

1. Executive Summary:

Referring to the decisions of the WHC on Historic Cairo, Session 37 in Phnom Penh in Cambodia in 2013 and Session 39 in Bonn in Germany in 2015, which discussed recommendations concerning the property including the establishment of the mechanism and plan for the management of the site, the founding of a specialized technical management unit and the submission of decisions and legislations to tighten control on the demolitions and the rapid development of the urban fabric of historic Cairo, taking into account the launch of a project for the rehabilitation of the urban fabric of the city and reviewing the statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the property.

Egyptian Government has adopted a set of procedures and measures, in the course of the last four years, to guarantee the state of preservation, conservation and maintenance of the historic buildings, and repair the degradation that happened recently to the urban fabric. One of the most important actions was the activation of the tasks of the site stakeholders that are mentioned in the ministerial group decree of the Preservation of Historic Cairo No. 1420 for the year 2014.

As a result of the ministerial committee's approval of the map of Historic Cairo, submitted by the Urban Regeneration of Historic Cairo Project in its session of 13th January 2015, the Ministry of Antiquities has issued ministerial decree no. 90 for the year 2016 to regulate the construction work and elevations within the boundaries of Historic Cairo to limit the degradation in the urban fabric of the old city.

The Governor of Cairo has also issued a decree to Cairo district heads, obligating them not to issue any demolition decrees without the personal approval of the Governor of Cairo. The governorate's Heritage Unit and the Technical Bureau of the Governor, with the participation of the Technical Supervision Department of the Governor's Office have reviewed all demolition and repair decrees, as well as construction licenses in the districts of Historic Cairo, based on the Cairo Governor's Decree of 16th July 2014, to approve the legal opinion in these matters.

This is in addition to the Ministry of Antiquities'—in coordination with the Cairo Governorate's—adoption of the urban regeneration strategy of the streets and alleys of Historic Cairo such as Moez Street Maintenance Project and the Souk El-Selah, Bab El-wazir Street and Khalifa Street Rehabilitation Projects, as well as the rehabilitation and reuse of empty pieces of land in these areas.

Believing in the importance of local community participation and the engagement of the Egyptian and foreign visitors, the Ministry of Antiquities, in coordination with the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, specialized museum departments, the Information Center of the Ministry of Antiquities and civil society organizations, have created a complete community engagement and awareness program with the local residents within the surrounding

environment of monuments. In the future, the Children Cultural Clubs Project will be inaugurated in the Sabils of Historic Cairo.

In order to conserve the historic buildings, the Ministry of Antiquities is carrying out a number of preservation, restoration and maintenance projects for the historic buildings in Historic Cairo, as shown in the tables in the annexes.

The Ministry of Antiquities is currently preparing a complete vision of the urban regeneration projects of Historic Cairo, by signing a contract with an advisory body (the Engineering Center for Archaeology and Environment, Cairo University), in addition to a group of experts in all required specialized fields to complete stages 1 and 2 of the Urban Regeneration of Historic Cairo Project, thus ensuring its continuity during the coming years.