

Summary

State of conservation report
"Historic centre of the City of Yaroslavl"
(Russian Federation, C 1170)
2013-2014

Decisions of the World Heritage Committee 36 and 37 sessions have been taken into consideration on the federal, regional and municipal levels. The report on the conservation state of the Site has been drawn up with regard to the decisions hereof and comments and recommendations of the ICOMOS monitoring mission (2012) and has been duly sent for further consideration at the 38-th session in 2014. There have been interested parties involved into report preparation, such as the Yaroslavl Mayor's Office, authorized executive bodies of the region and others.

In order to provide effective preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value the work has been intensified on legal regulation of questions concerning the requirements of the World Heritage Convention of 1972 at the level of Government of the Russian Federation, the State Duma Committee on Culture, Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Government of Yaroslavl Region. During the period under consideration there have been laws and regulations introduced granting the Site with the status of "remarkable place of federal importance", the Site boundary has been established, the Site has been registered in the Unified State Register, powers in the field of state protection of the Site have been vested in the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation. There is a draft regulation under consideration that will prescribe the pattern of use of the sight's territory, i.e. limitations on use of the territory and requirements for economic activity, design and construction followed by introducing these limitations to Land use and Development Rules and Zoning Schemes developed by the Yaroslavl Mayor's Office.

The Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation in cooperation with the Government of Yaroslavl Region are taking up measures on improvement of the Site management system, on possessing of special tools, on creation of coordination plans on conservation and use of the Site with the assistance of nongovernmental bodies. Thus, a preliminary Site Management Plan as the base of an integral strategy for conservation, use and management of the Site and its buffer zone is to be developed in 2014-2015 with preparatory assistance of the Advisory Bodies.

In the process of the Plan development the decision of the 37-th session will be taken into consideration relating to the conservation strategy of the Site and the necessity of developing a comprehensive strategy to conserve the Site based on historical, archival and archaeological studies.

Due to the concern of the world expert community upon building projects posing a threat to the outstanding universal value of the Site, the following is reported. In the accounting period archeological dig has been carried out at the supposed building area of the Assumption Cathedral Bell tower. In the course of the works the footing of the Bell earlier existing here has been identified as a cultural heritage site and the dig site has been conserved. Neither design solutions concerning the building of the Bell have been submitted to monument conservation authorities, nor the owner has applied for building permission. As for a hotel project on the river Volga embankment, the landholder has been denied permission for building. No construction activities are being held on this spot. Hereafter the information on building works carried out on the site's area or its buffer zone shall be timely presented to the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation with a notification of the World Heritage Center to follow.

Government authorities responsible for conservation state of the Site are ready for cooperation and constructive dialogue in providing protection of the Site.