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I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1.1 Name of the Property:

Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa

1.2 State Party:

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II. REPLY OF THE STATE PARTY TO THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE AT ITS 37TH SESSION:

The 2013 Annual Report on the Conservation of the Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa revisits *Decision 37 COM 7B.101* adopted at the 37th Session of the World Heritage Committee -- UNESCO, held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, whereby Peru was requested to submit on 1 February, 2014, a detailed report on the status of conservation of the property and the implementation of the recommendations resulting from said Decision.

4. ***Reiterates its request to the State Party to finalize the following documents for submission to the World Heritage Centre by 30 November 2013, for evaluation:***

a) Risk preparedness plan for the property

As mentioned in Annual Report 2012, the Comprehensive Risk Preparedness Plan is a guideline document for proper management of the Historical Centre.

The Plan has been completely formulated to date and has been submitted to the Governing Board to be reviewed and approved by the Board Committee to issue the respective Ordinance. It will then receive the approval and visa from the Ministry of Culture and will come into full force and effect.

Five interactive workshops were held for the Validation of the Risk Management Plan of the Historical Centre (Governing Board members and employees, Technical and Academic Institutions, Institutions within the Historical Centre, and Neighborhood Groups):

- 28 March, 2013- Preliminary presentation of the Plan to the Superintendency
- 3 October, 2013 - Workshop Validation - Governing Board
- 9 October, 2013 - Workshop Validation - Technical
- 11 October, 2013 - Workshop Validation - Institutional
- 29 October, 2013 - Workshop Validation - Final

b) Delineation of the buffer zone and approval of adequate regulatory measures.

During 2012, Municipal Ordinance 764-2012, was issued which delineated the Historical Centre and the Buffer Zone, including the presently accepted Historical Centre and Monumental Zone, while omitting all other definitions which caused confusion and hindered proper management and protection of the cultural heritage in the central area of the city.

This Ordinance included only two areas:

- ***Historical Centre:*** covering all that was previously known as the Historical Centre and the Monument Zone, as well as areas newly included in the monument zones or of Historical value in the neighborhoods of San Antonio, Antiquilla and Yanahuara.

- **Buffer Zone:** covering the area previously known as the Buffer Zone as well as newly incorporated areas as deemed necessary such as the neighborhoods of IV Centenario, Miraflores and Cayma.

This document is presently undergoing the approval process by the Ministry of Culture through the Decentralized Bureau of Culture - Arequipa.

c) Master Plan for the property in three printed copies, in addition to an electronic, for review by the Advisory Bodies.

Update of the Metropolitan Development Plan (PDM) and the Master Plan of the Historical Centre of Arequipa

The Master Plan of the Historical Centre of Arequipa is a proposed organizational strategy for its physical territory, corresponding to a mutual agreement by all social actors involved (neighbors, the Municipality, institutions) that view development on a long-term basis using general guidelines.

This Plan includes a physical-spatial proposal, expressed in a basic structure (objective image) and a legal proposal of standards to assure its implementation.

This update of the Master Plan became necessary due to the expansion of the Historical Centre and Buffer Zone delineation as well those changes on social, economic and urban levels as experienced by the city in the past ten years.

For this reason the city has also initiated a process to formulate a new Metropolitan Development Plan (PDM) in 2012 (previously called the Metropolitan Guidelines Plan). However, there are still some incompatibilities with the Master Plan that are being worked out.

At present, the Metropolitan Development Plan (PDM) is being seriously questioned by various hierarchical levels– academic, social, professional and thus is undergoing full review and evaluation by the Peruvian Association of Architects (CAP) with an interdisciplinary team.

In view of the fact that both plans should be mutually coherent regarding the management and urban and cultural development of the Historical Centre of Arequipa, the competent entity has been making necessary changes.

However, advances are being made in formulating the Master Plan for the Historical Centre, and these advances have been submitted for evaluation and social validation, whereby four interactive workshops with various interest groups are being held:

- **First Workshop** - Political Groups: Board members from Metropolitan and District Municipalities

- **Second Workshop** - Technical Groups: Professional associations, universities, municipal employees
- **Third Workshop** - Users from the Historical Centre: business syndicates, tourism operators, shop owners
- **Fourth Workshop** - Residents of the Historical Centre, neighborhood groups

The Final Workshop for Evaluation and Validation remains pending, for all entities, institutions and associations together, and in which all input and suggestions from the previous workshops will be included, in it will be presented the final version of the Master Plan for the Historical Centre.

The proposal for updating the Master Plan will have the following content:

- Situation Appraisal 2012
- New Delineation of the Historical Centre and Buffer Zone (Final Version)
- Theoretic Conceptual Proposal
- Proposal for New Treatment Areas (Final Version)
- Proposal for New General Zoning (Final Version)
- Urban Parameters for Treatment Areas (Final Version)
- Proposal for a New Usage Index (Final Version)
- Programs and Projects

The updated Master Plan of the Historical Centre is scheduled for presentation at the Ministry of Culture for its opinion and approval and to the Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Provincial Municipality of Arequipa during 2014.

d) Proposal for a minor boundary modification, according to the procedure established by the Operational Guidelines.

At present, Municipal Ordinance 764, issued in 2012, which approves a new delineation of the Historical Centre of Arequipa and the Buffer Zone, is undergoing revision for its approval by the Ministry of Culture. Once approved, the corresponding document will be prepared and presented to the World Heritage Centre -- according to paragraphs 163 to 165 of the Practical Guidelines of the Convention -- for its pertinent evaluation and approval by the Committee (see Paragraph 4.b of this Annual Report).

5. Urges the State Party to finalize the management plan for the property as it has been requested by the World Heritage Committee since 2009 and submit three copies to the World Heritage Centre, for review by the Advisory Bodies by 1 February 2014;

See Paragraph 4.c of this Annual Report.

6. ***Also reiterates its request to the State Party to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment, including Heritage Impact Assessment for the Via Troncal Interconectora project as a whole, including the assessment and potential impacts on the landscape areas of Lari Lari, Los Tucos, Cayma and Yanahuara, and the identification of mitigation measures, and submit the assessment study to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies, prior to the approval and implementation of the project;***

On 7 May, 2013, there was a work meeting with officials from the Ministry of Culture and the Regional Government of Arequipa.

The Minutes were signed upon adjournment of the meeting, whereby all Parties accepted the following obligations:

1. The Regional Government of Arequipa will present to the Ministry of Culture a document requesting the Certificate of Non-Existence of Archaeological Remains (CIRA) within one (1) day, in accordance with the Consolidated Text of Administrative Procedures (TUPA) for Component IV –Chilina Bridge.
2. The Regional Government of Arequipa will engage an archaeologist to present and execute the Archaeological Monitoring Plan
3. For Component VI of the Project¹, the Regional Government of Arequipa promises to adapt the Project to the orders that the Ministry of Culture will issue for the project for purposes of preserving and adopting mitigation and non-alteration measures in the archaeological areas of Lari Lari, Los Tucos and Tocrahuasi, declared Cultural Heritage of the Nation through Resolution of the Director's Office 1378/INC issued on 17 December, 2004 and Resolution of the Director's Office 931/INC issued on 9 June, 2006, as well as the delineation plans under the provisions of Resolution of the Director's Office 279/INC issued on 26 February, 2007. Likewise, it promises to preserve and adopt mitigation and non-alteration measures for the monument areas of Yanahuara and Cayma.
4. Official Letter 343-2013-DRC-ARE/MC issued by the Regional Government of Arequipa on 6 May, 2013 is a preventive communication to the effect of overcoming the two omissions mentioned above.
5. The Regional Government will not carry out any other components of the Project until it has received the Certificate of Non-Existence of Archaeological Remains I – (CIRA) and the corresponding Environmental Impact Study has been prepared.

¹ COMPONENT VI: part of the landscape treatment of the Vía Troncal Interconectada is proposed for the Districts of Miraflores, Alto Selva Alegre, Yanahuara, Cayma y Cerro Colorado, located below Chilina Bridge. The proposal includes parks, roads and pedestrian bridges.

III. OTHER CONSERVATION ACTIONS

COMPLEMENTARY RULES

i. Municipal Ordinance 823-2013, on Announcements and Advertising of the Historical Centre and Buffer Area of the Province of Arequipa

This Ordinance regulates and standardizes technical and administrative issues for design and installation of announcement and exterior advertising of the Declared Monuments, Urban-Area Monuments (AUM), Monument Areas (ZM) and Treatment Areas (AT).

ii. Municipal Ordinance 822-2013, Suspends Granting Operational Licenses in the Historical Centre and Buffer Zone in the Province of Arequipa

13 years have passed since this provision was formulated for proper management of the Historical Centre of Arequipa, an updating is now required in view of the changes that have taken place in the economic, social and urban context, but with respect and safeguard of the cultural heritage.

Evaluation of the current situation of the Historical Centre has revealed and shown that one of the most important aspects to be considered is the inadequate management of land usage. This generates a gradual transformation of the spatial, construction and formal characteristics of the local civil architecture (Mansions).

This Municipal Ordinance has been issued to update the land use under the protection of the Historic Center.

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

The following provisions have been prepared for the purpose of improving the protection and management of the Historical Centre of Arequipa:

i. Draft Regulations for Operating Licenses by the Provincial Municipality of Arequipa

This Regulation intends to establish the legal regulatory framework covering technical and administrative issues for operating public establishments seeking the development of economic, commercial, artisan, industrial and professional activities, as well as general services, whether for profit or non-profit, in their various categories and scopes within the District of Arequipa.

The objectives are: (i) To promote the legal incorporation of companies in their various organizational forms, (ii) To foster sustained local economic development, encouraging private investment and new business undertakings, (iii) To make administrative procedures for obtaining operational licenses more flexible, less

complicated, with greater transparency and speed (iv) To promote a culture for preventing disasters, through strict fulfillment of safety standards of Civil Defense, in order to protect the physical integrity of individuals and the property, (v) To establish a legal framework to identify offenses and administrative sanctions for those failing to abide by this Regulation, and (vi) To protect the architectural heritage, seeking compatibility of use with historic structures.

ii. Project Ordinance for Exterior Furnishing of Food and Beverage Commercial Establishments within the Historical Centre and Buffer Zone of the Province of Arequipa

Free spaces intended to render service within the city have actually become just ordered. Therefore, it is important that these free areas recover their prior characteristics, returning to their original status where the people and residents of the Historical Centre of Arequipa may achieve their own leading role in close relation with their fellow human beings.

This proposed Ordinance intends to implement urban furnishings for reinforcing and promoting tourist activity in the Historical Centre and Buffer Zone, offering greater comfort and access to services for the local and international tourist, while emphasizing the value and conservation of such services as a decisive factor in defining the city.

Thus, the Municipal Ordinance **for Exterior Furnishings of Food and Beverage Commercial Establishments** in the Historical Centre and Buffer Zone of the Province of Arequipa, regulates and standardizes technical and administrative aspects of the design and installation of exterior furnishings in the Historical Centre and Treatment Area (AT).

iii. Proposal for the Municipal Ordinance to Regulate the Installation of Infrastructure Required for Public Telecommunication Services in the District of Arequipa

This Municipal Ordinance intends to regulate procedures for installing infrastructure relating to providing public telecommunication services in the jurisdiction of the District of Arequipa, in application of Law 29022, Act for Telecommunications Expansion and Telecommunications and its Regulations, Executive Order 039-2007-MTC.

This Ordinance shall have a special procedure for installation of said infrastructure in the real estate properties located within the Historical Centre and Buffer Area of the District of Arequipa. The urban conditions will be regulated to comply with the localization, installation and form of operation of such elements, equipment and telecommunication infrastructure.