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The Annual Report 2014 on the conservation of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu refers to Decision 37 COM 7B.35 adopted at the 37th Session 2013 of the World Heritage Committee – UNESCO, held in the city of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in which Peru is requested to send a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the recommendations from said Decision.

1. *Harmonize legislative frameworks and enforce regulatory measures and related sanctions for violations (Paragraph 7)*

As indicated in the *Report on the Progress* sent in 2014 to the World Heritage Centre, current legislation in the field of cultural and natural heritage establish the exclusive responsibilities, duties, and powers of the two supervisory bodies: the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of the Environment, through their technical bodies in charge of the co-management of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (SHM).

In the other hand, the Management Division of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (UGM) was founded in 1999 to conduct the strategies contained in the Master Plan. The Executive Order 003-2011-MC provides that the Steering Committee of the UGM is responsible for approving and directing the application of the strategies for the integral management of the Sanctuary; hence, each competent authority, according to their powers, are responsible for approving the planning documents for the integral management of the Sanctuary.

In the process for legal harmonization and application of sanctions of violations committed, the Decentralized Division of Culture of Cusco of the Ministry of Culture has drafted the Regulations on Sustainable Use and Tourist Visitation for the Conservation of the Llaqta of Machu Picchu. In the event of infringement of natural heritage, pursuant to Executive Order 1013-2008 and Law 26834, the Regulations on the Punitive Administration Proceedings (PAS) for Appropriation of Protected Natural Areas under National Administration approved by Executive Order 019-2010-MINAM are applied.

2. *The Western Access to the property (Paragraph 7)*

The updating of the Master Plan of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu considers the strategic objective of ordering and regulating the Western Access (Km 122) to the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, which includes the following activities: i. Draft the Site Plan for the Intiwatana sector and carry out actions for its implementation; ii. Prepare the Carrying Capacity (supportability) and Limit of Acceptable Change Study of the West Access route; iii. Draft the Regulations on Tourist Use of the West Access and carry out actions for their implementation.

A preliminary version of the Site Plan for the Intiwatana sector (West Access of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu) is currently available.

As one of the first actions for the zoning and regulation of the Western Access (Km 122), possession has been taken of a terrain measuring 300 m², assigned by the electricity generation company EGEMSA at Kilometre 122. A security module has been installed on the terrain, which also helps promote control operations and the registration of visitors in

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1 *Llaqta* is the name given to the Citadel of Machu Picchu in Quechua language.
the Intiwatana sector by both institutions. An informational billboard has also been installed at the entry to the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu – Aobamba Sector.

3. **Update of the Master Plan of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (SHM) (Paragraph 7)**

The update of the Master Plan of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu was concluded in December 2014. As of this date, the document is currently awaiting official approval by the senior levels of the Ministry of Culture and the SERNANP, through the corresponding resolutions.

**Defense of Ownership of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu and the National Archaeological Park of Machu Picchu**

The lawsuit brought by the Zavaleta family with regard to the properties of Q'ente and Santa Rita de Q'ente was recently won by the Peruvian State in the first and second instances of Case No. 2228-2005.

At the same time, with regard to the owners of lands inside the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, the updated Master Plan 2015-2019 establishes the line of action, with regard to environmental aspects, for the installation of a technical team and working tables for the purpose of analyzing each case and assuming the relevant measures in order to reaffirm the public nature of the area.

4. **The Public Use Plan and the definition of carrying capacity for the Historic Sanctuary and Machu Picchu village (Paragraph 7)**

The responsible entities—acting through the Decentralized Directorate of Culture—Cusco/MC and SERNANP—have completed 50% of said plan in 2014.

About the carrying capacity of the property, a consultancy services have been called for in the Carrying Capacity and/or Acceptable Change Limit Study for the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, in accordance with the Terms of Reference. According to the proposed timeline, the Carrying Capacity/Acceptable Change Limit Study shall be carried out in three stages, over a period of three months.

5. **The Risk Reduction and Disaster Recovery Plans (Paragraph 7)**

The document entitled Disaster Risk Prevention and Reduction Plan for Machu Picchu was drafted by the Multi-Sector Technical Committee in 2014. The final document was submitted on January 7, 2015 to the CENEPRED by the District Municipality of Machu Picchu for the corresponding technical opinion and subsequent approval of the District Municipality.

6. **The Urban Plan for Machu Picchu Village (Paragraph 7)**

The Municipality has currently finished drafting the Urban Zoning Scheme\(^2\) of the district of Machu Picchu Village, and the approval thereof is pending by the Municipal Council and the mayor, who have been re-elected for the 2015-2018 period.

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\(^2\) Urban Zoning Scheme is the category corresponding to a district with a low population density and small surface area, for which reason it is not referred to as an Urban Zoning Plan.