In attention to the decision 37 COM 7B.93, adopted by the World Heritage Committee in the 37th section (Phnom Penh, 2013) concerning the conservation of Brasilia’s Urban Ensemble, the Member-State informs:

a) Progress of the Preservation Plan of Brasilia’s Urban Area (PPCUB):

The PPCUB is an important instrument of Brasilia Urban Area management, which the development responsibility is constitutionally of the Government of Federal District, unit of the Federation responsible for the implementation of the urban policy in Federal District. In order for the PPCUB to be approved, as established by the Federal law nº 10.257 of July 10th, 2001 - Statute of the City, it requires commitment of a set of steps aiming to ensure its legitimacy, involving the Executive, Legislative branches and the civil society. Thereby the development process of a plan of such nature often requires a long political-institutional path.

In these terms, the implementation of the PPCUB obeys the following procedures:

a. The Government of Federal District, (GDF) prepares the bill through a participatory process involving institutions and society, where discussions take place by means of public hearings;

b. After the elaboration of the Bill, it is submitted to the appraisal of the Board of Territorial and Urban Planning of the Federal District (CONPLAN), a superior collegiate body of the Federal District System of Territorial and Urban Planning (SISPLAN), which among other functions, has the competence to deliberate, within GDF’s context, about the guidelines and management instruments of the territorial and urban policy;

c. After CONPLAN’s approval the Bill is sent by GDF to the Legislative Chamber of the Federal District – CLDF, for approval;

d. If approved by CLDF and thereon considered a Law, it returns to the Executive branch for the Governor’s sanction and public disclosure.

On February 11th, 2014, IPHAN along with GDF forwarded the report of the Preservation Plan of Brasilia’s Urban Area (PPCUB) to UNESCO. This report
summarized the main steps of the development process of PPCUB until that date, highlighting four points:

i. The 2nd version of the PPCUB Complementary Law Bill (PLC 78/2013) that was forwarded by GDF to the Legislative Chamber of Federal District (CLDF) with few changes in relation to the 1st version - August of 2013;

ii. The posterior decision of GDF to withdraw the Bill from CLDF due to criticism received from IPHAN, other institutions and the local society, related to the 2nd version of the Bill. As a result a new review took place.

iii. The creation of a Technical Working Group (GTT) formed by IPHAN representatives, GDF’s Department of Housing, Settlement and Development (SEDHAB), CLDF, Institute of Architects of Brazil/Section DF (IAB/DF), Federal District Historical and Geographic Institute (IHG-DF), University of Brasilia –(UnB) - January of 2014;

iv. The noteworthy improvement of PPCUB Draft Bill’s 2nd version with advancements proposed by the working group on technical definitions and parameters of use and occupation of the soil.

On 27/02/2014, that is, 15 days after the last report sent to UNESCO, the GTT concluded the new version and presented it to be discussed by a larger group, including representatives of GDF, the University of Brasilia (UnB), of UNESCO’s Brasilia Office, of the Brazilian section of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS/Brazil), and representatives of the civil society, including representatives of the groups “Urbanistas para Brasília”, “Rodas da Paz”, “Movimento em Defesa do Cruzeiro”, as well as the Community Council of Asa Sul and Asa Norte. In this meeting, the GTT’s proposition was accepted by the those representatives, being decided that this would be the new partial version of PPCUB, as the review of the Urban Index Tables (PURPs) present in previous versions was still pending.

However, the political timeframe considered viable, by the District’s Secretary of SEDHAB, for the beginning of the new Bill Draft processing, in order to be approved in that legislature (as 2014 was year of general elections in Brazil), should be immediate. Even without the conclusion of the PURPs review, the Secretary decided to submit the proposition to CONPLAN (Board of Territorial and Urban Planning of the Federal District), action that was once again criticized by representatives of the technical and academic authorities, due to the tables being regarded as vital to the understanding and accuracy of the Draft Law.

Therefore, the new Draft forwarded to CONPLAN was not approved by that Board. Furthermore, the activities of CONPLAN were interrupted by up to five months due to the action filed by the Public Prosecutor’s Office of Federal District and Territories (MPDFT), requesting the change of the GTT, considering that the participation of society was not properly addressed.

The beginning of the election period followed, which started to fulfill the political agenda of the Executive and Legislative branches, delaying the address of several by the Legislative branch.
With the election of the opposition party at the end of October of 2014, the administration that ended decided not to submit the new version of the PPCUB to CONPLAN or CLDF, leaving it to the new administration of Brasilia, confirmed in January of 2015.

Therefore, the Government of Federal District shall reintroduce the Project for discussion and resume its proceeding to the Legislative branch.

b) Other relevant information about the Brasilia's State of Conservation:

Contacts were established between IPHAN and the new GDF’s Department of Housing and Territory Management (SEGETH), which substitutes SEDHAB, in order to manage Brasilia’s Urban Ensemble. The first meeting was carried out on 8/1/2015, where it was decided:

i. To take back the discussion of PPCUB from the previously agreed points of the last version, with regard to its conclusion and forwarding to CONPLAN and CLDF.

ii. To establish a common agenda to the daily and shared management of the issues related to the space under IPHAN and GDF protection.

iii. To sign a Term of Technical Support between IPHAN and GDF, with the prognosis of the signature until the first half of February, so that the process of shared management of CUB is formally and legally supported.

iv. To continue and improve the work of complementing and detailing of IPHAN’s Ordinance N. 314, with deadline for completion by the end of June.

Thus, with this referrals, it is believed that by the points explained in the said Decision, still pending, will be met in due time.

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