EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With reference to the last decision issued by the World Heritage Committee regarding Historic Cairo in its conference No. 43, held in Baku in Azerbaijan in 2019, and the recommendations mentioned in it regarding the property.

Concerning the definition of the mechanism for the implementation of Decree. no. 90 of 2016, regarding the organization of construction, buildings’ heights, repair, restoration and demolition works in Historic Cairo and some archaeological areas in the Egyptian state, the text of the report referred to what was included in the decision of the Permanent Committee for Islamic and Coptic Antiquities in its session on 7/12/2016 in the interpretation of the restrictions and the mechanism for the implementation of Decree no. 90 of 2016 and defining the responsibilities, tasks and powers of the concerned governmental authorities in its implementation, these include the Licensing Committee in the Islamic and Coptic Antiquities Sector-Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the National Organization for Urban Harmony and the Cairo Governorate. The decision also included a monitoring mechanism through the Inspectorates of the different archaeological sites in Historic Cairo and the violations and encroachments’ programs and the procedures followed are all in accordance to the national antiquities’ protection law.

In the context of the Urban Regeneration Project for Historic Cairo, the project was divided into three basic phases, the first stage (data collection), the second stage (data analysis), and the third stage that includes the strategic vision for the sustainable development of Historic Cairo. The administrative structure of the urban regeneration project for Historic Cairo and the proposed administrative structure of the World Heritage Site were addressed, as well as the use of the project database.

The conservation projects of the archaeological buildings in Historic Cairo, are ongoing and are implemented and funded by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, including the rescue campaign project to save a hundred archaeological buildings, which has made tangible progress during the past year with the completion of the conservation of an important group of archaeological buildings or the entry of another group into the implementation phase. This work is, all in partnership with many government agencies in the country and many grants to civil society entities, institutions and associations, whether local, international or foreign, in addition to state funding and the unprecedented interest of the government in financing restoration projects in Historic Cairo.