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Present

In response to the communication WHC/LAC774/CM/VGM/1490, concerning to the **Historic Centre of Puebla**, inscribed on the *World Heritage List* in 1987, under the cultural criteria (ii) y (iv) and the category of Historic City, through which you are requesting additional information about the conservation status of the site, I inform you the following:

- On December 16 2013, the General Director of the National Institute of Anthropology and History, Teresa Franco, formally installed the new Council of Historic Monuments from the INAH. The opinions of this collegiate body will be critical in building strong technical decisions, regarding conservation and restoration actions in Monuments and Areas of Historical Monuments in Mexico, including World Heritage Sites.
- The members of this advisory body are 25 counselors with professional background track and researches widely recognized, at National and International level, in fields like Architecture, Restoration, Preserving and the Protection of Historic Monuments, as well as engineering and history.
- The first issue that this new Council met was the proposal that seek for a change in the trajectory of the Cable Railway presented by the National Coordination of Historical Monuments of the INAH, with the aim that mentioned mean of transport do not go across the Puebla Historic Centre. This proposal has by aim the Conservation and Protection of Historic Heritage.
- This Council considered relevant the alternative presented by the INAH. The project with the new trajectory of the Cable Railway out of the area of Historical Monuments, has the advantage that the Heritage Values of the Historic Centre of Puebla are not affected
- Basically, the proposal require to the State Government of Puebla a change in the north to the track for the release of the monument area, which saves in his Integrity the Historic Centre of the City.

- The INAH submitted to the State Government of Puebla as an exigency, the Integral Restitution of the property known as La Casa del Torno, according to the Norms, Guidelines and Rules established by the Institute as well as the establishment of a unique attention office, in which participates the three levels of Government, in order to avoid that future projects undermine the Integrity of Puebla Cultural Heritage and World Heritage area.
- The State Government of Puebla has manifested his willingness, in order to consider the Recommendations made by the INAH, with the aim of avoid affectations to the Historic Centre of the City.
- Finally, the trajectory of the Cable Railway, proposed and accepted by the State Government of Puebla, goes from the Cerro de Acueyametepec to the environs of Cuauhtémoc Soccer Stadium, outside the Core and Protection Perimeters of the World Heritage Historic Centre of Puebla.

With any further, receive as always kind greetings.



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