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1 Summary of the Report

This report is a response by the Department of Antiquities of Libya to the decision of the world heritage committee/ WHC/16/40.COM/7B.Add. The report presents answers to the twenty points that have been raised by the world heritage committee regarding the state of conservation of the World Heritage site of Cyrene in its last meeting in Istanbul, Turkey between 10th and 20th of July 2016.

It is recognised that the points that were addressed by the world heritage committee can be divided into two main different level of protection measures. The first one is the burden of the Department of Antiquities of Cyrene (DOAC), local authorities and communities. The second needs a concerted efforts from the international communities (the role of both parties in protection of the world Heritage site of Cyrene will be discussed later).

Arguably, no critical damage or serious threats has been recorded in the core of the world heritage site of Cyrene where the Outstanding Universal Values are located as the greatest threats to the archaeological site of Cyrene representing in its surrounded area. However, these threats, notably, confine to the urban encroachment.

The protection of the core site of Cyrene has been succeeded due to the effort of DOA with the help of local authorities and community. It is worth mentioning, due to the ongoing financial difficulties, the Department of Antiquities of Cyrene confines its work as risk management.

By implementing the needs that has been proposed by the Departments of Antiquities of Cyrene DOAC in this reports, it can be ensured that important steps towards protection of the world heritage site of Cyrene will be achieved in the coming years.