



Summary State of Conservation Report 2015 Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso, Chile (C 959Rev)

- In accordance with the recommendation to use a broader approach in the development of planning tools related to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, the State Party is working on the modification of the Local Regulatory Plan of Valparaíso, where the aspects of city's heritage belong to the whole urban area, in line with the new National Urban Development Policy that aims to integrate identity and heritage in territorial planning.
- On the other hand, the State Party is working on the establishment of a Ministry of Culture, which would integrate the country's main institutions in charge of heritage and culture, with decision-making regional structures all along the country, allowing the strengthening of regions in terms of cultural heritage protection.
- Projects counting with comprehensive processes for the city are being developed: project of recovery of Valparaíso's elevators; progress in the generation of an integrated transport system, including heritage transport (elevators and trolleys); Reconstruction Plan 2014-2021 – in response to the massive fire of April 2014-; comprehensive planning for the city by developing better connectivity, improvement of gorges into new public areas, better transport and increased security.
- Regarding Terminal 2, the project is under environmental evaluation, and cannot launch works until the evaluation is completed. The Study of Environmental Impact was presented in September 2014 and was reviewed in the first phase by entities with environmental competence; the company is currently preparing the response to the observations. The National Monuments Council included in this first assessment aspects of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and the Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL).
- As to the Shopping Mall Puerto Barón, the "Conservation Committee of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso" was created through Presidential Instructions, and established guidelines and criteria of intervention for the development of alternative architectural designs of the project, submitted to the World Heritage Center by November 30, 2014, and informed to the Valparaíso Port Enterprise (EPV), the Puerto Barón shopping mall (Plaza Valparaíso S.A.) and their architects. Concerning the protection of archaeological heritage, the Company submitted a new version of its Archaeological Management Plan, which still lacks clarity on some aspects that have to be solved before the National Monuments Council can approve it.
- The State Party reports moreover on the recovery projects of several buildings, public spaces, the request of International Assistance for the design of a Risk Management System for the Chilean World Heritage Sites and the National Programme for World Heritage Sites.