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**Subject:** Submission of the State of Conservation Report of *Budapest – The Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue* World Heritage Site

Dear Director,

Following Decision 39 COM 7B. 79 of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, I hereby submit the State of Conservation Report that was requested by the Committee. (Please find attached the report and the DVD that contains the Annexes as well.)

On behalf of the minister responsible for World Heritage issues in Hungary, I would kindly request that only the 1-page executive summary to be uploaded for public access.

Let me express my appreciation for your kind commitment and dedicated service for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Budapest, 30 November 2016

Yours sincerely,

István Varga

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**Attachment:** State of Conservation Report of *Budapest – The Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue* World Heritage Site with DVD annex.

  
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# State of Conservation Report

## *Budapest, Including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy Avenue*

World Heritage Site

**Hungary**

Inscribed on the World Heritage List under number C 400 in 1987  
Extension: 400bis, in 2002



Photograph: Zsolt Batár

**Budapest**

**November 2016**

## 1. SUMMARY

This report has been compiled in an official form according to the specifications in annex 13 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* due to the request formulated in decision number 39 COM 7B. 79 at the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee held in Bonn in the summer of 2015 (for the decision, see **Annex number 1**), so that it can be examined at the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee in 2017.

This document is fundamentally made up of two sections. The first part responds point by point to the specifications of the Committee decision. In this, the State Party provides an account of the efforts to prevent unjustified demolitions, inappropriate development and the deterioration of the conditions of historic buildings. Furthermore, it informs the World Heritage Centre about the current status of the World Heritage site's World Heritage Management Plan and the strategy for the extension of its buffer zone. It submits the detailed reports on the Royal Garden Bazaar project and the renovation project for Kossuth Lajos Square. Furthermore, it provides a detailed report on the changes that have occurred in the Liget Budapest project, as well as submitting the available plans – in their various stages of preparation – in accordance with the request of the World Heritage Centre. In addition to this, it provides information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the 2013 UNESCO/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission.

In the second section of the State of Conservation Report, the State Party reports on the changes and progress that have occurred in the period since the Committee made the aforementioned decision. Among other things, within this context it submits its final draft of the World Heritage Impact Assessment prepared upon its own initiative on the government's development projects being performed on the Buda Castle Quarter, as well as an up-to-date report on the Liget Budapest project including plans for the individual elements. Furthermore, it informs the World Heritage Centre about the development conception affecting the Pest embankment, the current state of the former Radetzky barracks and the planned temporary structures for the 2017 FINA World Aquatics Championships as well as those for the Summer Olympic Games possibly to be held in Budapest in 2024.

The document contains a **CD annex**, which contains the winning competition entry for the RAK-PARK project; plans and photographs of the Royal Garden Bazaar both before and after its professionally performed renovation; the plans at their various stages of preparation for the elements of the Liget Budapest project; the results of measurements which were made during the development of Kossuth Square; and the final text of the World Heritage Impact Assessment on the government's development projects being performed on the Buda Castle Quarter (including elements of the National Hauszmann Plan).