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**Report on the State of Conservation of the
World Heritage Property
Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands
(Russian Federation, C 632)
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTY: CULTURAL AND HISTORIC ENSEMBLE OF THE SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, C 632

The Decision of the World Heritage Committee adopted at its 40th session concerning the World Heritage Property Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands, Russian Federation, C 632 was perceived by the Russian Federation as the specific signal to initiate mutual cooperation between all levels of authority, managing organization and international experts.

The Russian Party fully shares the concern of the expert society on the matters such as finishing works on a project of Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value; development of the management plan; review of the settlement master plan; appointing protection status to the whole territory of the archipelago; acting pursuant to paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention; other equally important matters aimed at supporting and protecting OUV of the World Heritage Property Cultural And Historic Ensemble Of The Solovetsky Islands and assures the international society that all efforts to achieve awaited results have been undertaken.

The considerable impetus to reach positive results for implementing recommendations containing in the report of Advisory mission of the ICOMOS expert, T. Kretev (July 22-28, 2015) and decisions of the World Heritage Committee at its 40th session was the order of the Russian Federation President on necessity of implementation of the provisions of international law and order of the Russian Federation Government on creation of a workgroup for implementing, by the Russian Party, its international obligations for the Solovetsky archipelago.

A considerable progress is reached by the Russian Party in all paragraphs contained in above-mentioned recommendations and decisions of the session as well as further actions at all levels of authority (federal, regional and municipal) and managing organization.