

## Progress report on the state of conservation of the World Heritage property

### SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in accordance with the decision of the World Heritage Committee (38 COM 78.25), for the state of conservation of the World Heritage site - City of Dubrovnik (Croatia) (C 95bis), adopted at the 38 session of the World Heritage Committee in Doha, Qatar. The decision was adopted in concern of the potential negative impact on the world heritage property due to the realization of a larger project in the vicinity of the site (golf resort).

The subject of the concern is the adopted Urban Plan that foresees the large scale development of a *Sports-recreational centre with a golf course and tourist resorts Bosanka North and Bosanka South* on the plateau of the hill of Srđ above Dubrovnik.

It must be emphasized at the beginning:

- The intervention on the plateau of the hill of Srđ above Dubrovnik planned under the Urban Plan does not encompass cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List or its „buffer zone“ but covers its wider surroundings.
- In the course of drafting and adopting the Urban Plan, cultural heritage in the area of the intervention has been adequately analysed and protected.
- The visual integrity of the City of Dubrovnik will not be disturbed by the planned development on the plateau of Srđ, since several visual exposure studies have been developed in the course of drafting the Urban Plan and corrections to the Plan were made accordingly.
- Cultural heritage in the area of the intervention will be rehabilitated by the planed intervention, through research, renovation and adequate presentation.

State party in cooperation with the City of Dubrovnik and relevant institutions in Croatia has taken steps in drafting additional studies and documents in order to meet the obligations according to the decision as follows:

For the planned development on the Srđ plateau no construction activities have started yet nor has the project documentation for the works been drafted, Summary of the adopted Urban plan, which is the basis for drafting the project documentation is attached (Appendix 2). The Republic of Croatia will, once the project documentation is done, pursuant to Article 172 of the Operational Guidelines, forward it to the World Heritage Centre. For the purpose of drafting the Urban Plan an **Environmental Impact Study** was developed, which in our legislation corresponds to the recommended Heritage Impact Assessment. Nevertheless, additional study according the ICOMOS Guidance on heritage impact assessments will be drafted.

Croatia has invited a joint mission *joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS reactive monitoring mission to the property*, and arranged with the Centre dates in March 2015, in order to asses the possible impact of planned development proposals.

Strategic document concerning tourism development of the city of Dubrovnik is being drafted together with the study on the cruise ships tourism by the University of Dubrovnik. Date for delivery of the document is January 2016.

The city of Dubrovnik appointed the Institute for Restoration of Dubrovnik as coordinating institution for drafting the Management Plan. Preparation of the concept and establishing working team of experts is in course.

State party shall submit the above documents to the World Heritage Center for examination upon their finalization.

Two appendices to this report contain more in detail explanation of the procedure, legal framework, documentation produced, and expert argumentation related to the care of cultural heritage, which preceded the development of the Project golf resort on Srđ as announced by the adopted Urban Plan as well as a Summary of the adopted Urban Plan.

#### APPENDIX 1 - Procedure and studies that preceded the adoption of the Urban plan

- Legal framework
- Scope of the plan
- Procedure of adoption of the Plan
- Conservation documentation
- Environmental impact study
- Attachment 1 – area of the plateau of the hill of Srđ in the physical planning documentation
- Attachment 2 – visual exposure study, author: prof. Dr. Sc. Sonja Jurković
- Attachment 3 – visual exposure study, author: doc.dr.sc. Krunoslav Šmit
- Attachment 4- environmental impact study – development visibility analysis
- Attachment 5 – geodetic analysis of visibility - geodetic office "Dubrovnik", Stjepan Tomašić

#### APPENDIX 2 - Urban Development Plan - SUMMARY