

Summary of State of Conservation Report

Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso (C 959Rev) Chile

As was indicated in Decision 37COM, Chile invited an ICOMOS Advisory Mission that visited the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso. The Advisory Mission was composed of two ICOMOS experts, architects Silvio Mendes Zanchetti and Luis María Calvo. Chile highly appreciates the Report that this Mission has issued.

Regarding the protection of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso, according to the directions included in the Committee's Decision, Chile provides information on the National Urban Development Policy, the Guiding Plan for Heritage Management, and the establishment of the technical working group that the municipal government has set up with the Valparaíso Port Enterprise.

Chile's Report also addresses the establishment of the World Heritage Commission, an initiative of the National Monuments Council; the proposal for Regulations on Typical and Picturesque Zones; and the bill that has been sent to Congress to reform National Monuments Law No. 17288, which —in synergy with the proposals for a Ministry of Culture— will install National Monuments Councils in all regions of the country, putting an end to this institution's centralism.

The document explains the state of the Puerto Barón project with respect to management of the archaeological component. As the Committee had suggested, before the ICOMOS Advisory Mission's visit, only excavations that did not affect the Simón Bolívar warehouse were carried out.

The Valparaíso municipal government provides a full explanation on the recovery of different public buildings and spaces. Also addressed is the process to study the modification of the Valparaíso Local Regulatory Plan. In the context of paragraph 172, the expansion of Port Terminal 2 was marked as a project that must be reported on.