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Subject: **Report on the State of conservation and measures undertaken to protect the outstanding universal value of the Ancient City of Nessebar (Bulgaria) in accordance of letter Ref. CL/WHC-14/12 and the World Heritage Committee's Decision 37 COM 7B. 73.**

Dear Mr. Rao,

Following letter Ref. CL/WHC-14/12 and in accordance with the requirements of the World Heritage Committee's Decision 37 COM 7B. 73., the Ministry of Culture suggests to Your attention for examination by the Committee, prior its 39th session an updated report of the State of conservation of the Ancient City of Nessebar – cultural property, inscribed on the World Heritage List and the actions taken during the period 2013-2014 due to the implementation of the Decision of the 37th session. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Format for preparing a State Party's Report.

The report contains one paper copy and two electronic copies on CD's, including executive summary of the report. The Bulgarian party has no objections that the report will be available on the State of Conservation information System for public access.

In case of eventual remarks or suggestions on the Report, the Bulgarian part will be ready to introduce and communicate with the World Heritage Committee the relevant clarifications and amendments in due time.

Yours sincerely,

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SUMMARY
STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF
NESSEBAR (№217), BULGARIA
January 2015

SUMMARY

STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR (№217) BULGARIA, January 2015; Year of inscription: 1983; Criteria: (iii) and (iv)

In implementing the decisions 34 COM 7B.81 and 35 COM 7B.87 of the World Heritage Committee, in 2010 and 2012 a joint WHC/ICOMOS reactive monitoring missions of state of conservation of world heritage site were held. By Decision 37 COM 7B.73 the World Heritage Committee determined the actions necessary to be taken up to January 2015 by the Bulgarian party.

A part of the activities envisaged in the project of a Preservation and Management Plan for (PMP) of the Ancient city of Nessebar for the period 2013 – 2014 was realized. A program for the development of tourism in the Municipality of Nessebar for the 2013 – 2017 was adopted; a cultural route "Spiritual path" was developed; new exhibition spaces were open. The created administrative unit "Nessebar - World Heritage" performs the functions of municipal authority for management of the site and the architect responsible for it is qualified in the field of preservation. The Ancient Nessebar Museum manages museum expositions; studies archaeological properties. In the period 2013 - 2014 under the project "Faith in Nessebar" 4 specialists were trained in the categories "animation" and "guiding". The Ancient Nessebar Museum participates in the training on the best approaches to affiliate the society to the cultural heritage. Currently there is still lack of sufficient capacity to manage the World Heritage site.

Between 2013-2014 on the territory of the site significant number of archaeological research were conducted; the project "Faith in Nessebar" was implemented for conservation, restoration and socialization of medieval churches, shaping of public spaces and creation of a cultural-tourist route. Under the project "Aesthetics of overground electrical equipment in the Ancient city of Nessebar" the lighting was replaced, the asphalt pavement was replaced with stone pavement. The advertising elements were realized according to the rules stipulated in the "Scheme-concept of advertising and information elements". The ordinance adopted in 2014 prohibits the placement of commercial facilities around the monuments on the walls and fences of the houses in the Ancient city.

According to the data of Nessebar Municipality in the period 2013-2014 there were no new constructions implemented, except on the place of demolished buildings. By decision of the Municipal Council of Nessebar during 2013-2014 the alley trade on municipal land was removed. Before the summer season of 2014 removal of the illegal movable objects was conducted.

At the coordination of the project of a Preservation and Management Plan (PMP), despite its high quality, there are some problems: In the opinion of the Ministry of Finances disagreement was expressed on: creation of a National Fund "Nessebar - World Heritage"; amendments to the Local Taxes and Fees Act and the Value Added Tax Act; creation of a new free zone. To the project of the PMP a "Directive plan – concept" for preservation and development of the cultural heritage of the Ancient city of Nessebar and its buffer zone" of 1986 was attached, with "Directives for establishing preservation regimes...", but it was found that: the relevant regulations are inefficient and inadequate to the current situation, and the current legislation had no regulation for their application. In the project of the PMP there is a pilot application product "Proposal for regimes of preservation of the property and its buffer zone," but it is not part of the plan, therefore it is not considered under the coordination procedure of the project. The preservation regimes set out under the national legislation are included in the PMP. With the re-

written regimes of preservation of the Ancient city of Nessebar adopted in January 2015 by the Specialized expert council for preservation of the immovable cultural properties, rules for permitted intervention in the the site and its buffer zone have been determined. The project of the PMP of the Ancient city of Nessebar should take into account the comments of the Ministry of Finance, and should include the regimes for preservation.

Information on a Contract for granting concession on "Port Terminal Nessebar":

The port with the maritime station is in the buffer zone of the Ancient city of Nessebar. In the process of coordination of a draft of Decision of the Council of Ministers to determine the concessionaire of the "Port Terminal Nessebar" - part of the port of national importance Burgas, the Ministry of Culture made proposals under the concession contract to prevent the preconditions for interventions which could have a negative impact on the environment of the property. In July 2014 a contract was concluded for granting a concession on the port terminal.

In connection with the letter of the Director of the World Heritage Center of December 2014 with attached signal for future construction in the port, a meeting was held between the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications. By the MTITC it was emphasized that the concession did not provide for the implementation of activities that would jeopardize the environment of the world heritage site. Detailed information will be sent to the World Heritage Center about the activities and procedures of the national legislation, with which the concessionaire must comply.

The development plans and the investment projects concerning protected territories of the cultural heritage are subject to coordination under the Cultural Heritage Act. Upon presentation of the project documentation, the World Heritage Committee will be notified and will assess the eligibility of the intervention proposed with the projects with regard to the protection of the site.

REPORT

ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE
WORLD HERITAGE CULTURAL PROPERTY

ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR – BULGARIA (C 217)



Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria

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REPORT

ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR – BULGARIA 2013 - 2014

The Ancient City of Nessebar was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List at the 7th Session of the World Heritage Committee in 1983 under criteria iii and iv.

Pursuant to Item 6 under decision 34 COM 7B.81 and Item 7 under decision 35 COM 7B.87 of the World Heritage Committee through invitations of Bulgaria in 2010 and 2012 a joint WHC/ICOMOS reactive monitoring missions on State of conservation of the World heritage site were held.

In 2010, 2011 and 2013 Bulgaria sent to the World Heritage Centre similar reports on the state of the Ancient City of Nessebar and the steps taken for the overcome of the threats for the Outstanding Universal Value of the site.

During their 37 session based on the mission report from 2012 and the Bulgarian report, noting the significant progress made by the country regarding the implementation of the previous decisions by decision 37 COM 7B. 73. (*Appendix*) The World Heritage Committee defined the required until January 2015 from the Bulgarian party actions. The recommendations of the mission from 2012 are included in Item 4 of the decision.

In pursuance of Item 5 of Decision 37 COM 7B. 73. of the World Heritage Committee, Bulgaria presented for a review of the 38 session of the Committee the current updated report on the State of conservation of the Ancient City of Nessebar and the required actions during the period 2013 - 2014 for the implementation of the decisions of 37 session.

I. By Decision 37 COM 7B.73 of the World Heritage Committee (2013):

Regarding Item 3. Welcomes the progress made by the State Party in the implementation of its previous decisions and urges the State Party to adopt and implement the Management Plan:

➤ A part of the activities provided in the project for the Preservation and Management plan /PMP/ of the Ancient city of Nessebar for the period 2013-2014 were realized or are in process of realization:

1. Tasks executed from the Program for immediate actions on legal protection, research and emergency protection:

1.1. Regarding *Strategic task 1 - Improvement of the legal protection of the site:*

- Alteration of the statut of Archaeological reserve "Ancient City of Nessebar" into: Group immovable cultural property "Ancient City of Nessebar" - Archaeological reserve and architectural – structural and urban immovable cultural property "historical settlement" with category of national significance” and determination of preservation regimes:
- In 2013 procedures were undertaken on updating the status of Ancient City of Nessebar and determination of preservation regimes for the immovable cultural property. After the conduction of two commissions for the preparation of proposals for the preservation regimes, the foreseen territory reduction of the archaeological reserve, determined by a Government Decree /GD/ No. 174 of 1991 and discussed on the Specialized Expert Council for the Protection of the Immovable Cultural Properties /SECPICP/ on December 2-nd, 2013, the council did not reach a final decision. Having in mind the formed three opinions (- A proposal to be adopted for reduction of the territory of the archaeological reserve; The determined by the cited GD boundaries of the reserve to be preserved; - The boundaries of the archaeological reserve to encompass part of the water area wherein there is data for the fortification system of the ancient town), a commission from experts in archaeology was gathered which to present their proposal to the SECPICP. Based on a number of evidences, the commission has presented a statement that of great importance for the conservation of the archaeological heritage of the reserve "Ancient City of Nessebar" is the confirmation of the boundaries, determined by a GD No. 174 from 1991. On January 26-th, 2015, SECPICP reviewed and adopted the revised proposal of National Institute of Immovable Culture Heritage.

On 26 January 2015 by SECCICP was reviewed and adopted an advised proposal of the National Institute of Immovable Cultural Heritage regarding the change of the status of the Archaeological Reserve “Ancient City of Nessebar” and the determination of the regimes for preservation of the property and its buffer zone. The protocol from the session /Appendix/ is approved by the Minister of Culture. The status of the Ancient City of Nessebar is defined under the Cultural Heritage Act as: “Group immovable cultural property “Ancient City of Nessebar” - Archaeological reserve and architectural – structural and urban "historical settlement" with category of national significance”. The boundaries of the archaeological reserve are kept defined by Government Decree No. 174 from 1991 coinciding with the boundaries of the world heritage, sent to the Centre for World Heritage and accepted by statement under Decision 32 COM 8D from 2008 of World Heritage Committee. Before the enactment of the protection regimes is yet to be their presentation for a one-month public consultation and an opinion from the Nessebar Municipality and coordination with the Ministry of Regional and Urban Development .

The territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar and part of its water area possess rich historical stratification from various epochs and civilizations. Therefore the prescriptions for the preservation of the Ancient City of Nessebar treat equally the entire territory of the immovable cultural property having in mind the specifications of its component elements. The buffer zone of the water area of the peninsula is divided into two sub-zones /zone C-1 and zone C-2/. In

zone C-1 that encompasses the underwater relics of the castle wall of the ancient town the underwater archaeological investigations are going to be funded and performed based on a unified strategy and methodology that have to be prepared by the Centre of underwater archaeology with the purpose to identify, locate, document and preserve the underwater objects in their integral wholeness as an integral part of the historical residence. *Thus are also carried out the recommendations of the monitoring mission from 2012 for the development of a project proposal for the preservation of the water area pursuant to the Convention on the protection of cultural heritage under water.*

- With approved by the Minister of Culture protocol No. 33 from 29.10.2012 from a meeting of SECCICP was adopted a proposal for the defining of the status of the necropolis of Messambria – Messemvria” located at the buffer zone of the World Heritage site of the mainland as an archaeological immovable cultural property with category of "national significance" and also regimes for its preservation were approved. . Before their enactment they will be presented for an opinion from the Nessebar Municipality and coordination with the Ministry of Regional an Urban Development.

1.2. Regarding *Strategic task 2: Study/ archaeological research, documentation:*

The envisioned researches of archaeological objects West of the church "St. Mary Eleusa" and North-East of the main gate were performed and also archaeological research and studies related to the realization of the I stage from the project for conservation and exposure of the church "St. John the Baptist".

1.3. Regarding *Strategic task 3: Emergency rescue and conservation activities for the immobile cultural properties at risk.*

- Field conservation has been realized after the carried out archaeological excavations of all the investigated objects during the period from 2013 to 2014.
- Project documentation has been prepared for the conservation and restoration of the church "St. John Aliturgetos", including the strengthening of the earth base.
- A clean up was realized of the archaeological objects and their environment of weed vegetation as well as a treatment of the soil.

1.4. Pursuant to *Strategic task 4: Implementation of Conservation - Restoration projects for the National Cultural Centre with provided funding.*

Implemented are the tasks set in the Program for urgent actions and in the plan forecasting for the realization of the projects for conservation, restoration and exposure and socialization of the churches "St. John the Baptist" and " St. Paraskeva" and the church " St. St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel. " is in process of realization.

2. The undertaken activities regarding the territorial - planning protection and the investment initiatives for the preservation of the public ownership properties, provided in the "The program for urgent actions" and "Long-term program for the implementation of CMP"

2.1. Regarding the Specific task 8: The design of special maps and registries of the immovable cultural property from the Long-term program for the application of CMP:

With the implementation of the task for the "Creation of geodesic output data for the needs of the detailed spacial planning" in 2013 started the realization of a project "*Mesambria Pontica and its ancient territory Historical topographic research*" with period of conduction untill the end of 2015, funded by the National Fund for Scientific Research and realized by National Archaeological Museum - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Museum "Ancient City of Nessebar". The project represents analytical and field archaeological research. Its purpose is to create a stable database for topographical location and characteristic of the archaeological monuments of the town area of the ancient Greek Polis Masambriya (modern Nessebar) and the surrounding area. The project has the main task to search, systemize, identify and summarize all existing evidence for the cultural relics of the ancient period of the town, deployed both in its immediate borders (the peninsula and the territory of the necropolis) and in the zone of its suggested suburban territory.

A catalogue is intended to be prepared/ registry that is going to consist of the exact data for the location of the registered cultural heritage some of which have been discovered and subsequently destroyed or buried since 19 century from now on and are not documented by archaeological excavations or in the contemporary present documentation. This catalogue/ registry is going to be of utmost importance while planning and taking decisions for investment intentions in the construction industry. The knowledge about the location and characteristic of the monuments will allow in all cases the construction intentions and activities both in the very town and the vicinity to be consistent and coordinated with them. All the results from the conducted research are going to be applied to the modern cadastre of the city.

2.2. Regarding the Specific Task 5: Sustainable Development of the Functioning Systems of the Town", "A Program for the Preservation, Development and Maintenance of the Public Area in the Ancient city of Nessebar" - "Long-term Program for the Application of the Preservation and Management Plan":

- In pursuance of the PMP "*Project for the development and refurbishment of public areas in the Ancient City of Nessesbar and its buffer zone, including rehabilitation or replacement of street paving ...*" and so on, the Nessebar Municipality has accorded with the National Institute for Immovable Cultural Heritage /NIICH/ and the Ministry of Culture with a letter under outgoing number N2-4T-6523/19.09.2014 an investment intention for the repair and rehabilitation of the pavement of all the streets in the Ancient City of Nessebar, gradually removing of the existing asphalt pavements and placing of stone pavement and the detail and raster from the Project "Faith in Nessebar" will be used.

- The developed "Scheme -conception for advertising and information elements on the territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar", is accorded with NIICH and the Ministry of Culture and

approved by the Municipal Council and published on the official web-site of the Nessebar Municipality in 2013 and 2014 the deployment and type of the advertising elements were realized based on the defined in the concept rules. /Implemented are strategic tasks 5.2 and 6.1, defined in the „Program for Urgent Actions“ – „Development of the Town Functional Systems“ and „Development of the Cultural Tourism“/;

- During the implementation of *Strategic task 5.1 from the "Program for Urgent Actions" - "Development of the Urban Functional Systems"* was developed a "Scheme-conception for deployment of movable objects and equipments on the territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar", Nessebar Municipality, forthcoming are coordination and approval.

2.3. With the *Program for urgent actions and in the First one-year program were realized:*

- Projects for the conservation and restoration of immovable cultural properties. Within the framework of the project "Faith in Nessebar" implemented during the period from 2013 to 2014 were performed restoration, conservation and socialization of the churches "St. John the Baptist" and "St. Paraskeva". The sites were open to exploitation with User Permit No. ST-05-805/20.05.2014. Their environment was cultivated and also the environment around the church "St. Spas".

2.4. Sites included in the *First five-year program* which is in a process of realization

- Constructed are the first 320 m from the tourist route "Spiritual Route" /from the church "St. John the Baptist" to the churches "St. Paraskeva" and "St.St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel" / which has to include all the preserved medieval churches in the town and the reconstructions of the streets "Mitropolitska", "Briz", "Aheloy" and "Venera" are completed according to a Specialized scheme for structure of cultural - tourist route, the town of Nessebar - project "Faith in Nessebar" under Operating program "Regional Development 2007-2013" by Agreement No. BG161 PO 001/3.1-03/2010/003, with beneficiary Nessebar Municipality

- Project for church restoration "St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel" /in implementation of specific task 3.1 Development and realization of pilot projects for conservation activities from the Five-Year Program/:

After the preparation by the Nessebar Municipality of a project for restoration and conservation of the church "St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel", funded by Foundation "A.G.Leventis", its realization started in 2014. An emergency reinforcement has been performed. In 2015 the execution of the conservation -restoration activities is going to continue.

- A team of experts of the Bulgarian National Committee of ICOMOS has prepared a project for the preservation and restoration of the church "St. John Aliturgetos" that has won funding equal to the amount of \$ 700, 000 by the US Ambassador Fund. Issued is a Construction Permit No. 530/22.12.2014. The project realization is about to begin in 2015.

2.5. In *Specific task 3 "Conservation Policy" from the Long-term program for the implementation of the plan:*

During the realization of the project "Faith in Nessebar" rescue archaeological researches were conducted:

- Rescue archaeological researches inside and around the church "St. John the Baptist":

As a result of the researches it was established that the cruciform church is built on the ruins of an Early Byzantine Basilica with three ships. It was built in VI century and in its initial plan it had one apse that was semicircular inside and outside. Subsequently to the South and to the North ships are build two small semicircular apses. On the West the Basilica probably had a narthex and atrium, which were not found during the excavations.

During project realization the foundations of the Basilica were marked in the floor.

In the South ship of the church a Hellenistic masonry was also found, built of crushed stones of mud solder, traced at length of 6 m. It is probably from a Hellenic temple which was located at that place during the IV and II century BC.

Furthermore, in the church and around it were also found and explored 42 graves from different chronological periods (VII- XIX century) and with different typology.

- Researches in the area North of the church "St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel ":

On an area of around 38 km North of the church "St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel" a necropolis was studied. 48 graves from three chronological periods were found and examined. 22 graves are from the period XVI-XVIII century, 19 graves are from the Middle-Aged Period in which the church was used - XIII-XV century and 7 are from the period of XI-XII century. The presence of graves that are earlier than the church construction in XIII century lead to the hypothesis that it is also built on an earlier temple.

- Investigations of the area around the church "St. Spas":

The necessity of pavement replacement and the construction of retaining walls western and southern of the church "St. Spas" imposed also there the conduction of rescue archaeological researches. It was discovered for the second time the examined in 1960 by the team of Prof. Lyuba Ogenova the so-called "House No.2". The researcher interprets the ruins as foundations of the peristyle building with stairs and a cellar used in IV century BC According to the prescriptions of the commission "House No.2" was wrapped in geotextile and covered with sand, and its location was marked in the new pavement.

2.6. In the pursuance of *Specific task 5 "Sustainable development of the urban functional systems"*:

- *Program for the development of the museum infrastructure:*

For display of the multilayered heritage of the town in the restored in 2013 - 2014 Medieval churches 'St. Paraskeva' and „St. John the Baptist" new exhibition areas were created and the exposition "Saved frescos from Nessebar churches" /frescos from the 1958 demolished building "St.

George the Big"/ was realized and also an exhibition for the history of the church "St. John the Baptist" with photos, text and a layout.

- With a *Program for business support, directed toward the local traditional productions by the Long-term program for the application of PMP* are taken actions for the encouragement of the citizens for local production and small business, as well as the opportunity for the prolonging of the tourist season:

The Nessebar Municipality organizes a fish festival "Autumn Passages", /31.10 to 2.11.14 – first edition/, opened with an exhibition and bazaar by the Association of Nessebar artists, festive fish bazaar, sea food and artworks with marine inspiration, conduction - a themed puppet theatre "The Fisherman and the Goldfish". During the days of the forum a Studio-workshop for Art-fishing is open, where everybody creates handmade souvenirs. Movies are displayed; literary works of Nessebar authors are presented. Around the streets of the Old Town an adventure game is held - „The Golden Coin” - it gives the opportunity for rediscovery of the Ancient City of Nessebar.

2.7. With the implementation of *Specific task 7: Urban planning from a Long-term program for the application of the Preservation and Management plan*, a project reference for a Detailed Urban Plan hast to be prepared - Plan for regulation and construction of the archaeological reserve "Ancient City of Nessebar" and definition of zones with regimes for preservation of immovable cultural properties, limitation of the allowed contemporary interventions to them as well as the creation of a digital model of the underground archaeological cadastre.

➤ Under the procedure for coordination of the project for the Preservation and Management Plan, despite its high quality, problems were established regarding its adoption and application related to some of its major intentions:

1. According to the awarding agreement the Nessebar Municipality has awarded to the National Institute of Immovable Cultural Heritage /NIICH/ "Scientific and experimental work "Plan for the Preservation and Management of the town Nessebar - Old Town"

2. On June 21, 2014 the Ministry of Finance has presented their opinion regarding the project PMP wherein a dissent is expressed regarding: the creation of a National Fund "Nessebar - World Heritage"; the proposal for changes to the Law on Local Taxes and Fees Act and the Value Added Tax; the proposal for the creation of a duty-free zone /free zones/ /Appendix/

3. According to the Legal Directorate of the Ministry of Culture, the proposal in the Conservation and Management Plan project for the adoption of a separate law on protection and development of the Ancient City of Nessebar, which under national law has the status of an archaeological reserve, is not appropriate because the activities for conservation and development of archaeological reserves are subject to regulation by the Cultural Heritage Act, further settlements of public relations should be done through amendments to the same act.

4. In the scientific and experimental work " Preservation and Management plan of the Town of Nessebar - the Old Town" is enclosed the adopted in 1986 "Directive Plan - a conception for conservation and development of the Cultural and Historic Heritage of the Ancient City of Nessebar and its buffer zone" which consists of: "Directives for the establishment of a security regime of the cultural and historic areas in the town". The team of authors of the project of the Preservation and Management Plan stated that: the zoning of the territory with the relevant regulations was rather inadequate to the current situation; the very regulations were quite general, complicated and not very comprehensible to the local population; their territorial structure was too much elaborated and ineffective as well as the directive plans - their concepts were not stated as a legal instrument of the current legislation.

5. To the scientific and experimental elaboration "Plan for the Preservation and Management of the town Nessebar - Old Town" a pilot application product is applied "Application for regimes for preservation of the property and the buffer zone" for which it is stated in the elaboration itself that they are not part of the plan. Therefore it is not considered within the coordination procedure of the project and is not reviewed by the Specialized Expert Council for the Conservation of Immovable Cultural Properties /SECCICP/ to the Minister of Culture. It was decided that the regimes for preservation have to be defined in accordance to the procedure, provided in the national legislation and then to be included in the plan as required by the Cultural Heritage Act. The preservation regimes are a major instrument for the definition of the allowed interactions in a protected territory and in the application of the activities related to the preservation of the immovable cultural heritage. The adoption and the opportunity for the application of the regimes for preservation of the immovable cultural heritage guarantees the preservation of Outstanding Universal Value on the territory of the world heritage site and its buffer zone.

6. In Item 1.1 "*Strategic task 1 - Improvement of the legal protection of the heritage*" detailed information is provided concerning the conducted procedure for the review and adoption by the Specialized expert council for the protection of the immovable cultural properties of preservation regimes of the Ancient City of Nessebar.

7. Follows the project of the Preservation and Management Plan of the Ancient City of Nessebar - World Heritage to be revised and consistent with the statement of the Ministry of Finance and the regimes for the preservation of the Archaeological reserve and the Group immovable architectural – structural and urban property “Ancient City of Nessebar” - which to be included into the plan, and to discuss once again the proposal for the establishment of a separate law on Ancient City of Nessebar.

8. The presence of the regimes for preservation also provides an opportunity for assignment by Nessebar Municipality of a detailed construction plan for Ancient City of Nessebar and specific rules and regulations to it (a reference for its elaboration has already been made) which according to the provisions of the Cultural Heritage Act are also to be included in the Preservation and Management Plan.

Under p.4 Takes note of the results of the November 2012 ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property and requests the State Party to implement its recommendations, in particular:

Under b. a) Approve effective legislative and regulatory measures, including those for new construction and development, for the management of the buffer zone and the surrounding sea coastline and for the regulation of tourism activities,

- Pursuant to the Cultural Heritage Act the regimes for preservation of the immovable cultural property are obligatory for all individuals and entities. With the regime for the preservation of the Ancient City of Nessebar are defined the requirements for the urban planning and investment planning, the allowed interventions, restrictions and the procedures regarding the territory of heritage and its buffer zone; of the architectural -construction, immovable archaeological cultural heritage /monuments/; buildings without the status of immovable cultural heritage /monuments/; of the supplementary construction of the property; requirements in terms of: movable objects and elements of the urban furnishing; urbanization; water area of the peninsula; tourism; reinforcement of slopes, etc.

- A new Ordinance for the order and conditions for the proceeding of outdoor trade activity on the Municipal Council Nessebar has been adopted, effective from 02.06.2014.

- The created to the Nessebar Municipality administrative unit "Nessebar - World Heritage" along with its 6 employees as well as the Chief Architect on the territory of the Old Town perform their duties as a municipal body for management and control of the activity regarding the cultural heritage, track the status of the immovable cultural heritage and for the prevention of illegal interventions in the protected territory.

- Organizing of tourist cultural route as part of the national heritage network.

A tourist route was developed - "The spiritual path in the Ancient City of Nessebar" that includes a tourist tour around the archaeological ruins, the Medieval churches and Renaissance houses. The idea of the project is the tourist/visitor to have the possibility with the help of the logistic support in the corresponding infrastructure of the Ancient City of Nessebar to visit more objects. With the support of Nessebar Municipality a new organization of the cultural product will be presented.

- The regional inspectors for the Burgas Region from the General Directorate "Inspectorate for Protection of Cultural Heritage" to the Ministry of Culture on the territory on which the Ancient City of Nessebar is deployed, carries out periodic audits on the territory of the property.

- A Program for the Tourist Development in the Nessebar Municipality for the period from 2013 to 2017 is adopted. Many of the priorities, objectives and measures for the implementation of the Program are directed to the cultural heritage of the Ancient City of Nessebar:

In part 2 of the "Priorities of the product politics in the Nessebar Municipality", "Cultural Tourism" a few measures are provided part of which are implemented, and they are related to the cultural tourism of the territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar, for example:

- conduction of evaluation and recommendations for transformation of cultural monuments into a final tourist product;
- conduction of evaluation and realization of changes (modernization) of museum exhibitions with the purpose of increasing their attractiveness. **Realised:** Exhibition "ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR (end of XVIII - beginning of XX century)" displayed at the Ethnographic Museum - House Moskoyni; after the end of the restoration activities of the project "Faith in Nessebar", the church "St. Paraskeva" has been functioning as a museum object opened for visiting. An exhibition is displayed inside - "SAVED FRESCOS FROM THE NESSEBAR CHURCHES". For the first time there are displayed frescoes gathered from the demolished in 1958 Nessebar church "St. Big George";
- Usage of cultural resources - cultural monuments, museums, festivals, ethnographic complexes and so on - for the activation of the tourist industry;
- participation in different projects of the regional tourist product for the European Fund at the aspect of "cultural tourism";
- promoting the development of the souvenir industry;
- organizing of trainings and retraining of staff to work in the area of the cultural tourism: organizers, animators, managers, curators, guides, etc.;
- conduction of regular marketing research of the tourists and their specific tourist interests and needs when visiting cultural institutions and objects of cultural - historic heritage;

"Religious tourism (pilgrimage) - promoting of Nessebar as a destination for pilgrimage and religious tourism on account of the cultural sights that are unique with their rich architecture, frescos, icons. In the old Nessebar there is already a totally renovated medieval church - "St. Stefan" that was presented to the so-called inauguration and can now perform worship. After the restoration of two more medieval churches ("St. Paraskeva" and "St. John the Baptist") within the project "Faith in Nessebar" /a **realized project**/, a religious tourist route is to be created to which later in time could be added new sites. The route is going to be named "Spiritual Path" and will present a total cultural-historical package that is going to be developed with the purpose of complete exposition of the heritage and its stable use for worship in the area of cultural and religious tourism.

Objective "Planned, organizational and informative improvement of the tourist sector":

Measure 3: Improvement of the information service for the tourists:

The measure includes the support of the tourist information centres, renewal and enrichment of the information material, enhancing the quality of service.

On the territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar there is an active tourist information centre where information could be received regarding the museum and the cultural sights, places for accommodation and others. Information is provided in Bulgarian, English, German and Russian.

Tourist guides are offered in Bulgarian, Russian, French as well as maps in English, brochures, books, CDs, DVDs with movies for the Ancient City of Nessebar.

Measure 4: Improvement of the advertisement and marketing of the tourist products and tourist destinations

The measure includes:

- Realization of a unified program for visual information, orientation and advertisement of the tourist service at the municipality;
- Design of a new advertisement materials - directories, guides, maps, brochures, signposting;
- Renewal and support of the WEB site the Municipality with updated information for the tourist service; An official tourist site of the Nessebar Municipality is developed - www.visitnessebar.org
- Initiation and conduct of tourist seminars, exhibitions, presentations and competitions; and others.

Objective "Enrichment and diversity of the tourist products"

Measure 5. Valorisation of anthropogenic tourist resources:

Its purpose is to preserve and increase the attractiveness of the immovable cultural heritage /cultural monuments/ in the "Ancient City of Nessebar" and include the development of a new system for visual information, repair and restoration works, development of surrounding areas and approach.

Measure 6. Creation of a tourist product "Archaeological Schools on Field":

The cultural heritage of Nessebar contains enormous reserves for exposure - by revealing of new objects and renewal of museum expositions and by animation. Suitable modern forms are the so-called "archaeological schools". By this measure are achieved two parallel effects:

- Research, preservation and exposure of archaeological objects;
- Valorisation of the cultural heritage as an element of wide-ranging tourist products (for the mass interest).

Measure 7. Exposition of new objects of cultural heritage:

Combined with Measure 6 project, restoration and construction and installation works are performed for commissioning/exposition of few new objects:

- The newly opened Greek temple - conservation, visual information;
- Construction of panoramic sites for the observation of Ancient City of Nessebar from the wind mill; for the observation of the Nessebar bay from the road to Obsor.
- Museum of the tourism in the town of Nessebar - opening of a procedure for its construction;

- Museum of the fishing in the town of Nessebar - opening of a procedure for its construction;
- Restoration and conservation of the North castle wall.
- Implementation of access control for cars in the Ancient City of Nessebar - only for cars with a permit for the citizens with address registration in the Old Town, of the tour operators carrying tourists to accommodation as well as for tourists arriving by car or taxi. Implemented is a schedule for the supply of retail premises and operation of machinery for garbage collection.

Under b. b) Maintain the moratorium on any new constructions within the World Heritage property, its buffer zone and at the surrounding sea coastline until the development and approval of an Urban Master Plan and a Conservation Plan,

- A task is prepared for the projection of a Detailed Urban Plan - plan for the construction of the Archaeological reserve "Ancient City of Nessebar" and defining the zones with regimes for preservation of the immovable cultural properties, limitation of the allowed modern interactions in them as well as the creation of a digital model of the underground archaeological cadastre.

- The regimes for preservation provide the opportunity for the start of procedures for the awarding of an urban plan for the territory with which to be adopted specific urban rules and regulations for the provision of special protection on the territory and pursuant to the Law on Spatial Planning and which pursuant to the regulations of the Cultural Heritage Act are included into the Preservation and Management Plan.

- According to the provided by Nessebar Municipality information on the territory of immovable cultural property for the period between 2013 to 2014 there are not any new constructions performed except those in place of the demolished buildings.

- Projects for conservation, restoration and socialization of Middle-Aged charges are being realized on the territory of the property as are repair activities on other buildings; The old building of the municipal council has been rebuilt in the same volume and with the same architectural characteristics but this should not be considered as new construction;

- The realization of the project "Complex" Marina Nessebar" for which we have provided information in the previous report has finished. The project is coordinated pursuant to the order of Law on Cultural Monuments and Museums /cancelled on 10.04.2009/ and a construction permit was issued. During the time of the execution changes were made to the project for the reduction of the level of construction and the tower that was designed for one of the buildings has been removed from the project.

- The port with the maritime station which is in the buffer zone of the world heritage is given in concession for a service by concluding a concession agreement in July 2014 as "Port

Terminal Nessebar", part of a port for public transportation with national significance - Burgas. Up to this moment there is no provided project documentation with the concrete intentions of the concessionaire. For this specific case more detailed information is provided in p. III.

Under b. c) Strengthen the protection status of the sea coastline and include mandatory heritage impact assessments for proposed developments,

1. For coastal areas within the boundaries of the site the following prescriptions for preservation are provided:

- Exposure, integration and socialization of the archaeological structures and restoration of their spacial role in the historical stratigraphy of the town should be ensured;
- when strengthening of the slopes the projects for the strengthening events to be consistent with the morphology of the terrain and the results of archaeological research;
- based on the existing data and the results from the archaeological research, the constructed siege works along the slopes functionally, structurally and architecturally to be integrated within the meaning of the ancient town;
- it is allowed part of the territory where there are no archaeological immovable cultural properties to be used for public landscaping and parking of the residents of the town, movable trade, construction and establishment of facilities for disadvantaged and equipment for the needs of the fishing port.

2. For the newly acquired coastal areas in the southwestern part of the peninsula - Zone B:

2.1. In the zone for trade, catering and servicing of the port functions a new construction is not permitted.

2.2. The zone of Port terminal "Nessebar" - the territory should be used for a port terminal - part of a port for public transport, port facilities, development and public landscaping, public parking and public and information servicing.

- upon proven technical and operational necessity is permitted a reconstruction of the building of the Maritime Station while keeping the volume-spatial parameters of the existing construction;

- any expansions beyond the volume-spatial parameters of the existing construction, related with the functioning of the port terminal when technical and operational necessity is proven will be allowed after the information is presented and an pronouncement from the World Heritage Committee in accordance with the Convention for Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage, accepted with Order No 13 of the Bureau of the Council of Ministers from 4.02.974, promulgated in State Gazette No. 44/2005, and in accordance with art. 172 from the Manual for its application;

building of infrastructure networks and facilities is permitted exclusively for the needs of the port, while maintaining the current tree vegetation;

Under b. d) *Make operational the proposed management system, including adequate staffing and resources for the implementation of the proposed projects,*

- The formed in Nessebar Municipality administrative unit ""Nessebar - World Heritage" along with its 6 employees as well as the Chief Architect on the territory of the Old town execute their functions of a municipal body for the management of the activity regarding the preservation of the cultural heritage.

- The museum "Ancient Nessebar" as a municipal cultural institute participates in the conduction of state policy regarding the preservation of the cultural heritage on the territory of Municipal Nessebar. The specialists from the museum /archaeologists, restorers, guides and animators/ perform duties in the sphere of the scientific research, documentation, preservation and popularization of the cultural heritage.

- The museum "Ancient Nessebar" maintains the museum expositions in the Medieval churches „St. Stefan" / frescos from XVI and XVIII century. /, "Christ Pantocrator", "St. Paraskeva", "St. John the Baptist,, and „St.. Spas". As well as the exhibitions in the archaeological and ethnographic museums.

- Along with the archaeologists from the Museum "Ancient Nessebar", the activities regarding the investigation of the archaeological cultural heritage are being conducted also by specialists from the National Archaeological Institute with a Museum from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. The results of the conducted researches are adopted by expert commissions, appointed by the Minister of Culture, who also provide prescriptions for the consequential activities regarding the excavated objects.

- The activities regarding the conservation and restoration are performed by or under the management of experts, listed into the registry of individuals who are empowered to do so.

- The projects in many cases are realized with the participation of experts from non-government organizations or more specifically the Bulgarian National Committee of ICOMOS. The last activities regarding the conservation, restoration and socialization of the immovable cultural heritage were performed under the project "Faith in Nessebar".

- Ministry of Culture accorded investment plans and project documentation for development plans and investment projects; investigates the implementation of the Law on Cultural Heritage by the General Inspectorate for protection of cultural heritage; according to certain criteria finances conservation and restoration activities, regular archaeological research and terrain conservation.

- Up to now the lack of enough capacity for management and preservation of the world cultural heritage is still estimated /shortage of resources - both financial and human/.

Under b. e) *Implement priority conservation and maintenance works, as identified in the Management Plan, for the historic buildings and archaeological sites, and prepare a technical manual for conservation, rehabilitation and restoration,*

1. Field archaeological investigations and preservation of the archaeological sites:

For the period between 2013 and 2014 on the territory of the archaeological reserve have been conducted a significant number of archaeological field researches and have been excavated and documented valuable cultural layers from Antiquity and Middle - Ages. Results from the investigations show the stratigraphy and chronology of the cultural layers for important for the reserve places and sites like:

- three Medieval churches for which archaeological investigations were conducted anteriorly before starting the implementation of the projects for conservation, restoration and socialization of the churches */Protocols of the expert commissions, employed pursuant to the order of Art. 158A by the Cultural Heritage Act: No.10-00-67/22.04.2013, No.10-00-176/30.09.2013, No.10-00-177/01.10.2013, and No.10-00-313/17.12.2013/;*
- construction of supporting walls and replacement of the pavement for the church "St. Spas" required rescue archaeological investigations;
- on the North coast of the peninsula where regular archaeological investigations were carried out */funded by the Ministry of Culture/* have achieved significant scientific results with contribution to the study of the period of the late Hellenic epoch in the Black Sea Region */Protocols of the expert commissions, employed pursuant to the order of Art. 158A by the Cultural Heritage Act: No.10-00-250/18.11.2013, No.10-00-334/24.11.2014/;*
- the archaeological complex near the Western Gate - North-West sector */regular archaeological researches, funded by the Ministry of Culture/,* where ancient structures of monumental facility are being excavated, the investigators have suggested as a operational hypothesis a facility that is interpreted as a "theatre" or "auditorium" */Protocols of the expert commissions, employed pursuant to the order of Art. 158A by the Cultural Heritage Act: No.10-00-251/18.11.2013, No.10-00-333/24.11.2014/;*

2. Activities regarding the preservation and population of the immovable cultural sites

- The project "Faith in Nessebar" for conservation and socialization of thee Medieval churches, design of public areas around them and for organization of the cultural and tourist route has been realized. The sites are selected by their degrees of value and their endangerment.
- There has been opened new exhibition spaces in the churches "Sv. Paraskeva "and" John the Baptist " and realized exhibitions" Ancient City of Nessebar (the end of XVIII - beginning of XX century) "; "Rescued murals form Nessebar churches";
- In 2013 The Nessebar Municipality celebrates 30 years in the World Heritage List. A musical light show (3D mapping show) was held based on the developed theme "30 years of Nessebar

in UNESCO". The conduction shows the continuity in the history of the city, and the interaction between different eras to leave a unique historical heritage. Various festivals were held.

3. Activities regarding the urban development, movable equipments, street furniture and infrastructure:

- in 2013 the pavement of the causeway was renewed and the street lighting was fully replaced with a new one.
- for the accordance of the type of the ground electrical facilities /boards, boxes, covers of manholes and others./ with the elements of the urban structure in 2013 is developed and coordinated a project "Aesthetics of Ground Electrical Equipment in "Ancient City of Nessebar". With the implementation of the project intentions these installations are going to be installed at suitable locations and made with materials accorded with the type of buildings and the environment.
- in 2014 Nessebar Municipality has undertaken activities for the removal of the existing asphalt pavements and the laying of pavement for which project documentation has been prepared.
- Prepared in 2012 "Scheme conception of the advertising - informative elements" was published on the official web site of the Nessebar Municipality and in 2013 and 2014 the deployment and type of the advertising materials is based on the stated in the conception rules. /Appendixes/
- with the adopted on 02.06.2014 by the Municipal Council of Nessebar new Ordinance on the order and conditions for the conduction of outdoor trade activities /cancels Ordinance No.2 from 2007/ the placing of trade facilities around the buildings that are cultural monuments and on the walls and fences of all the houses from the Ancient City of Nessebar were banned /Appendixes/.

Under b. f) Develop capacity building activities for all professional staff involved with the conservation, protection and management of the property;

- The Architect in charge of the Ancient City of Nessebar has graduated the two-year qualification course regarding conservation and restoration for architects, taught by the National Institute for Immoveable Cultural Heritage along with the School for Advanced Studies Chaillot in Paris and was listed into the register for individuals who have the right to perform activities of conservation and restoration.
- Regarding the project "Faith in Nessebar", realized within the Operational Program Regional Development 4 specialists were trained in the categories of "animation" and "guiding" who are to work for the churches "St. John the Baptist" and "St. Paraskeva" /conducted in the period between 2013 and 2014 within the same project for conservation, restoration and socialization/.
- The Ministry of Culture organizes training related to the presentation and implementation of best practices developed by experts from the National History Museum, awarded with the project "EMPE - Eurovision Museums Presenting Europe" for the implementation of best approaches for socializing the community to the cultural heritage. In the training are participating two experts from

the museum "Ancient City of Nessebar". The training was held in January 2015 in the Regional Archaeological Museum - Plovdiv.

- Experts from the museum have also participated in the annually conducted Fair of the Museum Exhibitions in section "World Cultural Heritage".

II. Reduction and abolition of illegal construction and trade in the open in the period 2013 - 2014:

1. Actions taken for the restriction and the elimination of illegal constructions:

The activities on issuing orders and the elimination of the established in previous years illegal construction continue. According to presented report by Sector Burgas, Regional Directorate for National Construction Control - South-East Region (RDNCC -SER) regarding the "Illegal construction on the territory of the town of "Nessebar - Old Part"., the status as of 10.01.2015 is as follows:

- not enforced rejections for legalization /orders in pursuant to Art. 216 of the Law on Spatial Planning /LSP/: - 6 pcs
- revoked by the court - 6 pcs
- implemented orders for removal -12 pcs
- in a procedure under Regulation 13 for enforcement of orders for the removal of illegal construction or parts them by the authorities of the Directorate of National Construction Control - 12 pcs
- returned to the Municipality of Nessabar for continuation of the procedure - 5pcs.

The report along with the accompanying table content are constantly updated by Sector Burgas, RDNCC - SER after every new event regarding the aforementioned constructions as well as when a new audit is being carried out.

2. Actions taken for the restriction and removal of outdoor trader:

- Based on a decision of the Municipal Council of Nessebar from September 2012 for the period between 2013 and 2014 the alley trade on municipal terrains was removed, removed are the outdoor trade facilities - trade areas for sale excluding the artists. Prior to the summer of 2014 a campaign was carried out to eliminate illegal movable objects, and in the majority of the cases the citizens themselves have made the removal to buildings and fences.

III. Pursuant to Art. 172 of the *Guidance* we present information regarding the Agreement for granting concession for a service on "Port Terminal Nessebar", part of a port with national significance Burgas, concluded on July 9, 2014

1. The port with the marine station is part of the port for public transportation with national significance Burgas, lies within the buffer zone of the listed in the List of World Heritage Acient City of Nessebar as well as in the buffer zone of the archaeological reserve "Ancient City of Nessebar" and is deployed at the newly acquired coastal territories of the South-West part of the peninsula.

2. By the end of 2012 in the process of coordination introduced by Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications / MTITC / draft Decision of the Council of Ministers /DMC/ for the determination of a concessionaire of "Port Terminal Nessebar", part of the port for public transport with national significance - Burgas, the Ministry of Culture, based on statement from the National Institute of Immovable Cultural Heritage and the Centre for Underwater Archaeology, have set requirements in terms of the concession agreement and have proposed additions, alterations and removal of text, with the means of preventing premises for interventions which could have a negative impact on the environment of the cultural property or the cultural landscape. On 12.18.2012 was adopted DMC to determine the concessionaire.

3. In July 2014 an agreement for granting concession was made for a service on "Port Terminal Nessebar", part of port for public transport with national significance Burgas.

4. From received reports by Association "Mesambria Pontika" and a letter from the Bulgarian National Committee ICOMOS, which states the worry for intended by the consignee new constructions on the territory of the port a conference between the MC and MTITC was conducted as well as a meetings with representatives of the association and between representatives of the management bodies of both ministries. Regarding the letter from December 10 of Mr. Kishore Rao, Director of the World Heritage Centre along with enclosed report by "Mesambria Pontika" for the future construction of hotels, restaurants and shops along the coastal line of the port and extension of its territory, on 15.01.2015 was held a meeting between the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications for a discussion of the problem on which were also present the Main Secretary of the National Commission of Bulgaria for UNESCO, a representative of the consignee, representatives of the political cabinets and experts from both ministries. The Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications emphasized that with the concession are not intended the realizations of actions that could affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and that with the concession contract and the decision to initiate the procedure for granting a concession, the concessionaire is assigned with the obligation to carry out the concession in a number of conditions, one of which is the compliance with the obligations taken in the international treaties to which Bulgaria is a party. There is a pending submission to the World Heritage Center of detailed information on the foreseen activities and procedures on national legislation, which the concessionaire must comply with.

5. It must be noted that the special plans, investment projects for interactions in protected territories for the preservation of cultural heritage are subject to coordinated review pursuant to the order of the Cultural Heritage Act. The Minister of Culture coordinated the project documentation after a written statement by the National Institute for Immovable Cultural Heritage. Up to this moment the consignee has not yet submitted investment projects to the institute or the Ministry. When the project documentation is presented the World Heritage Committee will be notified by the Secretariat and the eligibility of the proposed with the projects interventions will be assessed in terms of preservation of the World Heritage site and safeguarding its Outstanding Universal Value.

APPENDICIES

A - Decision 37 COM 7B.73 of the Commission of the World Heritage;

B - Regimes for the preservation of the “Group immovable cultural property “Ancient City of Nessebar” - Archaeological Reserve and architectural – structural and urban "historical settlement" with category of national significance”;

C - Protocol for the session of the Specialized expert council on the preservation of the immovable cultural heritage from 26.01.2015;

D - Letter from the Ministry of the Finance under Outgoing number: No. 04-01-68 from June 27, 2014;

E - Ordinance on the order and conditions for the pursuit of commercial outdoor activity on the territory of the Nessebar Municipality;

F - Two schemes with sites which for the period between 2013 and 2014 are conducted rescue or regular archaeological researches and observation;

G - Photo documentation of the realized projects for the conservation, restoration and socialization of the immovable cultural heritage; discovered archaeological structures realised exhibitions in the restored Middle-Aged churches and so on;

APPENDIX A

Decision 37 COM 7B.73 of the Commission of the World Heritage

37 COM 7 B.73

Ancient City of Nessebar (Bulgaria) (C 217)

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC-13/37.COM/7B,**
- 2. Recalling Decision 35 COM 7B.87 , adopted at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011),**
- 3. Welcomes the progress made by the State Party in the implementation of its previous decisions and urges the State Party to adopt and implement the Management Plan;**
- 4. Takes note of the results of the November 2012 ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property and requests the State Party to implement its recommendations, in particular:**
 - a) Approve effective legislative and regulatory measures, including those for new construction and development, for the management of the buffer zone and the surrounding sea coastline and for the regulation of tourism activities,**
 - b) Maintain the moratorium on any new constructions within the World Heritage property, its buffer zone and at the surrounding sea coastline until the development and approval of an Urban Master Plan and a Conservation Plan,**
 - c) Strengthen the protection status of the sea coastline and include mandatory heritage impact assessments for proposed developments,**
 - d) Make operational the proposed management system, including adequate staffing and resources for the implementation of the proposed projects,**
 - e) Implement priority conservation and maintenance works, as identified in the Management Plan, for the historic buildings and archaeological sites, and prepare a technical manual for conservation, rehabilitation and restoration,**
 - f) Develop capacity building activities for all professional staff involved with the conservation, protection and management of the property;**
- 5. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2015 , an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above.**

APPENDIX B

Regimes for Preservation of the Ancient City of Nessebar

REGIMES FOR PRESERVATION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR

I. PROPOSAL FOR THE STATUTE OF "THE ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR" UNDER THE NATIONAL LEGISLATION

1. The statute of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" at the moment, specified under the national legislation is as follows:

- Archaeological reserve "Ancient city of Nessebar, Nessebar Municipality, District Burgas", in accordance with art. 50, paragraph 3 of CHA.
- National archaeological, architectural and urban reserve "Nessebar", outstanding universal value", according to CMD No. 174 of 1991.
- The Ancient city of Nessebar was registered in the List of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of UNESCO on the VII-th regular session of The World Heritage Committee in 1983.
- The classification made until the acceptance in 2009 of The Cultural Heritage Act (CHA) of the territory as an architectural and urban reserve, defines it within the meaning of art. 47, p. 3 and p. 5 and art. 48, p. 2 of CHA and as a group urban and architectural – structural immovable cultural property "*historical settlement*" with a category "*national significance*".

2. The proposal of NIICH is the statute of the Ancient city of Nessebar as an archaeological reserve specified under CHA to be changed to:

Group immovable cultural property "Ancient city of Nessebar" – "archaeological reserve and an architectural-structural and urban immovable cultural property "historical settlement" with a category "national significance".

In the text the Archaeological reserve and the architectural – structural and urban immovable cultural property "historical settlement" with a category "national significance" will be referred to only as "Ancient city of Nessebar".

II. PROPOSAL FOR DEFINING OF REGIMES FOR PRESERVATION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR.

1. Characteristics and reasoning.

The Ancient city of Nessebar is a settlement structure, the result of the historical and geomorphological processes that have taken place from the late Bronze Age to this day. The city has preserved movable and immovable cultural properties from the antiquity, the Byzantine and Bulgarian Middle ages, the Ottoman rule, the Bulgarian revival and

the modern times. Thus is formed the specific quality of the value - functional and property integrity within the borders of a single settlement organism, determined by the fortress system of the city during the VI c. BC. Today, due to the geomorphological processes, part of the territory of the historic settlement is situated in a sector from the aquatory of the peninsula in northeast, southeast, direction from it.

2. Territorial scope of the Ancient city of Nessebar and of its buffer zone

2.1 Territorial scope of the Ancient city of Nessebar - corresponds to the defined with CMD No. 174 of 1991. **(SG No. 75/1991)** Territorial scope of the National archaeological, architectural and urban reserve "Nessebar", outstanding universal value and includes the entire peninsula part with the isthmus, including the returned territories on the north coast, with the exception of the newly acquired territories in the southwest part of the peninsula.

2.1.1 The borders of the immovable cultural property Ancient city of Nessebar are the following:

- from the west: The western end of the isthmus are of particular interest, coincides with the eastern regulation border of the quarter "Nessebar - new city",
- from the north, northwest, northeast, southeast and south directions: along the line of the coast on the isthmus and on the peninsula to the northeastern border of land property No. 51500. 501.455.
- from the southwest: along the northeastern borders of land properties No. 51500. 501.456, No. 51500.501.455, No. 51500.501.451, No. 51500.501.452, No. 51500.501.353, No. 51500.501. 467 No. 51500.501. 351 and along the south coastline of the peninsula and the isthmus to its intersection with the eastern regulation border of quarter "Nessebar - new city"

2.2. Territorial scope of the Ancient city of Nessebar and its buffer zone

- corresponds to the scope of the buffer zone, defined with CMD No. 174 of 1991, with a marginal increase in the mainland to the south and includes: on the peninsula - the newly acquired port territories in the southwestern part of the old town; on the mainland: to the west - part of the new city to the eastern border of quarters 57, 58, 59 and 60 /in the direction of str. "Zornitsa" to the sea to the north, to the south - the territory of the seaside park; in the aquatory - the immediately adjacent to the immovable cultural property and the specified territories aquatory of 2 kilometers.

2.2.1. Boundaries of the buffer zone of the immovable cultural property - they determine the territorial scope of the three parts of the buffer zone, on the mainland - Zone A, on the peninsula - Zone B, and in the aquatory - Zone C:

- **On the mainland - Zone A:** they cover a territory from the New city enclosed between:

- to the east - the eastern regulation border of quarter "Nessebar - new city", to its intersection with the coast line.
 - to the south - along the coast line to its intersection with the western border of land property No. 51500. 502. 518,
 - to the west - along the western borders of land properties No. 51500.502. 518 and No. 51500.502. 561, along the western and northern borders of land property No. 51500.502 along the northwestern border of land property No. 51500.502.446, to the eastern regulation border of land property No. 51500. 502. 447, from here along the eastern and northern border of land property No. 51500.502. 447 to the axis of Zornitsa Str., from here along the axis of Zornitsa Str. in north direction and along the northwestern borders of land properties with No. 51500.502.322, No. 51500.502.323, No. 51500. 502.316, No. 51500.502.298, No. 51500.502.299, No. 51500.502.293 and across "Han Krum" Str. along the northwestern and northeastern borders of land property No. 51500.502.286 to its intersection with the northwestern border of land property No. 51500. 502. 564, from here along the northwestern border of land property No. 51500. 502. 564 to the coast line,
 - to the northeast - along the coastline to its intersection with the eastern regulative border of quarter "Nessebar - new city".
- **On the peninsula - Zone B:** Covers the newly acquired territories, enclosed between the northeastern borders of land properties No. 51500. 501.456, No 51500.501.455, No. 51500.501.451, No. 51500.501.452, No. 51500.501.353, No. 51500.501.467 and the coastline of the peninsula.
 - **In the aquatory of the peninsula - Zone C:** covers its aquatory of 2 km.
 - The buffer zone of the aquatory is divided to zone "B-1" and zone "B-2" with the following borders:
 - Boundaries of **zone "C-1"** - they define the aquatory of the peninsula, with a width of 220 m from the coast line;
 - Boundaries of **zone "C-2"** - they define the remaining part from the aquatory of the peninsula, measured from the borders of zone "C-1" to the 2 km aquatory.

3. Provisions for preservation of the Ancient city of Nessebar and its buffer zone.

3.1. General approach.

On the basis of the proposal made for determination of the types of characteristics under the national legislation are defined the two constituent elements of the property - "archaeological reserve", according to art. 50 of CHA and "group immovable architectural – structural and urban cultural property "historical settlement" with a category "national significance". As this specificity is accounted for, the proposal for determining of provisions for preservation of the Ancient city of Nessebar is drawn up,

as a single settlement structure. With their determination is meant to be implemented effectively the national regulations and the international documents in the field of the preservation of the cultural heritage through:

- Creation of conditions for sustainable development on the territory of the property upon adherence to its three principles: economic development, social balance and protection of the environment (including also the cultural heritage), defined in the documents for sustainable development of the United Nations and EU.

- Preservation of the immovable cultural property through specific requirements for spatial planning and investment design of conservation-restoration activities, aimed at preservation, modern use and integration of the property in the socio-cultural area of the city, while preserving its authenticity and integrity.

- Preservation of the buffer zone of the immovable cultural property through specific requirements for development planning and investment design to ensure the integrity of the property in natural and spatial context.

- Creation of possibilities for socio-economic development, while maintaining the authenticity and integrity of the group and individual immovable cultural property, and the buffer zones on the peninsula, the mainland and in the aquatory, through creation of possibilities for: rehabilitation of the urban areas and spaces for carrying out public activities; provision of modern habitation and use of the single immovable cultural property for traditional or modern functions, while maintaining their value characteristics; use of the cultural potential for the purposes of the economic development.

- The act of the registration of the property in the List of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of UNESCO, the proposed statute of the territory as an archaeological reserve, the data from the historical records and the archaeological studies of the ancient and medieval town of Mesambria/Mesembria, the architecture from the Bulgarian National Revival period and the modern layer in the development of the city prove that the entire territory of the Ancient city of Nessebar, and part of its aquatory is with a rich historic stratification from different epochs and civilizations. Therefore, the provisions for preservation of the Ancient city of Nessebar, treat equitably the entire territory of the property, while taking into account the specificities of its constituent elements. In the same manner the provisions treat the buffer zone. The described characteristics of the territory and its adjacent aquatory implies compliance and consistent implementation of the principles of the integrated conservation, as it is necessary to keep in mind that:

- the integrated conservation is part of the global idea for sustainable development;
- the sustainable development implies creative attitude, which to preserve and bequeath the multifarious cultural heritage, enriched by the modern achievements;
- the conservation of the elements of the heritage should not be examined independently, but is a means for achieving the main goal of sustainability at level economy, social policy and environment;

- the preservation of the immovable cultural property and the effective realization of their role as a factor of stability is possible to be realized in coordination with the development planning;
- the archaeological sites and their context must be taken into account in their functional, semantic and spatial integrity.

3.2. General provisions for preservation of the Ancient city of Nessebar and its buffer zone.

In accordance with the quoted founding principles and the general approach taken are defined also the following general provisions for preservation:

- Each activity of: spatial interventions, construction, movable objects and elements of the urban furnishing, landscaping and development, design and building of networks and facilities of the technical infrastructure, are carried out after coordination with the Ministry of Culture under CHA.

- About projects for major restoration or new construction, which could affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, the World Heritage Committee is notified, according to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by Order № 13 of the Bureau of the Council of Ministers 4.02.1974g., promulgated in State Gazette, issue 44/2005. and under art.172A the Guidance on its application. The projects are processed after the ruling of the World Heritage Committee;

- In cases of established illegal construction under TDA in a property / and investment initiatives and projects relating to the property / they are coordinated under the CHA after its removal.

- Spatial interventions and activities are permitted, which are aimed at restoration of the cultural landscape of the city, and expression of its rich cultural stratification. Sites for production activities and services, generating pollution of the environment are not permitted.

- It is required in the project of a Plan for conservation and management (PCM) of the Ancient city of Nessebar to be reflected:

- the modern understandings for sustainable development and integrated conservation, according to the international documents;
- the regulatory requirements and the current regimes for preservation, accepted under the national legislation.

- Coordination of all strategies, plans and programs under The Cultural Heritage Act (CHA), the Law on Regional Development and the Law on Spatial Planning (LSP).

- The Detailed Development Plan (DDP) of the city of Nessebar and the specific rules and regulations to it should reflect the current regimes for preservation of the property and its buffer zone and the analyzes of the Plan for conservation and management.

- The investment projects for new main and additional construction is necessary:

- to be preceded or developed simultaneously with a project for Volume Development Study with street silhouettes, covering the site development in one to three quarters, depending on the location of the site, and cross sections through two quarters - the adjacent to the site and the opposite one, in case that the relevant Regulated Land Property does not fall within the scope of the developed Working Development Plans with silhouettes;
- The territory of the Ancient city of Nessebar and its buffer zone is subject to a comprehensive archaeological survey, carried out pursuant to the regulatory framework and in accordance with the provisions for preservation for the relevant territory:
- regular archaeological studies - planned under annual scientific programs;
 - Rescue archaeological studies - carried out upon investment and public work initiatives;
 - the decisions, related with the preservation of the studied archaeological remains are taken in accordance with CHA;
 - the methodological approach to the examined archaeological remains, which are subject to conservation, exhibition and integration is determined in accordance with the regimes for preservation, as the methods of restoration and reconstruction of the archaeological structures are allowed only in the context of the adopted from the international professional community understanding of authenticity;
 - the conservation and the integration of the archaeological immovable cultural properties is necessary to provide their effective protection in order to prevent the damage and the destruction and preserving the authenticity of the substance.

3.3. Provisions for preservation of the immovable cultural property the Ancient city of Nessebar

3.3.1. For the urban structure:

- For the locations, where the integrity of the urban structure in relation to the nature and the method of construction is violated, to the DDP should be drawn up Working Development Plans with silhouettes for its restoration.

3.3.2. For the regulated land properties:

- For the buildings with a statute of single immovable cultural properties and their properties:

- changes in the interior of the buildings are allowed in order to ensure modern conditions of habitation, provided, that their specified provisions for preservation are not violated;
- reconstruction of the imaging authenticity is required, in the cases where it is changed due to illegal interventions;

- a change of the purpose is permitted - after proving that the new function does not violate the specified provisions for preservation;
 - new construction in the estates of the immovable cultural properties is permitted only for recovery of missing volumes under cadastral data within the old construction outlines;
 - the yards can be used for the new purpose of the relevant immovable cultural property, while their traditional characteristic does not change;
 - the artistic lighting on the single immovable cultural properties is realized on the basis of individual projects, agreed in accordance with CHA.
- For properties without a statute of immovable cultural property:
- the investment projects for new main and additional construction should comply with the character and the method of construction of the urban structure of the property and with the historical context, as the height upon the main construction shall not exceed the relative elevation cornice and elevation crest of the most adjacent and visually perceiving immovable cultural property - a representative of the vernacular architecture.
 - a replacement of the main construction is permissible; a new construction on the location of missing buildings and additional construction is permissible, provided that the lines of construction should comply with available archive cadastral data;
 - a new additional construction is permissible in order to ensure commercial or service activity in the cases when there are no archival data for its deployment, as the total built-up area of the main and additional construction does not exceed 50% from the total area of the property. To street regulation the new additional construction is permitted only behind a massive fenced wall, without exceeding it and without window holes on it. In these cases is permissible a opening of only one yard gate and a door, with traditional characteristics and materials, as the door can serve as an entrance to the building of the additional construction.
 - additional construction is not permissible in front of the yard facades of the buildings, facing the seashore and the coastal street, except behind fencing walls and under the conditions of the preceding paragraph
 - a new connected construction is not permissible, except upon reconstruction of existing buildings without change of their volume-spatial parameters;
 - the new construction should be subject to the architecture of the traditional Nessebar residential building: scale, proportions, color, processing and treatment of the facades; the timber boarding on the floor and a thick stone masonry or traditional white plaster for the ground floors is mandatory, wooden frames for the windows and for the shops and wooden shutters in the ground floors;

- the roofs should be common, pitched with a slope from 1:3 to 1:2.5 with a covering of ceramic single gutter tiles with a traditional color; without dormers, the lighting of the spaces under the roof, where necessary, should be achieved with skylights not larger than 60/100 cm to inner yard spaces, the eaves should be formed with visible wooden structure.
- double bay windows on the floors are not permitted;
- The fences shall be performed under the following requirements:
 - to the streets - massive, masonry stone, or with a smooth plaster processing, without linings and holes; one gate and entrance door with traditional characteristics are permitted, as for properties with frontage on two streets, can be opened a gate and a door to each one of them.
 - the height is proved with a silhouette survey.

3.3.3. Archaeological studies:

- All construction and civil engineering activities in land properties are preceded compulsorily by a rescue archaeological study:

- upon main construction - in the scope of the entire property;
- for additional construction and for additional construction to main construction - within the provided outlines of construction according to the full planning permission;
- upon linear infrastructure sites - within the investment project and in the scope of the servitude upon excavation works, with a depth greater than 50 cm, **and** up to 50 cm from the surface of the existing terrain - under the surveillance of an archaeologist.

- the Investment design is carried out after a preliminary carried out rescue archaeological study. In the event that the results of the study and the evaluation of the scientific, cultural, and exhibition value of the discovered immovable archaeological structures impose development changes, the same shall be proceeded in accordance with LSP and CHA.

- For the preservation of the archaeological properties, exhibited in the open, the owners, the concessionaries or the users of the properties, in which they are located, should ensure their security and constant maintenance in compliance with the requirements for preservation and public access in accordance with the provisions of CHA and the Ordinance for presentation of the cultural properties.

3.3.4. For the distinctive zones of the property with substantial importance for the cultural landscape:

- Zone of the isthmus:
 - interventions, leading to an increase of the territory of the isthmus shall not be allowed;

- It is required a removal of all illegal constructions and placed objects and elements.
- Reception area - covers the zone in front of the historical entrance of the city and the west slope of the peninsula:
 - In the scope of the zone is not allowed building construction, as well as the deployment of temporary and movable commercial sites;
 - a conservation, exhibition and integration of archaeological properties is required with an emphasis on the fortress system and the archaeological complex "Western Gate";
 - it is permitted to layout information elements and signs for the cultural heritage, history and life of the city, local and specialized tourist transport and transport technical infrastructure;
- Zone of the reclaimed territories and slopes - covers the horizontal platform and the slopes in the **northwestern**, northern and eastern part of the peninsula - the developed territories, the fishing port and the seaside alley:
 - to be provided the exhibition, the integration and the socialization of the archaeological structures;
 - upon strengthening the slopes the projects for the reinforcement activities should comply with the morphology of the terrain and the results of the archaeological studies;
 - on the basis of the existing data and the results of the archaeological studies, the built strengthening facilities along the slopes functionally, structurally and architecturally should integrate in the context of the ancient city;
 - it is permitted a part of the territory, in which there are no archaeological immovable cultural properties, to be used for public landscaping and parking for the residents of the city, movable trade, construction and installation of facilities for disadvantaged people and facilities for the needs of the fishing port.

3.3.5. Green areas and park planning

- The authentic green system of the old city should be preserved.
- At the park planning on the slopes should be used simplified composition in green color range, which should serve as a background for expression of the property, including if benching is necessary. Appropriate species for strengthening the slope are Lycium, Cotoneaster, Yellow acacia, Lilac (Syringa), Tamarix (salt cedar), Spartium junceum (Spanish broom), Ailanthus (Ailanthus altissima), Coleus, Eastern redbud (Cercis siliquastrum), White acacia (Robinia pseudoacacia). Trees and shrubs trimmed into decorative shapes should not be used, as well as roses, palms, thujas.

- upon park planning of the streets should be used mainly Sophora, as suitable are Coleus, Linden and White acacia;
- upon park planning and development of the yard spaces of the immovable cultural properties should be preserved the authentic planning characteristic and volume-spatial characteristic of the yard and should be used trellis vines, as well as the local plant species.

3.3.6. Development activities:

- upon the shaping of the street and the square spaces and the conducting of development activities should be applied natural, local, traditional construction materials;
- the road surface of the street and public spaces should be entirely of natural stone in the structure and scale of the traditional cobblestone pavement, as stone pavement is also permitted.

3.3.7. Structure of networks and facilities of the technical infrastructure:

- Underground laying of the networks of the technical infrastructure and telecommunication links is required.
- for the surface facilities of the technical infrastructure (switchboards, measuring instruments, etc.) is required an appropriate incorporation (caching), in accordance with the specifics of the particular place, under an individual architectural project;
- on the visible from the public spaces facades and roofs of the buildings are not permitted installation and other technical elements such as solar panels, weather boxes, stations of mobile operators, etc.

3.3.8. Transport and communication servicing:

- to be carried out with optimum limitation of the road access within the borders of the Ancient city of Nessebar.
- the public transport and the parking lots for motor vehicles for visitors **to be** organized outside the territory of the property, while providing alternative ways of transport: taxis, tourist trains, bicycle rental, mini electric cars, etc.
- for the residents of the Ancient city of Nessebar should be established a passing-through regime, as for those that do not have an objective possibility for parking in their own property, for the visitors in a disadvantaged position, taxis and cars with a special purpose, should be provided places to park in the regained territories;
- the facilities for access for disadvantaged people to and inside the immovable cultural properties with a public access should be built or installed after an agreement of the design documentation in accordance with CHA.

- the specified requirements and the conditions for car access and parking should be reflected in the Ordinance of the Municipal Council for organization and safety of the transport on the territory of the Ancient city of Nessebar.

3.3.9. Requirements and conditions for deployment of movable objects and elements of the urban furnishing:

- For movable commercial sites:

- release of the public spaces of the city from movable commercial sites and the taking out of goods in the open;
- release of the spaces around the churches and the archaeological properties;
- the placing of movable commercial sites is permissible in the areas of the southwest coastal slopes with coast protective structures and the areas with port, service and commercial functions, public parking lots of reclaimed and newly conquered territories for port and public services, where there is no archaeological remains.
- for movable sites for commercial and other servicing activities on the territory of the Ancient city of Nessebar, shall be issued an authorization for placing under an order, established with ordinance of the municipal council and on the basis of a scheme, approved by the Chief Architect and agreed under the CHA.
- the movable objects should be typified, made of specially prepared and agreed under the CHA projects.
- Placing of cabinets, refrigerated display cases and other elements of the trade and services on the facades of the buildings, on the walls and fences in front of the street regulation line is not permitted.

- In cases of temporary public events - festivals, bazaars, fairs and others should be held in spaces and zones, designated with a scheme, agreed under the CHA.

- For the needs of the public catering in the public spaces can be positioned tables in the open, umbrellas and pergolas, according to an approved scheme and under the following requirements:

- The placing of tables, outdoor umbrellas, pergolas and any other shading devices in the street and square areas around the churches and archaeological properties is not allowed.

- The elements of the urban furnishing on the territory of Ancient city of Nessebar (the bus stops of the local transport, the streetlights, the benches, the public faucets, fountains, city clocks, designation of streets and squares, containers for waste, etc.) are made and placed under an approved and agreed in accordance with CHA common project, meeting the following requirements:

- for each of the elements should be drawn up a layout scheme, complete with a technical project under the relevant parts;
- the design and materials for the construction of the elements should be subject to a unified concept for the urban furnishing;
- the designation of the streets and squares should be made with unified signs, prepared under a special art project, in accordance with the general project;
- the waste containers shall be made and placed at locations defined with the general project and depending on the nature of the wastes are designed with a uniform design, but with different spatial and technical characteristics (for small paper, for cigarette butts, for household, food and etc. wastes).

- It is not permitted to be placed additional roofs, awnings, antennas, climatic cabinets and other non distinctive elements with participation upon the perception of the urban environment on the facades and roofs of the buildings and on the fences in front of the street regulation line.

- The sunscreen elements, umbrellas and pergolas, should meet the following conditions:

- their height should not exceed that on the ground floor or the fence of the adjacent building;
- in open position the umbrellas should not exceed the regulated with the scheme area;
- to be made of wood material with a cover of fabric, in accordance with projects for typified objects, made particular for the Ancient city of Nessebar; the color of the fabric cover is selected from the approved color scheme;
- the placing of advertising inscription is permitted only within the hanging part of the cover of the umbrella in a color nuance of the color of the cover.
- the cover of the pergolas is permitted to be carried out only with a natural landscaping.

- It is permitted to be placed movable objects, type "tripod" only in the locations designated for this, inside the peninsula for the time of immediate operation of the site within the working hours. On the designated place can be placed only by one tripod, one folder, one chair - with a design in accordance with the approved projects for typified objects.

- The tables, chairs and benches should meet the following conditions:

- to be made of wood and/or metal, in conformity with the characteristics of the environment;
- the tablecloths on the tables and the cushions on the chairs should correspond to the approved color scheme;
- It is not permitted to have advertising inscriptions and images on the tables, the chairs and benches, as well as on the tablecloths and cushions to them.

- The mobile advertisement of a commercial site is permissible with a placement of maximum of one piece of items directly in front of its entrance, located on a selected

typified movable object, or directly on the ground, at 0.30 m. in front of the facade, with a length and height of not more than 1.0 m.

- The mobile advertisement of a commercial site is permissible within the working hours of the respective site, the type of the items should be consistent with the nature and importance of the Ancient city of Nessebar and should meet the following requirements:

- the item can be: a menu in front of a catering establishment or an element for presentation of a specific service, related with the servicing of the tourism;
- the element should be placed to the entrance of the public catering establishment or to the location for provision of the service;
- the location of the element should not impede the pedestrian traffic and should not affect the perception of the specific characteristics of the urban environment;
- the type of the element is selected from approved typified samples, made under a project specifically for "the Ancient city of Nessebar";
- the sign for business hours is placed on the entrance or the shop window of the commercial site.

- It is permitted to be placed fixed elements on the commercial advertisement and identification signs, fastened on the facades of the buildings and the fencing walls, in accordance with the following requirements:

- only withing the ground floor or on the fenced wall of the properties, but not above them;
- only alongside and within one of the facade panels on the ground floor, as the outer surface of the advertisement comes out up to seven centimeters in front of the facade surface on the ground floor and has the maximum permissible height of 30 cm.;
- one advertising element should not pass through more than one facade panel on the ground floor of one or more buildings (properties);
- the elements should be consistent with the architecture (divisions, scale, proportions, etc.) of the building, on which they are placed;
- the advertising elements should not cover characteristic parts of the building (struts, beams, window openings, covers and etc.) and should comply with the holes on the facade;
- the advertising element on the facade of the building shall be placed in the vicinity, next to or on the entrance to the relevant commercial site, for which it refers.

- The permissible materials for the production of the elements of the commercial advertisement are: stone, wood, metal, fabric, as the choice of a specific material

should be consistent with the architecture of the building, on which the advertising element is placed, according to the following conditions:

- polished elements of stone, wood and metal, as well as shiny fabric should not be used;
- the content of the element of the commercial advertisement should present only the name and/or the type of the commercial site, and/or the service, which is offered, the integration of elements of the corporate image (inscription, font, logo, design, color, etc.) is permissible;
- It is permissible to be placed elements of the corporate image (logo, emblem, font) as part of an advertising element, filled with individual letters;
- the advertising commercial element should not present and/or include separate products - images and/or photos of souvenirs, clothes, foods, etc., as well of trademarks - cigarettes, foods, drinks, etc.;
- the inscriptions of the advertising elements should be written compulsory on Cyrillic in Bulgarian language, as is allowed duplication of the Bulgarian inscriptions with foreign languages of choice, as the size and density of the font does not exceed those of the Bulgarian text;
- the intensity of the lighting in connection with the elements of the commercial advertisement should not exceed the ambient lighting of the public spaces and should be consistent with the architecture of the building, any illuminating advertisements and elements are not permitted - boxes, hoses, tapes, neon plastic signs, individual illuminating letters, etc.

- To be developed an Ordinance of the Municipality for the advertisement and the advertising activity, consistent with the requirements of the current provisions.

3.4. Provisions for preservation of the buffer zone of the Ancient city of Nessebar.

3.4.1. General provisions:

- In the territories of the buffer zone is required the construction to be freely, with a low density of construction and with horizontal placement along the terrain, so as to conform to the traditional development characteristics of the property and to ensure preservation of the cultural landscape, including the views to the immovable cultural properties;

- It is permitted to be placed movable objects, serving temporary markets, fairs and festivals on the spaces designated for this purpose, for the period of conducting the event and information elements to them, under approved and agreed under CHA and LSP projects and schemes;

- The placement of sunscreen structures is permitted with a design, consistent with the specific provisions to the movable objects on the territory of the property.

3.4.2. For the part of the new city west of the isthmus (the mainland) - Zone

A:

- For the territory of the Necropolis of Messembria/Mesembria, the determined by a Protocol of Interdepartmental Committee of 07.08.2012, appointed with Order No. RD 9K-157/31.07.2012 of the Minister of Culture, accepted with an approved by the Minister of Culture Protocol No. 33/29.10.2012 from a meeting of the Specialized Expert Council for conservation of Immovable Cultural Heritage Sites:

- the investment design is carried out after a preliminary carried out rescue archaeological study, within the construction, determined with the full planning permission.
 - after the completion of the rescue archaeological study, at the request of the Museum "Ancient Nessebar", the institution, with which the contract is concluded or the scientific supervisor of the study, the Minister of Culture shall appoint a committee in accordance with art. 158 a of CHA.
 - The Chief Architect of the city of Nessebar must send written notification the Museum "Ancient Nessebar" for the approved development plans and issued full planning permissions and construction permits on the territory of the immovable archaeological cultural value.
 - a reduced construction is permissible - terrace-like along the natural terrain (with above-ground floors from 2 to 4 floors) which should preserve the visual connection between the mainland and the peninsula and make the transition to the realized massive construction. The construction should ensure a possibility for exhibiting of stone slabs (cysts) in groups, which include both preserved in situ and transferred from other areas single stone facilities in good physical condition and with specific typological belonging subject to the provisions of Article 169, paragraph 2 of CHA.
- For the remaining territory - any excavation activities should be implemented mandatory under the supervision of a specialist - archaeologist, pursuant to the provisions of CHA.
- It is required a reduction of the volume of the hotel, in which the mill is built-i
- - reduction of the height and release of the space around and above mill.

3.4.3. For the newly acquired coastal areas in the southwestern part of the peninsula - Zone B:

- In the zone for trade, catering and servicing of port functions a new construction is not permitted.

- The zone of Port terminal "Nessebar" - the territory should be used for a port terminal - part of a port for public transport, port facilities, development and public landscaping, public parking and public and information servicing.

- upon proven technical and operational necessity is permitted a reconstruction of the building of the Maritime Station while keeping the volume-spatial parameters of the existing construction;
- any expansions beyond the volume-spatial parameters of the existing construction, related with the functioning of the port terminal when technical and operational necessity is proven will be allowed after the information is presented and an pronouncement from the World Heritage Committee in accordance with the Convention for Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage, accepted with Order No 13 of the Bureau of the Council of Ministers from 4.02.974, promulgated in State Gazette No. 44/2005, and in accordance with art. 172 from the Manual for its application;
- building of infrastructure networks and facilities is permitted exclusively for the needs of the port, while maintaining the current tree vegetation.

3.4.4. For the parts from the aquatory of the peninsula - Zone B:

- General requirements:

- All types of activities in the buffer zone of the aquatory are agreed with the Ministry of Culture on the basis of an opinion of the Center for underwater archeology /CUA/;
- All types of hydrotechnical and dredging activities are agreed with the Ministry of Culture after an opinion of CUA and are preceded by mandatory archaeological studies in search of objects, the implementation of approved activities shall be carried out in regime of archaeological monitoring and, where necessary, shall be conducted rescue archaeological studies under water;
- Underwater blasting operations, dredging, trawling of mussels, fishing with demersal trawls, construction of pound nets, construction of groins, disposal of earth masses in the sea and other activities leading to alteration of the seabed and endangering the archaeological remains.

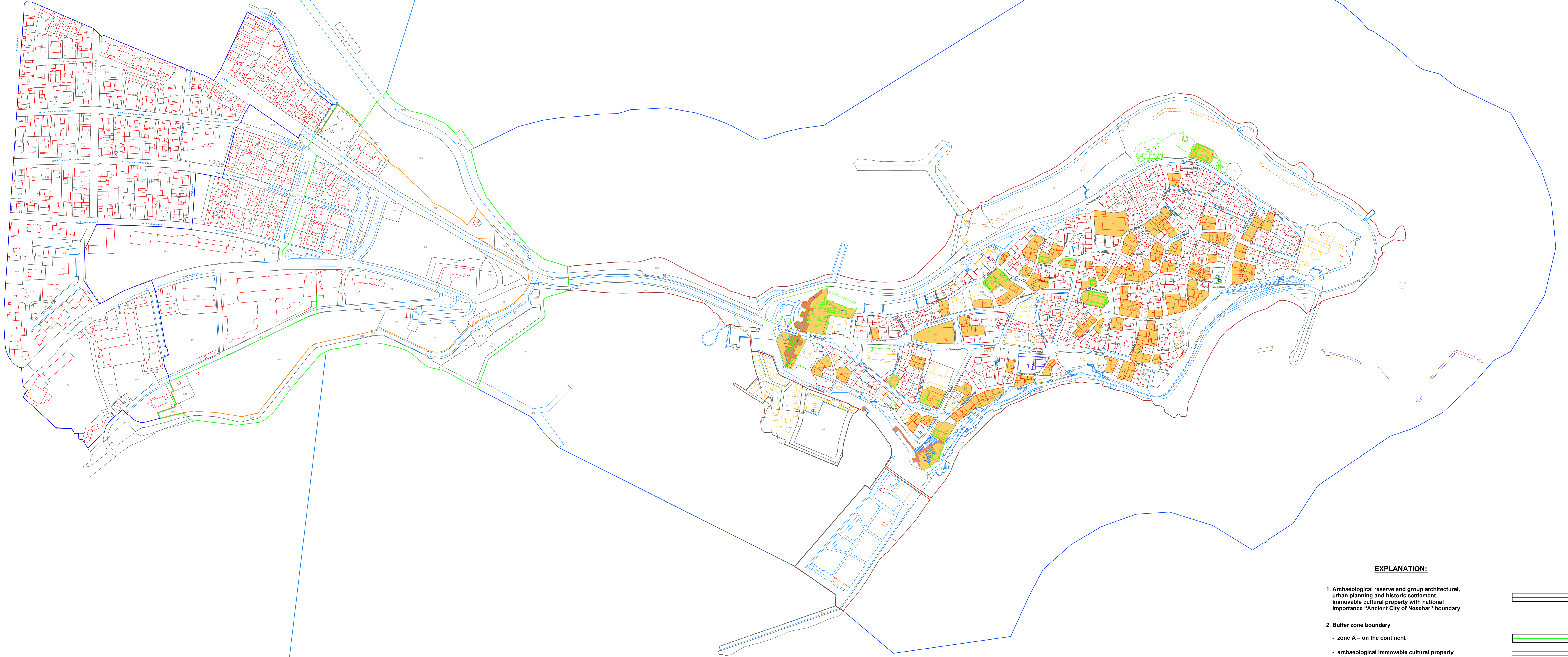
For zone B-1:

- The underwater archaeological studies are funded and carried out on the basis of a unified strategy and methodology, prepared by CUA, with the purpose of identifying, locating, documenting and conservation of the objects under water in their integral integrity, as a constituent element of the historic settlement;
- The access to archaeological objects under water is carried out under the provisions of Ordinance No. H-7 from 12.06.2008 for carrying out diving and other underwater activity.

For zone B-2:

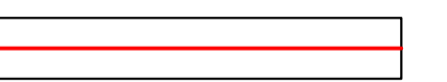
- The general requirements shall apply.

Archaeological reserve and group architectural, urban planning and historic settlement
immovable cultural property with national importance "Ancient City of Nesebar" boundaries and
buffer zones



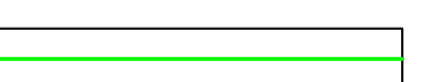
EXPLANATION:

1. Archaeological reserve and group architectural, urban planning and historic settlement immovable cultural property with national importance "Ancient City of Nesebar" boundary



2. Buffer zone boundary

- zone A – on the continent



- archaeological immovable cultural property "Messambria Necropolis" boundary

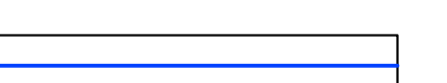


- zone B – on the peninsula

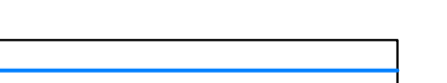


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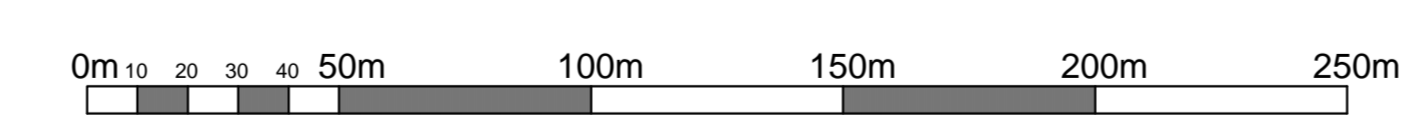
- buffer zone C1 – 220 m zone boarding the peninsula coastline



- buffer zone C – 2 km zone boarding the peninsula coastline



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APPENDIX C

Protocol for the session of the Specialized expert council on the preservation of the immovable cultural heritage from 26.01.2015

APPROVED BY:

**VEZHDI RASHIDOV
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MINUTES № 52

Of the meeting of the Specialized Expert Council for Protection of Immovable Cultural Values (SECPICV) appointed by Order № RD9K-32/21.01.2015 of the Minister of Culture, held on 26.01.2015

AGENDA:

Discussion of the proposal of the Director of the National Institute of Immovable Cultural Heritage (NIICH) to change the status of the "Ancient city of Nessebar", included in the World Heritage List and the regimes for its protection, prepared in accordance with Art. 64, para. 1 in conjunction with Art. 69, para. 1 of the Law on Cultural Heritage.

Reported by: arch. Galya Stoyanova, NIICH

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Hitko Vachev, PhD

ATTENDING: Arch. Hristo Ganchev, Assoc. Prof. Lyudmil Vagalinski, PhD, Prof. Vasil Nikolov, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Kostadin Kisyov, PhD, Prof. Valentin Pletnyov, PhD, Arch. Irina Kekevaska (Arch. Lidiya Stankova), Emil Velinov, Arch. Yavor Dichev, Petar Popov, Arch. Valentina Vassileva, prof. Valentin Todorov, Arch. Yuliy Farkov, Arch. Dimitriyka Dobрева - Angelova, Arch. Ulyana Maleeva, Arch. Daniela Dzhurkova.

Absent from the meeting of SECPICV: Hristina Angelova.

The meeting was attended also by: Assoc. Prof. Aneliya Bozhkova – archaeologist, National Institute of Archaeology with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Petya Kiyashkina - Director of the Ancient Nessebar Museum, Arch. Atanas Pinkov - Nessebar Municipality.

"Ancient city of Nessebar"

Reported by: Arch. Galya Stoyanova - Director of Directorate "Records, Archives, Information Systems and Specialized Documentation" in NIICH;

After hearing the report and after the end of the debate SECPICV made the following

FINDINGS:

1. Status of the "Ancient city of Nessebar":

1.1. At present, defined under the national legislation:

Archaeological reserve "Ancient city of Nessebar", Nessebar municipality, Burgas district, according to Art. 50, para. 3 of the Cultural Heritage Act (CHA);

1.2. To the adoption in 2009 of the CHA under the procedure of the national legislation:

- Decree of the Council of Ministers № 243 of 18.07.1956 on declaring the town of Nessebar a museum, tourist and resort complex of national and international importance: "Declares the town of Nessebar and its coast a museum, tourist and resort complex... The territory of the ancient city is declared an urban architectural and archaeological reserve".
- National archaeological, architectural and urban reserve "Nessebar", a world cultural value, according to Decree of the Council of Ministers № 174 of 1991.
- The classification made to the adoption in 2009 of the CHA of the territory as an architectural urban reserve defines it under the meaning of Art. 47, Item 3 and Item 5 and Art. 48 Item 2 of the CHA also as a group urban and architectural constructional immovable cultural value "historical settlement" with the category "national importance".

1.3. The "Ancient city of Nessebar" is inscribed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage List at the VII regular session of the World Heritage Committee in 1983.

2. The proposal of NIICH is the status of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" to be defined under the CHA as an archaeological reserve and group urban and architectural constructional immovable cultural value "historical settlement" with the category "national importance" – "Ancient city of Nessebar".

3. The "Ancient city of Nessebar" is a settlement structure, result of the historical and geomorphological processes passed from the late Bronze Age to today. The town has preserved movable and immovable cultural values of the antiquity, the Byzantine and Bulgarian Middle Ages, the Ottoman rule, the Bulgarian Revival and the modernity. Thus the specific quality of the value was formed - functional integrity of values within an united settlement organism determined by the fortification system of the town in the VI s. BC. Today, due to the geomorphological processes, part of the territory of the historic settlement is located in the sector of the water area of the peninsula to the northeast - southeast - south of it.

4. NIICH offers the following territorial scope of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" and its protected area:

4.1 The territorial scope of the archaeological reserve and the group urban and architectural constructional immovable cultural value "historic settlement" "Ancient city of Nessebar" to correspond to the defined by Decree of the Council of Ministers № 174 of 1991 (Official Gazette, No.75/1991) territorial scope of the National archaeological, architectural and urban reserve "Nessebar", world cultural value and to include the whole peninsula with the isthmus, including the recovered areas on the north coast, with the exception of the newly acquired territories on the southwest part of the peninsula. This scope corresponds to the scope of the world value, reflected in the periodic report on the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, submitted to the World Heritage Center by the Bulgarian state and supplemented in 2007 with map materials, relating to the limits of the value and its buffer area.

4.2 The territorial scope of the protection area of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" corresponds to the scope of the protected area established by Decree of the Council of Ministers № 174 of 1991, with minimal extension to the south and includes: on the peninsula - the newly acquired port areas in the southwest of the ancient city; on the mainland: to the west - part of the new city to the eastern boundary of districts 57, 58, 59 and 60 (in the direction of Zornitsa street to the sea

northward), to the south - the territory of the seaside park, in the water area – the two-kilometer water area immediately adjacent to the immovable cultural value and the mentioned territories.

5. The rich historical stratification of different eras and civilizations of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" implies compliance and consistent application of the principles of integrated conservation.

6. In line with the mentioned basic principles NIICH offers also the following general regulations for the preservation of the value and its protected area:

6.1 Any activity related to development interventions, construction, movable objects and elements of urban furniture, landscaping and development, design and construction of networks and facilities of the technical infrastructure shall be carried out in coordination with the Ministry of Culture (MC) under the CHA.

6.2 Development interventions and activities are allowed aimed at the restoration of the cultural landscape of the city and the manifestation of its cultural stratification. Sites for productive activities and services, giving rise to pollution of the environment are not allowed.

6.3 It is required the draft of the Plan for the conservation and management (PCM) of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" to reflect the modern understanding of sustainable development and integrated conservation according to the international documents and in accordance with the regulatory requirements and the current protection regimes adopted under the national legislation.

6.4 To coordinate all strategies, plans and programs under the CHA, the Regional Development Act (RDA) and the Law on Spatial Planning (LSP).

6.5 The detailed development plan (DDP) of Nessebar and the specific rules and regulations to it shall reflect the current regimes for the preservation of the value and its protected area.

6.6 The investment projects for new basic and additional construction shall be preceded or shall be developed simultaneously with a project for Volumetric spatial study with street silhouettes covering the construction in one to three neighborhoods, depending on the location of the site and cross sections in two neighborhoods - the associated with the site and the opposing to it, in case the regulated land plot does not fall within the scope of the developed projects with silhouettes.

6.7 The territory of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" and its protected area are subject to thorough archaeological research carried out under the regulations and in accordance with the provisions for the protection of the respective territory.

6.8 The methodological approach to the studied archaeological remains subject to conservation, exhibition and integration shall be determined in accordance with the regimes of protection; the methods of restoration and reconstruction of the archaeological structures shall be allowed only in the context of the adopted by the international professional community understanding of authenticity;

6.9 The conservation and integration of the archaeological immovable cultural values shall provide their effective protection in order to prevent the damage and destruction and to preserve the authenticity of the substance.

7. NIICH offers the following general regulations for the preservation of the protected area "Ancient city of Nessebar":

7.1 In the territories of the protected area it is required the construction to be free, with low density and horizontal positioning on the terrain in order to match the traditional spatial characteristics of the value and to ensure preservation of the cultural landscape, including the views to the immovable cultural values.

7.2 The placing of movable objects serving temporary markets, fairs and festivals at the designated spaces for the duration of the event and information elements to them, according to approved and coordinated under the CHA and TDA projects and schemes is allowed.

7.3 Placing of sunscreen structures is allowed with a design corresponding to the specific requirements to movable sites on the territory of the value.

8. General requirements for the parts of the water area of the peninsula:

8.1 All activities in the protected area of the water area shall be agreed with the Ministry of Culture based on the opinion of the Center for Underwater Archaeology (CUA).

8.2 All types of hydraulic engineering and dredging activities are coordinated with the Ministry of Culture after the opinion of the Center of Underwater Archaeology (CUA) and are preceded by mandatory archaeological studies to search for objects; the implementation of approved activities is carried out in the regime of archaeological monitoring and, if necessary, rescue archaeological researches under water are carried out.

8.3 Underwater blasting, dredging, trawling of mussel, fishing with seabed trawls, construction of traps, construction of jetties, disposal of earth into the sea and other activities leading to modification of the seabed and threatening the archaeological remains are prohibited.

9. In the case of established under the TDA illegal construction in a property/ies, investment initiatives and projects relating to the property/ies shall be coordinated under the CHA after its removal.

10. It was suggested in Item 3.3.3. of the prescriptions after "to provide the exposure, integration and socialization of the archaeological structures" to add "incl. the backfilled structures and restoring their spatial role in the historical stratigraphy of the city." The proposal was put to vote and rejected with the following result: "for" - 5 votes, "against" - 2 votes, "abstained" - 6 votes.

11. About projects for major restoration works or new construction, which could affect the outstanding universal significance of the value the World Heritage Committee shall be informed .

12. Projects under Item 11 shall be proceed after the rendition of the World Heritage Committee.

13. In the graphic materials the data of the fortification walls shall be registered in the northwest, north and northeast direction, and the fortification system of the city to be marked in colors.

14. The proposed regulations for the protection of the immovable cultural value "Ancient city of Nessebar" include provisions for: the urban structure; the regulated land plots; the archaeological research; the typical areas of the value with essential importance for the cultural landscape; the lawns and landscaping; the public works; the structure of networks and facilities of the technical infrastructure; the transport and communication services; the requirements and conditions for positioning movable objects and elements of the urban furniture.

15. The proposed regulations for the preservation of the protected area of the "Ancient city of Nessebar" include prescriptions for: the part of the new town to the west of the isthmus (mainland) - Zone A; the newly acquired coastal areas in the southwest part of the peninsula - Zone B; the parts of the water area of the peninsula - Zone B (divided into Zone B-1 and Zone B-2).

Based on the made findings, the SECPICV took the following

DECISION:

Pursuant to Art. 64, para. 3 of the CHA, the Minister of Culture shall issue an order to change the status of the archaeological reserve "Ancient city of Nessebar", Nessebar municipality, Burgas district as "Archaeological Reserve and historic settlement, architectural constructional and urban immovable cultural value with category "national importance" – "Ancient city of Nessebar

"with the offered by the importer protection regimes - territorial scope and prescriptions for protection.

CHAIRMAN:

Prof. Hitko Vachev, PhD

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APPENDIX D

**Letter from the Ministry of the Finance under Outgoing number:
No. 04-01-68 from June 27, 2014**



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Outgoing No.

Sofia, 2014

TO
Mrs. VELISLAVA KRASTEVA
DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE
Regarding your No. 04-06-115 from 30.04.2014

SUBJECT: Project of the Plan for Preservation and Management of the "Old Town of Nessebar"

DEAR Mrs. KRASTEVA:

In conjunction with your letter under the above mentioned number regarding the project of the Plan for Preservation and Management of the "Old Town of Nessebar", the Ministry of Finance expresses the following opinion:

1. Concerning the proposal for the creation of a National Fund "Nessebar - World Heritage"

In the Project of the Plan for Preservation and Management it is foreseen by a separate law to be created a new management body - a National Fund "Nessebar - World Heritage" that is going to perform tasks related to funding of activities that are provisioned in the plan by raising, management and spending of funds and other activities provided by subsidies defined by the State Budget Act for the relevant year, donations, legacies, sponsorship by legal entities and individuals from the country and abroad, rights over objects of intellectual property, interest on the accounts of the Fund and other revenues provided by law.

It should be noted that we do not encourage the establishment of funds in any form especially those which purpose is to mainly gain and spend the budget. Pursuant to the provisions of the Law on Public Finance aiming to strengthen the fiscal consolidation it is foreseen the administration and management of the budget organizations resources, including municipalities, to be performed using their budget or accounts for resources from the European Union. Moreover, by Art. 2 of the Law on Public Finance it is also introduced restriction by another law not to be possible the creation of regulation of the matter, a subject of the Law on Public Finance that deviates from the principles defined by it.

Regarding the objectives, functions and tasks of the National Fund "Nessebar - World Heritage" and its contribution to the conduction of state policy in the area of the preservation of

this relic we would like to draw your attention to the fact that state policy is conducted by the relevant state authorities and the funding has to be performed within the frameworks of their budgets.

Having in mind the afore-mentioned we suggest that the stated source of funding of the plan activities, namely the National Fund "Nessebar - World Heritage" to be deleted.

From the perspective of funding of the provided in the plan activities, the required resources have to be read during the budgetary procedure for the relevant year in compliance with the approved by medium-termed budgetary forecast expenditure ceilings of the interested authorizers with a budget.

2. Regarding the proposal for amendments to the Local Taxes and Fees Act and the Value Added Tax

The project plan contains proposal for obligatory deductions from the revenues from tourism, including the so-called "tourist tax" that is to be used for the needs of the heritage preservation at the Old town of Nessebar by directing it to target funds at national and local level by proposing changes to the Law on Local Taxes and Fees (LLTF).

In Art. 61 of the LLTF is regulated that the income from the tourist tax is spent on activities pursuant to Art. 11, Item 2 of the Tourism Act, according to which the Municipal Council adopts a program for tourism development on the territory of the municipality under the priorities of the regional strategy, marketing strategy of the tourist region and as per local tourist resources and necessities. Because the Old Town of Nessebar is a cultural heritage with local, national and international importance we assume that the income from the tourist tax, realized on the territory of the Municipality Nessebar has to be also spent on events related to this tourist and cultural heritage, therefore we need a change of the provisions of the LLTF.

Regarding the proposal "the companies of the local citizens, living in the Old Town of Nessebar to be freed of VAT" we inform you that the value added tax is a tax on the consumption, which is indirect, multiphased and economically neutral. The Value Added Tax Law settles the taxation of mutual supply of goods and services with a place of performance on the territory of the country as there are expressly listed the exempt supplies of goods and services. The same correspond to the deliveries which are treated as exempt under the provisions of Directive 2006/112/EO Council as of 28 November 2006 on the common system of value added tax.

3. As regards to the proposal for creating a new duty free zone

By the submitted project it is not clear what is meant by the term "duty free zone". In the Community and national customs legislation it is regulated the establishment and functioning of „duty free zones".

Pursuant to Art. 166 of the Regulation (EEC) No. 2913/29 the duty free zones are separated parts from the customs territory of the Community where:

- The non-Community goods for customs purposes of levying import duties and commercial policy measures for imports are considered outside the customs territory of the Community if they are not released for free circulation or placed under a customs procedure or used or consumed under conditions other than those referred in customs regulations;

- The Community goods for which is provided by the specific regulations of the Community legislation uses the measures applied during goods export at their introduction to the free zones.

Pursuant to Art. 167 by the Regulation (EEC) No. 2913/92 the member states can reassign some parts of the customs territory of the Community for free zones or to decide the creation of free warehouses.

The free zones are created by the Ministry Council pursuant to Art.8, Item 1 of Ordinance No. 2242 for the free zones by defining the location and boundaries of the zone, approving its status and forming the enterprise that is going to organize the construction and its stewardship.

The proposal for creation of free zones must conclude justifications for the activities and considerations for economic effectiveness. To the proposal is enclosed a detailed structural plant for the deployment and structure of the zone, the fencing and construction of the required building and technical infrastructure.

Pursuant to § 1, item 1 and 2 of the Additional Provisions to the Value Added Tax Law (VATL) the free zones are part of the geographic territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone as well as the territory of a member state to which is applied Art. 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. By these provisions the free zones are part of the tax territory and there are applied the provisions of the VATL and the Rules for the implementation of the VATL.

The supply of free goods on the territory of the free zones is treated the same way as every one supply performed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the general provisions of the VATL.

Lastly, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that when developing measures and / or schemes for the support of the activities in the area of cultural and historic heritage of the Old Town of Nessebar, related to spending of public resources including both municipal resources and those from the European Union, the same must comply with the State Aid Act and with the regulations of Art. 21, Item 2 and Item 3 of the Public Finance Law, according to which the managers of budget organizations are responsible for the performance of compliance evaluation with regard to the legislation in the area of the state aids as it has to be performed before the disbursement of funds.

DEPUTY-MINISTER:

LYUDMILA ELKOVA

APPENDIX F

**Two schemes with sites which for the period between 2013 and 2014
are conducted rescue or regular archaeological researches and
observation**

ORDINANCE
FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURSUIT OF COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY NESSEBAR

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1 By this ordinance shall be settled the terms and conditions for the pursuit of commercial outdoor activities on municipality property: side walks; squares, street lanes, places where are organized markets, auctions; fairs as well as on areas with other designation on the territory of Municipality Nessebar.

Art. 2 For the pursuit of commercial outdoor activities shall be issued a Use Permit according to the terms and conditions stated in this ordinance.

Art. 3 A permit pursuant to Art. 2 shall be issued in case of:

1. use of municipal terrains for sale of food and industrial goods in front of shops, offices and homes;
2. use of municipal terrains for the deployment of pavilions for public catering and pavilions, table kiosks and others for sale of food goods, cigarettes, alcohol and industrial goods;
3. use of municipal terrains for the deployment of tables, chairs, windows and others in front of objects of public catering,
4. use of public terrains for the deployment of temporary objects with the purpose of providing shoes, watches and locksmith services;
5. use of public terrains for the deployment of ATM machines, telephone booths and the like;
6. use of municipal terrains for the sale of printed materials and knitwear of works of crafts and applied arts;
7. use of areas where are organized fairs, festivals and holidays, for sale of goods;
8. use of areas where are organized panoramas, shooting, motor boats, roundabouts, cars for kids and the like;
9. use of municipal terrains for sale from a vehicle, harnessed with livestock for trade in agricultural produce;
10. use of municipal terrains for sale from a car for trade in agricultural produce;
11. use of municipal terrains for sale from a truck or trailer for trade in agricultural produce;
12. use of municipal terrain for sale of woods from a truck or a trailer
13. use of markets for trade in agricultural produce by producers
14. use of markets for trade of industrial goods

Art. 4 (1) On the territory of Municipality Nessebar shall be banned:

1. The trade with pyrotechnical products beyond the objects pursuant to the Law on Control over Explosives, Firearms and Ammunition and the regulations for its implementation;
2. Trade of goods of unknown origin;
3. Use of green areas, side walks and other areas for public use around the trade objects for preservation of goods and empties;
4. Display and trade of goods at the entry parts of the buildings and on the floor;
5. Obstructing the pedestrian traffic on the side walks and other walking areas by placing fences, grilles, flowers, tables, chairs, etc.
6. Placing of tables and consuming on them in front of trade objects that are not categorized under the meaning and requirements of the Tourism Act;
7. Performing outdoor trade without an issued permit for usage or which period is over;
8. Performing trade activities beyond the limits of the allowed quadrature stated in the permit;
9. Performing outdoor trade activity by a trader who differs from a trader entered in the permit;

10. Placing equipment around the monuments of culture in the town of Nessebar - the old part

11. Placing equipment in front of trade objects, on the walls and fences of the houses in the town of Nessebar - the old part

(2) Cannot be subject of outdoor trade:

1. Goods, food and food products that because of the way they are offered could be dangerous to the health and live of the people;
2. Medicines, medical materials and products, medical - sanitary and hygiene materials;
3. Petrol products and their derivatives;
4. Haberdashery, knitwear, footwear, leather goods, industrial goods, and goods for which there is provided prohibition in legislation.
5. Erotic goods and literature;
6. Paddlers, except the cases of home delivery of bought or ordered goods;
7. Goods beyond the legislation and goods entered in the permit;

**CHAPTER III
PRECEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A USE PERMIT
FOR PERFORMING OUTDOOR TRADE**

Art. 5 (1) Outdoor trade on the territory of Municipality of Nessebar pursuant to Art.3, Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 5, Item 6, Item 8, Item 13 and Item 14 shall be performed at places according to schemes, adopted by the Regional Council and approved by the Chief Architect of the municipality

(2) The Commission appointed by Order of the Major of the Municipality, shall annually determine areas for use as part of municipal terrains for the performance of outdoor trade.

(3) The Major of the municipality shall submit to the Regional Council a proposal for the adoption of the schemes according to a protocol prepared by the Commission pursuant to Para 2

(4) The adapted by the Regional Council and the approved by the Chief Architect of the Municipality schemes and the term of submitting of applications shall be announced on an information board in the building of the municipality administration until 30.04 of the current year.

Art. 6 (1) The outdoor trade could be performed only by an individual who is registered as a trader within the meaning of the Commerce Act.

(2) Exceptions under Para 1 shall be permitted for individuals who are expressly listed in Art. 2 of the Commercial Act.

(3) The individuals under Para 1 and Para 2 shall be obliged to maintain cleanness in and around the places designated for outdoor trade, pursuant to the provisions in chapter three of Ordinance No.1 by Municipal Council - Nessebar.

(4) One individual shall have the right to use no more that one place for outdoor trade excluding the individuals who use terrain of municipal property for the performance of trade on the adjacent area of the kept by them trade objects.

Art. 7 (1) The individuals willing to perform outdoor trade shall submit an application according to a template to the Mayor of the Municipality or the Mayor of the residence The following documents shall be attached to the application:

1. Certificate for lack of obligations to Municipality Nessebar.
2. Documents for registration as a producer of agricultural production for the individuals willing to perform outdoor trade in or from vehicles of such production

(2) Individuals willing to perform trade by placing tables as part of dining and entertainment facilities shall submit an application according to a template under Para 1 and shall attach an additional copy of the certification for categorization of the trade object issued pursuant to the Tourism Act.

Art. 8 (1) The applications along with the enclosed documents shall be reviewed by the Commission appointed after Order by the Mayor of the municipality.

(2) The Commission shall consist of five municipal advisor and four representatives of the municipal administration as required a qualified lawyer shall be included. The Commission shall be a permanent acting body within the year.

(3) The Commission under Para 1 shall draft a motivated protocol for its operation

Art. 9 (1) The Mayor of the municipality or an authorized by them proxy shall issue a use permit or a motivated rejection in a 10-day term after the receipt of the protocol pursuant of Art. 8, Para 3.

(2) Use permit shall not be issued in cases when:

1. The application is not accompanied by the required document pursuant to Art.7, Para 1 and Para 2.

2. The individual is in debt to the municipality

3. The places according to the approved scheme are depleted

4. The candidate has 2 or more sanctions imposed

3 The issuance is in contrary to the rules and requirements of this Ordinance

(3) The Use Permit is issued for a period of up to one year.

(4) The permit under Para 1 shall be issued according to a template approved by the Mayor of the municipality as it must state:

1. Name of the trader/ respectively the names of the registered producer of agricultural production/

2. The place, type of facility and the area in sq m for performing of trade activity

3. Term

4. Goods nomenclature that shall be traded

5. Period for performing trade activity

6. The amount of the due monthly tax, defined pursuant to the provisions of Section II by Ordinance No. 11 of the Regional Council of Nessebar

(4) The taxes, defined in the use permit shall be paid monthly from 20 to 30 day of the previous month, nevertheless how long during the day or month the place shall be taken.

(5) Copy of the permit must be positioned inside the trade facility

(6) The permit shall be provided by the trader to the controlling authorities upon request.

(7) Reduction of the previously mentioned area shall not allowed

(8) The trader may cease their activities before the end of the use permit period by submitting a notification in writing within 7 /seven/ days period. In this case the paid tax of the occupied area of the current month shall not be refunded to the trader. Upon deposited notification the commission pursuant to Art.8 shall review the application of the next candidate for the given place for trade activity.

Art. 10 (1) In case of special circumstances, not stipulated in this ordinance the Mayor of the municipality in their own discretion could define additional places for outdoor trade relevant to national and citywide festivals, feasts, local celebrations, festivals and other public events.

(2) Use permit in these cases shall be issued in the manner of this section.

Art. 11 (1) The cancellation of the use permit shall be carried out by an order of the Mayor of the municipality or through an authorized by them proxy in the following cases:

1. When the place is not used according to its designation

2. When it is not used by the individual to whom it is provided

3. When the trader trades with goods different from the ones stated in the permit

4. In case of delay of the due monthly tax for more than a month or refusal for it to be paid

5. In case of deployment of the facilities on larger area than the one mentioned on the permit

6. In case of written notification on behalf of the trader

(2) After the period referred to in the permit ends it shall be no longer valid without the issuance of a special order by the Mayor of the municipality.

Art. 12. The individuals whose use permit is cancelled or period ends shall be obliged in terms of 7 day period to release and clear the area.

Art. 13 (1) The organization of outdoor trade shall be performed by the Trade Department of the municipal administration

(2) The issued permits shall be entered into the electronic registry "Outdoor Trade" along with a reference number and to this number shall be added letter symbols for the residential area where the permit shall be issued to. The electronic registry shall be managed by individuals who shall be authorized by order of the Mayor By order shall also be designated the residential areas for which the respective individual shall be in charge. Information shall be drawn on paper on a monthly bases.

(3) Copy of the permits shall be safekept by the officials under Para 2.

CHAPTER III CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

Art. 14 (1) For violation of the provisions under Art. 14 and Chapter II of this Ordinance the guilty persons shall be imposed a fine from 100 /one hundred/ to 500 /five hundred/ BGN for individuals and for sole traders and legal persons, property sanction from 500 /five hundred/ to 5,000 / five thousand/ BGN.

Art. 15 (1) Penal provisions shall be issued by the Mayor of the municipality or through the authorized by them proxy based on the act for establishment of administrative violation.

(2) The establishment of violation and issuance, appeal and execution of penal provisions shall be proceeded under the Law on Administrative Violations and Penalties.

(3) Acts for establishment of violation under this Ordinance shall be drawn up by officials appointed by order of the Mayor of the municipality.

CHAPTER IV TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

§1 This ordinance shall be issued pursuant to Art. 21, Para 2 by Law on Local Government and Local Administration in relation to Chapter III, Section II by the Law on Local Taxes and Fees

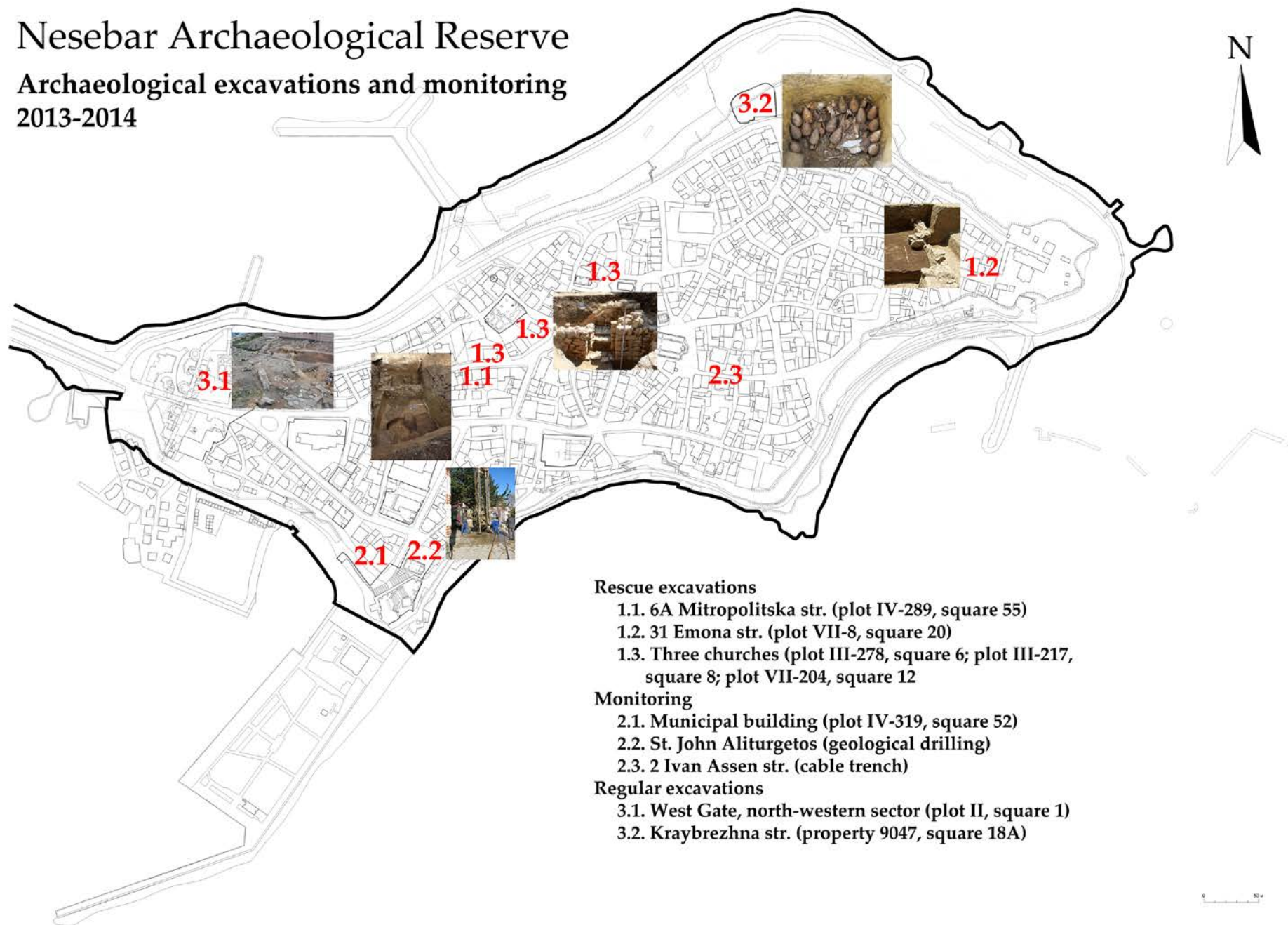
§2 This ordinance shall abolish the current Ordinance No. 2 "For the terms and conditions for the pursuit of commercial outdoor activities in the Municipality Nessebar", adopted by Municipality Council - Nessebar under permit No. 162 of Protocol No. 7 /25.06.2004 amended by dec. No. 519 /protocol No.17/16.12.2005 /and dec. No. 793 /protocol No. 24/26.01.2007/

§3 On the application of this Ordinance the Mayor of Municipality Nessebar shall issue orders and approve procedures

§4 This ordinance shall be adopted by Municipality Council - Nessebar under permit No. 970 of Protocol No.23./02.06.2014 and shall enter into force after the end of the period pursuant to Art. 32 Para 2 by the Administration Act.

Effective as of 05.07.2014

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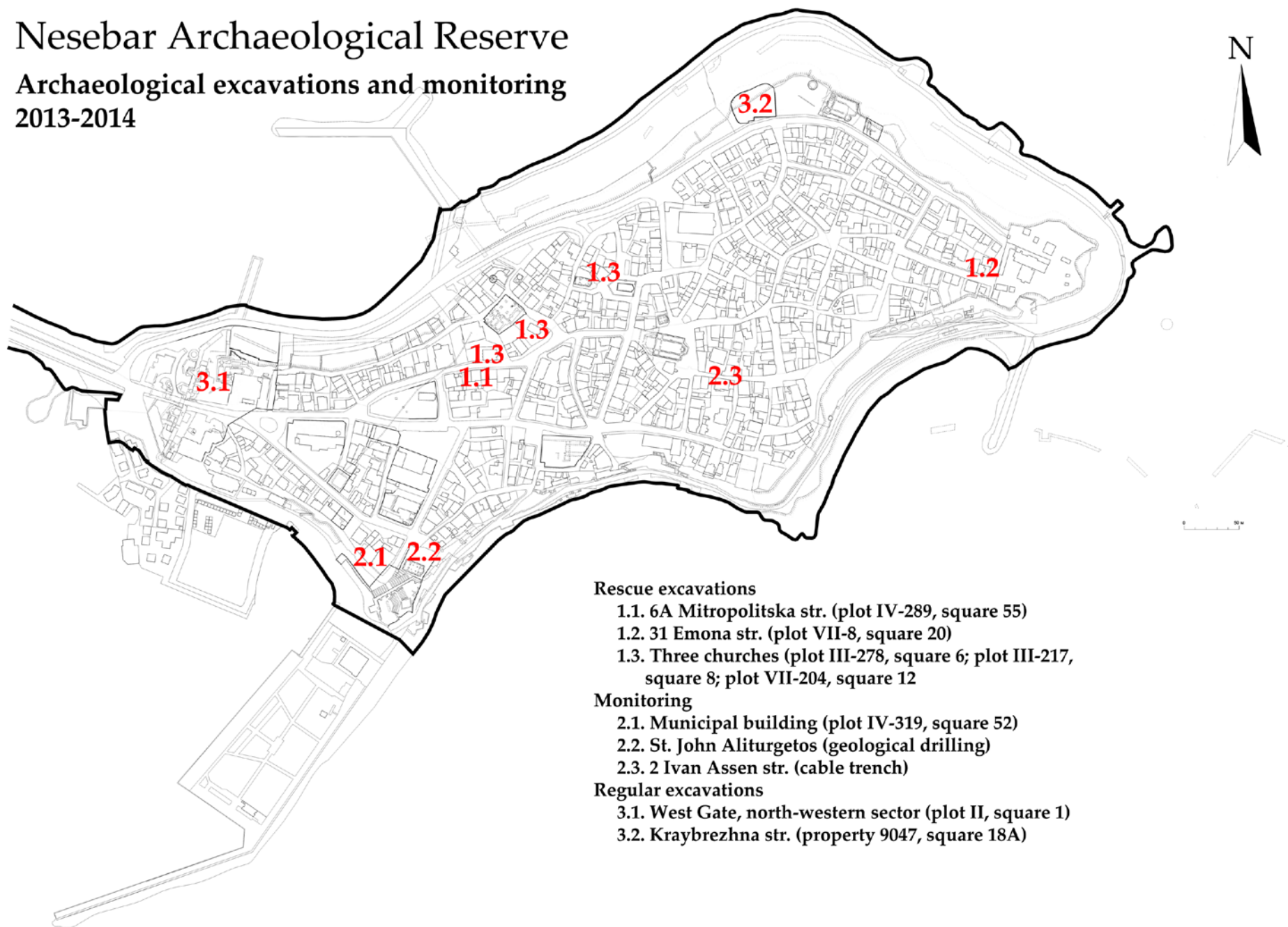
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Exhibition inside the church „St. John the Baptist“



The church "St. Paraskeva" has been functioning as a museum object opened for visiting. An exhibition is displayed inside - "Saved frescos from the Nessebar churches". For the first time there are displayed frescoes gathered from the demolished in 1958 Nessebar church "St. Big George"



Exhibition "ANCIENT CITY OF NESSEBAR (end of XVIII - beginning of XX century)" displayed at the Ethnographic Museum - House Moskoyani



Projects for the conservation and restoration of immovable cultural properties. Within the framework of the project "Faith in Nessebar" implemented during the period from 2013 to 2014 is performed restoration, conservation and socialization of the churches "St. John the Baptist" and "St. Paraskeva". The sites are put into service by User Permit No. ST-05-805/20.05.2014 their environment is cultivated and also the environment around the church "St. Spas".



Church "St. John the Baptist"



Church "St. Paraskeva"



Environment around the church "St. Spas"

Constructed are the first 320 m from the tourist route "Spiritual Rout" /from the church "St. John the Baptist" to the churches "St. Paraskeva" and "St.St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel" /

After the preparation by the Nessebar Municipality of a project for restoration and conservation of the church "St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel", funded by Foundation "A.G.Leventis", its realization started in 2014.



Church "St. Archangels Michael and Gabriel"

The developed "Scheme - concept for advertising and information elements on the territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar", approved by the Municipal Council and published on the official web-site of the Nessebar Municipality in 2013 and 2014 the deployment and type of the advertising elements were realized based on the defined in the concept rules.



Scheme - concept for advertising and information elements on the territory of the Ancient City of Nessebar

Concession for a service on "Port Terminal Nessebar"

Maritime station



