Information Document is a report on the progress made by HMG of Nepal in implementing the Time-Bound Action Plan of Corrective Measures for Enhanced Management of Kathmandu Valley. The report submitted by HMG of Nepal on the progress made in implementing the 55 recommendations, received by the World Heritage Centre on 13 April 1999, has been integrated in its entirety into this Information Document. This report supplements the state of conservation report presented in Document WHC-99/CONF.204/5.

Time-Bound Action	Adopted Recommendation	Time-Bound Action including date for implementation / completion	Progress report submitted by HMG of Nepal on 13 April 1999 by email to the World Heritage Centre	Comments from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC) as of 31 May 1999.
Action 1.	<p>Rec. 13: A feasibility study for correcting illegal buildings within Bauddhanath Monument Zone (MZ), incorporating the recommendations of ICOMOS will be prepared.</p> <p>Rec. 28: A feasibility study for correcting illegal buildings within Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ, incorporating the recommendations of ICOMOS will be prepared.</p>	Submit to WHC a Progress Report on the feasibility study for correcting illegal buildings in Bauddhanath and Hanuman Dhoka Square MZs for discussion at the World Heritage (WH) Bureau, by 31 May 1998.	The Feasibility Study for correcting illegal buildings in Bauddhanath and Hanuman Dhoka have already been completed and notified to the WH Committee meeting in 1998.	WHC received a progress report on 18 June 1998- not in time for the 22 nd Bureau. The feasibility study submitted to the 22 nd extraordinary Bureau was not examined by the 22 nd Committee due to lack of time. WHC upon studying this information, requested further information on the technical and financial feasibility for correcting the illegal buildings within Bauddhanath MZ, as the information submitted only provides a list of infringement types and estimated costs for corrections.
Action 2.	Rec. 3: The Ancient Monument Preservation Rules for the implementation of the Fifth Amendment to the Ancient Monument Preservation Act will be approved by HMG of Nepal.	Approve the Ancient Monument Preservation Rules, including the establishment of the classification criteria of monuments into international, national, and local importance, by 30 June 1998.	In order to implement the Ancient Monument Preservation Act, the Ancient Monument Preservation Rules has been approved by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Now it is in process of approval by Cabinet.	The Fifth Amendment to the Ancient Monument Preservation Act can only be implemented with the establishment of the Ancient Monument Preservation Rules. Therefore, it is the first and foremost tool for the relevant authorities in implementing the existing by-laws. The original date for this action was 30 June 1998.
Action 3.	Rec. 14: The already approved boundary of the amended MZ of Bauddhanath will be gazetted.	Gazette the amended boundary of Bauddhanath, MZ by 30 June 1998.	The boundary of a reduced area for this MZ has been gazetted in November 1998 and notified to the WH Committee meeting in 1998.	The Committee was informed of this in November 1998 but the WHC has not received a copy of the gazette, which it requested during the Committee session..
Action 4.	Rec. 39: The stone boundary markers currently being manufactured will be put in place at Patan Darbar Square MZ.	Fix stone boundary markers in Patan Darbar Square MZ, by 30 June 1998.	The stone boundary markers have already been fixed in Patan Darbar Square MZ in 1998 and notified to the WH Committee meeting in 1998.	

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Action 5.	Rec. 40: A bronze plaque will be fixed in the MZ indicating its status as part of KVVHS.	Fix a bronze plaque in Patan Darbar Square MZ indicating WH MZ status, by 30 June 1998.	Not mentioned.	HMG of Nepal reported that a bronze plaque indicating WH status was placed in Patan Darbar Square in 1998.
Action 6.	Rec. 49: The wall paintings of Santipur Temple in Swayambhunath MZ will be conserved and the graffiti removed by experts of the Dept. of Archaeology (DoA). On no account will amateur efforts be made to remove the chalk graffiti.	Prepare a project proposal for the restoration and safeguarding of the wall paintings in Santipur Temple, Swayambhunath MZ, by 30 June 1998.	Not mentioned.	WHC received a project proposal in October 1998.
Action 7.	Rec. 6: A Monuments Conservation Fund will be established, in accordance with the provisions of the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Establish a Monuments Conservation Fund for safeguarding KVVHS, by 30 November 1998.	After the approval of the Ancient Monument Preservation Rules, the Monuments Conservation Fund for safeguarding KVVHS will be established.	Date for implementation was 30 November 1998. This Fund was to be established in accordance to the provisions of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act. As the Ancient Monument Preservation Rules have not been approved to date, this Fund has not been established (see Action 2).
Action 8.	Rec. 16: The Master Plan for Bauddhanath will be approved by HMG of Nepal and an English translation will be provided to WHC.	Approve Master Plan for Bauddhanath MZ, by 30 November 1998.	A Conservation Master Plan for Bauddhanath, the WH site, has already been completed in the last year and for its approval, several discussions between local and national authorities are being undertaken.	Bauddhanath MZ, where UNESCO and ICOMOS experts have witnessed alarming violations of building regulations, has been a subject of serious concern of the Committee. In view of the persistent development pressure at Bauddhanath MZ, the Conservation Master Plan for Bauddhanath should be formally approved, adopted and implemented without further delay. An English translation of the Conservation Master Plan (dated 1997) was submitted by HMG of Nepal during the 22nd session of the

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				Committee in December 1998. An ICOMOS expert, who is assisting DoA in documenting 120 historic buildings in Bauddhanath MZ (under the US\$ 20,000 technical co-operation grant approved in 1999), informed WHC that no action has apparently been taken by the relevant authorities to correct the most flagrant violation of building by-laws, since the March 1998 Joint Mission.
Action 9.	Rec. 32: The Pashupatinath MZ will be gazetted as soon as possible to protect it under the provisions of the Fifth Amendment to the Ancient Monument Preservation Act, following which the protective by-laws will be strictly enforced.	Gazette the boundary of Pashupatinath MZ, by 30 November 1998.	The boundary for Pashupatinath MZ has been gazetted in November 1998 and notified to the WH Committee in 1998.	WHC has requested the gazette for Pashupatinath MZ to be submitted to the WHC since November 1998 but has not received this documentation to date.
Action 10.	Rec. 48: In order that the priceless wall paintings in Santipur Temple at Swayambhunath MZ are protected from further damage, access to the temple will be controlled, with visitors being permitted entry to worship and view the wall paintings under supervision only. The burning of votive fires should be restricted to outside the temple.	Limit access to the Santipur Temple, Swayambhunath MZ for the protection of the wall paintings within, by 30 November 1998.	Not mentioned	Reported to have been implemented in October 1998.
Action 11.	Rec. 49: The wall paintings will be conserved and the graffiti removed by experts of the DoA. On no account will amateur efforts be made to remove the chalk graffiti. (Rec. 52: HMGN will make every effort to mobilize human and	Distribute the project proposal for the restoration of the wall paintings in Santipur Temple, Swayambhunath MZ, to potential national or international donors, by 30 November 1998.	Not mentioned.	WHC has been assisting the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture (MYSC) and DoA for seeking financial donors for this project proposal.

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	<p>financial resources for the restoration and conservation of historical monuments and buildings, including those under private ownership. UNESCO will continue to assist HMGN in mobilizing financial and human resources from prospective donors and overseas development aid for the safeguarding of KVVWS.</p> <p>Rec. 53: WHC will continue to assist HMGN in applying for funds to be made available from the World Heritage Fund, especially for technical co-operation in safeguarding KVVWS. However, HMGN will also continue to mobilize international funds for technical expertise to be made available, following international conservation norms.)</p>			
Action 12.	<p>Rec. 29: Stone boundary markers will be fixed delineating the boundaries of the Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ.</p> <p>Rec. 44: Stone boundary markers will be fixed to delineate the boundaries of the Swayambhunath MZ.</p>	Fix stone boundary markers in Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square and Swayambhunath MZs indicating their WH MZ status, by 30 June 1999.	Stone boundary markers for delineating the boundaries of the Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square have been manufactured and will be fixed before May 1999. Stone boundary markers have been manufactured for the Swayambhunath MZ and will be fixed before May 1999.	
Action 13.	Rec. 41: The Conservation Action Plan for Patan Darbar Square MZ, completed in draft, will be approved by HMG of Nepal and put into effect.	Approve and implement the Conservation Action Plan for Patan Darbar Square MZ, by 30 June 1999.	The Patan Conservation Master Plan has been approved by the MYSC.	No information on the progress made in the implementation of the Master Plan has been received.
Action 14.	Rec. 23: An inventory and documentation of all buildings within the Bhaktapur MZ will be	Draw up inventory of the religious and secular monuments of Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ. This activity will	An inventory and documentation of all buildings within the Bhaktapur MZ will be completed before 30 July 1999.	Bhaktapur Municipality has been implementing this activity in consultation with the DoA and

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	completed.	be financed by the World Heritage Fund-Technical Co-operation (US\$ 28,000), approved by the WH Bureau in November 1997, between 30 June 1998 - 30 July 1999.		WHC since June 1998.
Action 15.	Rec. 24: The monuments and buildings in Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ will be classified in accordance with the provisions of the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Classify the monuments in Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ into monuments of international, national and local importance, following the classification criteria, after Actions 2 and 14 are completed.	The monuments and historic buildings in all the MZs whether public, private, religious or secular, will be inventoried and classified in accordance with the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act after the approval of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Rules.	The inventory and documentation of all buildings within Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ is expected to be completed before 30 July 1999. However, in order to classify the inventoried buildings, the Ancient Monument Preservation Rules must be approved (see Action 2).
Action 16.	Rec. 4: The DCU (Development Control Unit) will become a permanent part of the DoA's establishment. (Rec. 51: DCU will be supported with equipment and training.)	Establish DCU as a permanent part of the DoA, by 31 July 1999.	Not mentioned.	HMG of Nepal reported to the 21 st session of the Committee that the DCU would become a permanent unit within the DoA from July 1998 with a four-fold annual budget of the preceding year. In April 1998, the MYSC informed the Joint Mission that the DCU could only be established as a permanent unit from 1999. However, thereafter, DCU's name was changed to the Heritage Conservation Unit (HCU), which was re-established within the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture as a permanent unit in June 1998. In October 1998, 3 staff had been temporarily transferred to HCU from the Ministry of Housing and Physical Planning. At the 22 nd session of the Committee, HMG of Nepal reported that it intended to staff the HCU with 18 persons. As of 24 May 1999, WHC

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				received information from an ICOMOS expert that candidates had been selected but were awaiting official appointment.
Action 17.	Rec. 22: The boundary of the Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ should be indicated by stone boundary markers and its status as part of KVVHS should be indicated by fixing a bronze plaque at the main entrance of the MZ.	Fix stone boundary markers and a bronze plaque in Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ, indicating its WH MZ status, by 30 November 1999.	The stone boundary markers for Bhaktapur Darbar Square MZ have been manufactured by the Bhaktapur Municipality and will be fixed as soon as possible.	It was reported in October 1998 that Bhaktapur Municipality had set aside funds and would implement this with DoA.
Action 18.	Rec. 34: Following gazettement, the boundary of the Pashupatinath MZ will be indicated by stone boundary markers and its status as part of KVVHS will be indicated by fixing a bronze plaque on site.	Fix stone boundary markers and a bronze plaque in Pashupatinath MZ, indicating its WH MZ status, by 30 November 1999.	[A] Plaque has been fixed in Pashupatinath MZ.	
Action 19.	Rec. 36: The Pashupatinath Development Trust, with the advice of the DoA, will carry out a condition survey and prepare a repair programme for all the monuments in the MZ, which will be incorporated into the elaborated Master Plan.	Complete a condition survey and repair programme for the monuments in Pashuptinath MZ, by 30 November 1999.	Not mentioned.	
Action 20.	Rec. 42: The monuments and buildings in the Patan Darbar Square MZ will be classified in accordance with the provisions of the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Classify the religious and secular monuments in Patan Darbar Square MZ into monuments of international, national and local importance, by 30 November 1999, following the classification criteria to be in place (see Action 2).	Same response as for Action 15.	
Action 21.	Rec. 25: The boundary of Changu Narayan MZ will be indicated by stone boundary markers.	Fix stone boundary markers in Changu Narayan MZ indicating its WH MZ status, by 30 November 2000.	Not mentioned.	
Action	Rec. 15: Following gazettement, the	Fix stone boundary markers in	Not mentioned.	

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22.	revised boundary of the Bauddhanath MZ will be indicated by stone boundary markers.	Bauddhanath MZ, indicating its WH MZ status, by 30 December 2000.		
Action 23.	Rec. 17: The monuments and historical buildings in the Bauddhanath MZ, whether public, private, religious or secular, will be inventoried and classified in accordance with the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Classify the religious and secular monuments of Bauddhanath MZ into monuments of international, national and local importance, by 30 December 2000, following the classification criteria to be in place (see Action 2).	Same response as for Action 15.	
Action 24.	Rec. 26: The monuments and historical buildings in the MZ, whether public, private, religious, or secular, will be put on an inventory and classified in accordance with the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Draw up inventory and classify the religious and secular monuments of Changu Narayan MZ, into monuments of international, national and local importance, by 30 December 2001, following the classification criteria to be in place (see Action 2).	Same response as for Action 15.	
Action 25.	Rec. 31: A Master Plan for the Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ will be prepared. (Rec. 55: UNESCO will provide financial support for the preparation of a Master Plan for Hanuman Dhoka Durbar Square MZ.)	Prepare a Master Plan for Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ, by 30 December 2001.	The Master Plan for Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ will be prepared with the financial support of UNESCO. A request has been sent to UNESCO by DoA for its financial support.	WHC has not received any request for international assistance for preparing a Master Plan for Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ, to date.
Action 26.	Rec. 35: The inventory of religious monuments already completed will be extended to cover secular historical buildings. All monuments and historic buildings, whether religious or secular, will be classified in accordance with the provisions of the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Draw up inventory and classify the religious and secular monuments of Pashupatinath MZ, into monuments of international, national and local importance, by 30 December 2002, following the classification criteria to be in place (see Action 2).	Same response as for Action 15.	
Action 27.	Rec. 45: The monuments and historical buildings in the Swayambhunath MZ, whether public, private, religious or secular,	Draw up inventory and classify the religious and secular monuments of Swayambhunath MZ, into monuments of international, national and local	Same response as for Action 15.	

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	will be put on an inventory and classified in accordance with the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	importance, by 30 December 2003, following the classification criteria to be in place by June 1998.		
Action 28.	Rec. 30: The monuments and buildings in the Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ, whether public, private, religious or secular, will be put on an inventory and classified in accordance with the Ancient Monument Preservation Act.	Draw up inventory and classify the religious and secular monuments of Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ, into monuments of international, national and local importance, by 30 December 2004, following the classification criteria to be in place (see Action2).	Not mentioned.	
Action 29.	Rec. 1: The protective by-laws controlling the demolition of historical buildings and the design of new structures in KVVHS will be strictly enforced.	Strictly implement the protective by-laws controlling the demolition of historical buildings and the design of new structures; on-going.	<p>The Fifth Amendment to the Ancient Monument Preservation Act specifies that no building in the WH site can be demolished without the permission of the DoA. Since this provision came into force, permission to rebuild has only been granted in case of those houses which are extremely in poor condition and which are incapable of being repaired.</p> <p>The DoA's responsibilities for monitoring and design control with the WH site are being supplemented by initiatives by the Municipalities. Recently one meeting was held in the DoA, with the concerned members of Kathmandu Metropolitan City and it was agreed that the joint team of the DoA and Kathmandu Metropolitan City will monitor the MZs for its design control.</p> <p>The protective by-laws controlling the design of reconstruction and new structures in Bhaktapur and Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ are being strictly enforced. For example, the house of Ram Prasad Prajaptai in Bhaktapur and Joshi Agmchhen in Hanuman Dhoka Darbar Square MZ are being restored in accordance with the approved design and HCU staff are strictly monitoring them.</p> <p>The HCU has continued to assist the public for design preparation, correction of designs within the WH site,</p>	As reported to the WH Committee, illegal demolition of historical buildings within the seven MZs was witnessed during the Joint Mission in March 1998. In the Joint Mission report, ICOMOS highlighted cases of flagrant violations of illegal demolition followed by illegal new construction. An ICOMOS expert who participated in the Joint Mission, informed WHC in May 1999 that the illegal new constructions remain without any penalties to the owners since March 1998.

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			<p>as well as monitoring, preparation of project proposals and suggesting to repair or built as per the approved design.</p> <p>The Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur Municipalities have already set up a Heritage Unit within the municipalities. Patan Municipality has already appointed experienced technical manpower for the its Heritage Unit such as an architect who had already worked for DCU, engineer and planner. DoA has appointed the chief of Patan Darbar Square Maintenance Office to support to the Heritage Unit of Patan Sub Metropolitan.</p> <p>Kathmandu Metropolitan City has already decided to approve the houses in two stages – first approval will be up to plinth level and second above the plinth, this process of approval will help for the design control and is already implemented.</p> <p>A meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the MYSC, representatives of all the concerned agencies such as municipalities, Chief District Officers, Guthi Trust were present in the meeting. In this meeting detail discussion took on the Fifty Five Time Bound Action Plan and distributed these recommendations to the concerned line agencies to fulfil their responsibilities from their side within the given date.</p>	
Action 30.	Rec. 2: The by-laws protecting the integrity of KVVHS will be made more effective, by resolving overlaps in jurisdiction and making one agency responsible for controlling the overall situation of the MZs, involving the DoA, the Guthi Sansthan, the concerned Municipalities, the Kathmandu Valley Town Development Committee, concerned Development Committees and Chief District	Resolve overlaps in jurisdiction in the implementation of the legislation and by-laws protecting the integrity of KVVHS; on-going.	DoA is going to organize a seminar on the by-laws protecting the integrity of KVVHS. [Implementation of by-laws] will be made more effective by resolving overlaps in jurisdiction and making one agency responsible for controlling the overlap situation of the MZs.	

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Action 31.	Rec. 5: The administrative arrangements for monitoring the MZs will be through one unit, involving members of all agencies concerned.	Implement effective measures for monitoring KVVHS, involving members of all agencies concerned; on-going.	Same response as for Action 29.	
Action 32.	Rec. 7: Awareness of WH values in the MZs will be promoted amongst the inhabitants, other Nepali citizens and visitors.	Implement awareness programmes of WH values; on-going.	<p>Kathmandu Metropolitan City has already developed a programme for creating public awareness on the importance of WH. Regular notices are announced from Radio, FM programme on awareness of WH values.</p> <p>A lecture given by the Director-General of the DoA to Yela Rotary Club on WH sites and its Values and present situation of MZ and requested the Rotary member for their support to save on time. Through this club, this message was conveyed to all the 20 Rotary Clubs of Nepal.</p> <p>All the information messages related to WH Values and incentives given by HMG have been distributed through the concerned ward chairman to make known to each private house owner.</p> <p>Several meetings were organized by DoA with related agencies such as concerned municipalities, Chief District Officers, Pashupati Development Trust, Bauddha Development Committee, Swayambhu Development Federation, Guthi Samsthan and other related agencies on the 55 recommendations of the Joint Mission and present situation of Heritage Site and their responsibilities to save them on time.</p> <p>DoA has given a message through Nepal Television, Radio and Newspaper to the public about the importance of WH sites, and responsibilities of all to save them in time.</p> <p>For creating awareness amongst the people on the value and preservation of WH site and for its wide publicity, Asia Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) with the joint collaboration of Nepal National</p>	

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			<p>Commission for UNESCO and the DoA has generously prepared a set of publication materials in Nepalese language. These publications include video film, booklets, and posters.</p> <p>On April 13 1999, the hand-over ceremony of the publication materials from the DG of ACCU to the Minister of Education [took place] at Iba Bahi, one of the historically important monuments within the WH site of Patan. These documents became more important in creating more awareness in our populace about the value and importance of the cultural heritage of the Kathmandu Valley in [a] more effective way.</p> <p>The demonstration programme will make easier to understand and handling the materials in proper way.</p>	
Action 33.	Rec. 8: HMG of Nepal will develop criteria for providing <i>sal</i> wood at a subsidized rate for the conservation of public and private buildings of historical importance at KVVHS.	Develop criteria for providing <i>sal</i> wood at a subsidized rate for the conservation of public and private buildings of historical importance within the WH MZs; on-going.	<p>On 6 July 1998, the Cabinet approved the following Rules, which will be applicable for private house owners who have built, restored or repaired their houses within the MZs following guidelines applied to the WHMZ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Royalty and other tax exemption as timber necessary for traditional construction will be applicable, this facility is already applied to the Joshi Agamchhen restoration activity. ii) Financial grants not exceeding 10% of the total approved estimated amount for preparing and fixing carved wooden windows, doors and traditional materials will be applicable (It was notified to the WH Committee in 1998) 	
Action 34.	Rec. 9: When repaving schemes are undertaken, care will be taken not to raise the height of the new paving above the floor levels in adjacent historical buildings. When undertaking repaving schemes, the opportunity will be taken to place	Control the height of new pavements and place cabling underground; on-going.	It was agreed with the Road Department and concerned municipalities that when repairing schemes are undertaken, attention will now onwards be given for not raising the street height from the traditional street level.	

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	cabling underground, taking into consideration possible damage to archaeological remains.			
Action 35.	Rec. 10: The use of traditional materials in KVVHS will be consistently encouraged and the prohibition on the use of polished marble and glazed ceramic tiles on external facades will be imposed.	Promote the use of traditional materials and prohibit the use of polished marble and glazed ceramic tiles on facades of historical monuments and buildings within the WH MZs; on-going.	HMG of Nepal has already formed a Special Committee to fix special rates to the traditional materials as well as wages to the skilled craftsman. It has been reviewed every fiscal year, the schedule of rates applicable to the use of traditional materials and repair works. A similar approach has been applied in case of the traditional private houses in the MZs. The DoA has continued its policy that monuments should be repaired <i>in-situ</i> , with an emphasis on the use of traditional materials. Use of glazed tiles and polished marbles are strictly restricted.	
Action 36.	Rec. 11: A programme will be developed for removing obtrusive shop signs and advertisements from the MZs.	Prepare a programme for removing obtrusive shop signs and advertisements from KVVHS; on-going.	The shop displays on facades of historic buildings will be restricted with the help of local club, and this action will be implemented as soon as possible. The KMC has recently published a notice in the newspaper for removing the obtrusive shop signs and advertisements from the MZs. DoA has prepared a specimen of signboard to apply it in the MZs.	
Action 37.	Rec. 12: At KVVHS, shop displays will be restricted to areas inside the shops rather than on facades of historical buildings.	Restrict displays of goods for sale to the interior of shops rather than on the facades of historical buildings within KVVHS; on-going.	Same response as for Action 36.	
Action 38.	Rec. 18: Intrusive advertising signs facing the stupa at Bauddhanath MZ will be removed	Remove intrusive advertising signs facing the stupa at Bauddhanath MZ; on-going.	Same response as for Action 36.	
Action 39.	Rec. 19: A visitor/tourist information centre will be established within the Bauddhanath MZ.	Establish a visitor/tourist information centre at Bauddhanath MZ; on-going.	To establish a Tourist Information Centre, the Bauddha Development Committee is preparing a tourist information booklet on Bauddhanath MZ for distributing them to the tourists.	
Action 40.	Rec. 20: HMGN will encourage the cultural distinction of Bhaktapur city in consonance with the national perspective.	Encourage the cultural distinction of Bhaktapur city; on-going	Not mentioned.	

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Action 41.	Rec. 21: The Conservation Master Plan for Bhaktapur should be elaborated in accordance with the DoA's norms.	Elaborate the conservation master plan for Bhaktapur MZ in accordance with the DoA's norms; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 42.	Rec. 27: The design norms with sloped roof for the front facade of houses to be altered or reconstructed will be enforced.	Enforce the design for sloped roofs to the front facades of buildings being altered or reconstructed, in Changu Narayan MZ; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 43.	Rec. 33: An effective control unit will be created in the Pashupatinath MZ.	Establish an effective control unit in Pashupatinath MZ; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 44.	Rec. 37: Proposals to demolish intrusive modern buildings in the Pashupatinath MZ will be welcomed. However, there will be a presumption that all historical buildings should be retained, repaired and put to a viable use and that the demolition of historical architectural fabric should be avoided, with its preservation being elaborated in the Master Plan.	Propose retention and viable re-use of historical buildings in Pashupatinath MZ, with inclusion of proposals for implementation in the elaborated Master Plan; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 45.	Rec. 38: Proposals for the enhanced management of the landscape at Gauri Ghat will be incorporated into the elaborated Master Plan for Pashupatinath MZ, with firm proposals to screen unsightly development from the principal monument groups.	Prepare proposals for enhanced management of the landscape at Gauri Ghat within Pashupatinath MZ; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 46.	Rec. 43: The concerned authorities will be mobilized to provide 24-hour security to protect the Swayambhunath MZ site from theft, unauthorized activities for beautification, and to control the defacement of monuments by	Establish 24-hour security at Swayambhunath MZ; on-going.	Not mentioned.	During the Joint Mission in March 1998, illegal theft of stone sculptures of Buddhist deities, embedded into the stupas, were noticed. In view of the need to urgently halt such vandalism, the Federation of Swayambhu

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	graffiti.			Management and Conservation improved security by increasing security officers (report from DoA in October 1998).
Action 47.	Rec. 46: The scale and style of new development within the MZ will be strictly controlled in accordance with the existing by-laws, in order to protect the setting of Swayambhunath hill.	Strictly control the scale and style of new development in Swayambhunath MZ, in accordance with the by-laws; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 48.	Rec. 47: Schemes for the presentation of the Swayambhunath MZ for visitors will be agreed in advance by the DoA and KMC, to make sure that they are compatible with the historical and natural beauty of the site.	Monitor schemes for visitor presentation and facilities at Swayambhunath MZ; on-going.	Not mentioned.	
Action 49.	Rec. 50: Within the context of the Master Plan, a programme will be developed for the conservation of historical domestic buildings on top of the main hill at Swayambhunath MZ, with threatened houses being given priority.	Prepare a programme for the conservation of historical domestic buildings on top of Swayambhunath hill, Swayambhunath MZ; on-going.	Not mentioned.	