



Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Antiquities

EGYPTIAN WORLD HERITAGE SITE
State of Conservation Report
Historic Cairo



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Analytical Summary:

With reference to the last Decision issued by World Heritage Committee regarding Historic Cairo in its conference No. (41) held in Krakow in Poland in 2017 and the recommendations mentioned in it regarding the property including the request to lay down a mechanism, a plan for managing the property and the provisions of detailed information about the administrative structure as well as taking legislative and procedural measures to control the demolition works and fast development taken place in the urban texture of Historic Cairo;

The Egyptian government has taken a number of procedures and measures to ensure the continuity of preservation, restoration and maintenance state for the archeological buildings and repairing the deterioration state taken place to the urban texture during the past period. From among the most important ones of such measures are: the activation of the duties and tasks of those agencies and authorities concerned with the site; particularly National Organization for Urban Harmony, to get the approval on any building or demolition licenses within the boundaries of the property and to get a decision from the permanent committee for Islamic and Coptic Antiquities



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with the authority of Ministry of Antiquities – as the competent authority – to issue the demolition decrees for the real estate properties in default located within the boundaries of Historic Cairo to limit the random building phenomenon in the old city. Such matter shall be made through coordination with Cairo Governorate. Conditions for development are currently included at the site administration plan currently prepared by the consultants of Antiquities and Environment Engineering Center, Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University in cooperation with Ministry of Antiquities, Cairo Governorate, National Organization of Urban Harmony, Ministry of Al- Awkaf and the concerned agencies.

In the field of preserving the archeological buildings, Ministry of Antiquities have launched a group of preservation, restoration and maintenance projects for the archeological buildings in Historic Cairo Regions and its urban texture; including the project of one hundred archeological building rescue campaign, which achieved remarkable progress in the last year after managing to finish the restoration of an important group of archeological buildings or making the restoration of other archeological buildings enter in force as their restoration works are currently under progress. All such



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works are executed in cooperation and partnership with a lot of state governmental agencies and through the large number of grants conferred to agencies, institutions and associations of civil community – whether local, international and foreign – in addition to the state financing and its unprecedented interest in financing the restoration projects.

In the framework of the Urban Regeneration project for Historic Cairo, the project was divided into three basic stages: the first stage (collecting data regarding the core parts of the studies). Such stage was completed in August \2018. the second stage: it deals with analyzing the collected data in order to reach the results and the outputs in the third stage. Third Stage: it is changed to become an action plan and executive projects for each element. It also includes a program for following and assessing the projects regarding the achievement indicators and performance level to facilitate the site administration process. The review of the second stage of the project is currently under progress to be concluded in a preparation to commence the third stage which shall be regarded the first core element for preparing the administration and sustainable development plan of Historic Cairo. Such project, its stages and its



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various goals have been declared in audio, video and readable mass media with the aim of increasing the awareness of such project by local, national and international institutions and organizations as well as local citizens to raise the level of the participation process in the project through getting political support for such project at its highest levels.

A complete copy of all studies regarding the urban regeneration project for Historic Cairo shall be sent to World Heritage Center in UNESCO and the achieved results in the coming reports with organizing a conference regarding Historic Cairo in which official agencies, universities, associations and cultural institutions were participate to present and discuss the results of urban regeneration project for Historic Cairo in general and to discuss the administration and partnership proposal in particular.