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"City of Potosí" (Plurinational State of Bolivia) (ID N° 420)
(Criteria (ii), (iv) and (vi))

1. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia, through its institutions at various levels of organization, created actions to preserve the Cerro Rico de Potosí in order to prevent its collapse. In this sense, **the technical responsibility for controlling this collapse was assumed by the Interinstitutional Committee for Preservation of the Cerro Rico de Potosí**, which has developed an important role in driving the necessary studies for it. We make known that investments have been scheduled annually with no return of economic resources for the stabilization of the Cerro Rico.

The content of the Ministerial **Resolution No. 135/2014 was partially applied** in all the mining operations of the Cerro Rico de Potosí, taking into account the socio - economic problems of the region. It should be noted that efforts were made to raise awareness among state, regional, departmental, municipal and civic institutions, without finally being able to solve the problem since it implies a change in socio economic activity and mentalities.

In 2015, through a municipal law the previous Regulation for the Preservation of Historic Areas of Potosí has been formalized and adjusted according to the Bolivian Cultural Heritage Law of May 23, 2014. Despite this legislation, it was not possible to apply it on the central area of the city of Potosí, core of the patrimonial nomination. In this sense, an attempt of control on efficiency and effectiveness was carried out according to the local municipal laws and regulations. Several buildings present internal functional and technological modifications that violate the integrality criterion.

The Municipal Government of Potosí has undertaken works and studies for the conservation and restoration of religious buildings and open spaces located in the historic center. The projects, which were executed, are several in 2015. The Municipality of Potosí has undertaken the restoration of the Temples of San Pedro, San Cristóbal, Copacabana and Concepción. **Throughout the 2016, the municipality carried out studies for the restoration of the Temple of Merced, San Agustín Temple, San Juan Bautista Temple, San Lorenzo Temple, Santa Monica Temple and Santo Domingo Temple and Convent. In addition, it works in transforming several streets of the Historical Center in pedestrian walkways.** Considering the magnitude of the work, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism has strengthened the conservation and safeguarding management of the Cultural Heritage of the City of Potosí through workshops.

The growing need for a relationship between the city of Potosí and other heritage cities has allowed re-insertion into the OCPM. In this way, the memory and the awareness of the patrimonial and historical value of the city will strengthen. Within this framework on 2016, the First International Convention of Historians and Numismatics was held.

The national governmental institutions of the Plurinational State of Bolivia have positively and critically collected the observations of the World Heritage Committee. In this sense, it has been decided to implement another legal instrument with the purpose of putting in operation the Coordination of actions for the preservation and conservation of the Cerro Rico de Potosí, declared "Natural and Cultural Heritage of Humanity".

The Plurinational State of Bolivia agrees to resume the international assistance offered by the World Heritage Committee and is fully aware of the need on counting with plans and projects of great importance for the preservation of the site. Such is the case that in 2015, it was planned to start activities in the Department of Potosí, but unfortunately, for reasons of force majeure related to an internal civic strike, it prevented their realization. However, this inconvenience has not been an obstacle to reiterate the desire to resume the request for assistance for the first semester of 2017.