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Dear Madam Director,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the project document «Repair and restoration works on the walls of the National Preserve «Sophia of Kiev» at 24 Volodymyrska str. in the Shevchenkivskyi District of Kiev» prepared by the National Preserve «Sophia of Kiev» pursuant to the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, as well as the original of the SOC Report of the World Heritage property "Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra".

According to the National Preserve «Sophia of Kiev», the mentioned repairs within the buffer zone of cultural property «Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk» will not affect its Outstanding Universal Value.

Ukraine stands ready to continue the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Please, accept, dear Madam Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**Ambassador, Permanent Delegate
Oleh Shamsur**

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Executive summary on the state of conservation of the property

Kyiv: Saint Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (Ukraine) (c 527 bis)

There are many problems within the protective (buffer) zone (integrated) of the World Heritage site. The main problem is the presence of unauthorized construction, affecting the conservation state and visual disclosure of the outstanding monuments. Therefore, Kyiv City Council approved on January 22, 2015 the Decision № 24/889 «On Introduction of Temporary Ban (Moratorium) for the Construction and Sale of Land within Protective (Buffer) Zones in Kyiv».

In addition, the Institute of Monument Protection Research developed the scientific and design documentation "Correcting the Historical and Architectural Structure Plan of Kyiv, Monuments Protection Zones and Historical Areas", which is the component of the Master Plan of Kyiv. Municipal company "Institute of the Master Plan of Kyiv" started development of the Zoning Plan of the Central Planning Area of Kyiv taking into account the Historical and Architectural Structure Plan of Kyiv. Zoning of the city is developed separately for each of the seven planning areas, which the city is divided into. First of all, the Zoning is designed for the Central Planning Area of Kyiv, which includes protective (buffer) zone of the World Heritage site.

On the requirements of the World Heritage Centre two floors of the new building are demolished in the buffer zone of the architectural ensemble of St. Sophia Cathedral at Desyatynnyi lane, 3-5.

The only problematic issue is the construction of multi-storey residential complex with underground parking on Honchara str., 17-23 in the buffer zone of the architectural ensemble of St. Sophia Cathedral.

According to the Historical and Town-planning Verification the "Rehabilitation of economic courtyard on the Far Caves of Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra" (agreed by the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine) the reconstruction of the vegetable storage facility as well as of the Fraternal and Economic buildings will not change the traditional nature of the environment that has developed historically in close planning, large-scale and architectural harmonization with the environment.

The completion of the Management Plan in conformity with the ICOMOS recommendations is subject to the relevant legislative amendments and to the drafting of by-laws.

No works that may affect the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage Site "Kyiv: Saint Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra" were carried out at the property and within its buffer zone.