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“BOLGAR HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM-RESERVE”



**STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT  
OF THE WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTY  
“BOLGAR HISTORICAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL COMPLEX”  
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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

According to the Decision 38 COM 8B.42 the Russian party has prepared the report on implementation of recommendation of the World Heritage Committee given during the inscription of the Bolgar historical and archeological complex into the World cultural and natural heritage list.

The development of the the Plan was carried out in 2014-2015 on the basis of the concept presented in the nomination dossier and strategic objectives for the integrated plan of preservation and management of the Bolgar historical and archeological complex were set up. This work will be also continued in 2016.

A system of monitoring has been developed on the assumption of the main objective of preservation of the outstanding universal value of the Bolgar historical and archeological complex. This system includes indications in the following directions: preservation and conservation of architectural and archeological monuments and archeological artifacts; archeological research; the anthropogenic load management; protection and management of natural risks; promotion and raising awareness of the property.

The plan of the translocation of the Tent camp from the ancient settlement territory beyond the site boundaries was developed following the recommendations of the ICOMOS Advisory Mission, which visited the Bolgar museum-reserve in 2013, and successfully implemented in 2013-2014. Visual and compositional connections

with ramparts and objects of the Bolgar ancient settlement are excluded. The relocation of the tent camp was completed in 2014 and in summer of 2015 the camp functioned on its new place.

In 2015 the work began to organize a specialized storage – depository – following the recommendations of the ICOMOS Advisory Mission about establishment of the universal archives centre near the site. The storage is located outside the Bolgar ancient settlement to the east of it in the Privolzhskiy settlement in the facilities complex of the museum-reserve. In the future the territory of the base will enable to expand the depository with the growth of collections.

In 2014-2015 the treatment of surfaces of historical materials was reduced and minimized on the archeological and architectural. The new revealed archeological objects undergo consolidation after their excavation for providing the constructive stability of the ruins elements.

With a view to consolidate the efforts of the Russian Muslim clergy and renowned world Islamic scholars in order to develop religious education the head of Tatarstan R.Minnikhanov made a decision to establish the Islamic Academy in Bolgar. The WHC was informed by the Russian authorities about the named decision in November 2015.

Implementation of the project of the Academy construction will be carried out in full compliance with the UNESCO procedures under the control of international experts.