

FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS BY THE STATES PARTIES

Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape / TURKEY / 1457

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

During the 38th session (Decision: 38 COM 8B.38), World Heritage Committee has demanded works to be carried out for Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape. The works carried out by the State Party about each demand has been stated below.

• Completing the Management Plan expeditiously and submit a progress report by 1 December 2015 for review by ICOMOS,

During the preparation of Management Plan, meetings with different public institutions, organizations and NGOs on the matters of preservation of cultural assets have been extended due to some important action plans. But at the end, all discussions and meetings about action plans have been concluded positively. After discussions, institutions agreed to take collective actions to solve related conservation and preservation problems in the Core and Buffer zone of World Heritage Area. In this way necessary actions for the preservation and conservation of World Heritage site have been processed in the Management Plan. The finalized plan is in the process of approval. The formal approval of the plan is aimed to be completed as soon as possible.

• Improving the monitoring system by specifying which organization is responsible for monitoring each indicator and include seismic monitoring,

Within the monitoring system it is already named by domestic laws that which organization is responsible for monitoring each indicator. A list has been formed for monitoring indicators of Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape in the Section 5.

In Turkey, the Prime Ministry Disaster & Emergency Management Authority is responsible for monitoring the seismic waves as a public organization. Scientific monitoring is also being carried by the Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute. This institute monitors all the seismic waves in Bergama and its surrounding regularly. It has been decided to carry out a more detailed work together with Kandilli Institute in order to monitor the effects of the seismic waves on the archaeological and medieval structures of Bergama. This new research is aimed to be started in the first half of 2016.

Restricting vehicle access to the acropolis except emergency services;

The access to Acropolis is provided by two different ways; car road and cable car system. Due to intensity and continuity of the winds in and around Bergama, the cable car system cannot work sometimes half or full day and sometimes two or more days consecutively. Moreover in the beginnings of 2015 due to a couple of accidents happened in cable car system, the priority has been given to works for providing safe access to Acropolis. Therefore before restricting vehicle access to the Acropolis in short term, the works for the transport plan should be carried out including some action plans like seismic researches, selection of shuttles and building visitor welcoming and information centre.

Other Issues

1. We would like to inform the World Heritage Centre that Bergama Municipality has started preparatory work of preservation project of Selinos Brook.

2. In compliance with the Committee decision, Bergama Municipality approved the new height limits to maintain visual links between the Acropolis and Tumuli.