

FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS BY  
THE STATES PARTIES  
(in compliance with Paragraph 169 of the Operational Guidelines)

**Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (Uzbekistan (885))**

**1. Executive Summary of the report**

The report was prepared after a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission (from 28 to 31 March 2016) (Decision 39 COM 7B.74) and the Decision 40 COM 7B.48 (World Heritage Committee meeting in Istanbul, Turkey from 10 to 17 July).

22 January 2016, the state-party submitted the State of Conservation report of the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz to the World Heritage Centre. That report described the implementation of the state programmes on tourism development and “Programme for complex measures for development and reconstruction of Shakhrisyabz City”. In March – April 2016, the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission assessed the state of conservation of the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz. In the report, sent to state-party 10 June 2016, the mission expressed their concerns about the implementation of the state programmes and request to submit the Heritage Impact Assessment and the State of Conservation report of all carried out work.

Based on the Mission Report the World Heritage Centre expressed great concern about the changes happened in Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz and under decision of the 40<sup>th</sup> World Heritage Committee meeting in Istanbul (Turkey from 10 to 17 July, 2016) Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz was inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

The state-party is obliged to take measures to reduce the consequences of the changes happened in Historic city, as well as prepare and submit the Heritage Impact Assess and State of Conservation report to the World Heritage Centre.

**2. Response to the Decision of the World Heritage Committee**

According to Decision 40COM 7B.48 the World Heritage Committee requested:

*2.1 Provide of the Heritage Impact Assessment of the “Programme for complex measures for development and reconstruction of Shakhrisyabz City” and stop halt work happened in city centre till necessary assessment and review have been carried out.*

The HIA and State of Conservation report have been prepared and will be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review. The work has been stopped after the mission report.

*2.2 The Committee expressed their concerns the mission report provided by the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission, which observed the major intervention had been carried out within the state programmes. Moreover, the Committee expressed the concerns regarding default the §179 of the Operation Guidelines.*

The state-party will submit the HIA and State of Conservation report which reflect evaluation of and explain the changes. Moreover, the state-party, closely collaborating with the UNESCO and

ICOMOS experts, who will be engaged in the Monitoring mission in December 2016, is planning to develop the correct measures for the improvements in historic centre. The state-party will provide some rehabilitation projects for the review of the mission.

The state-party is obligated to submit to World Heritage Centre all future projects which will be planned to fulfill in World Heritage Properties of Uzbekistan.

*2.3 The Committee requests to suspend all tourism development and reconstruction projects. Reinforce national laws and regulations, as well as the management system and heritage protection.*

One of the requests of the World Heritage Centre was the immediate suspension of all tourism development and reconstruction projects within the property. After the Monitoring mission all reconstruction, restoration and development work was canceled and pointed out by the Minister of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan during the 40<sup>th</sup> session.

Nowadays, Principal Department for Preservation and Utilization of Cultural Objects of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan in collaboration with UNESCO Tashkent Office develops some amendments to the national laws to enhance the role of the Principal Department for Preservation and Utilization of Cultural Objects and special regulations for the World Heritage Sites.

In addition, the Principal Department for Preservation and Utilization of Cultural Objects of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan and UNESCO Tashkent Office together with the stakeholders, national and international experts have developed the Management Plan of the Historic Centre of Shakhrisabz .

*2.4 The Committee requests invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to determine correct measures and Desired state of Conservation for the removal of the property from the World Heritage in Danger.*

The state-party sent the invitation letter to the World Heritage Centre and it was agreed that the Reactive Monitoring mission would be held in Shakhrisabz from 9 to 10 December 2016 in the Historic centre of Shakhrisabz.

### **3. Other current conservation issues identified by the State(s) Party(ies) which may have an impact on the property's Outstanding Universal Value**

All tourism development and reconstruction projects within the property were suspended.

The horizontal and vertical drainage system was installed around the monuments and within the whole historic centre, which significantly improved conservation situation of the historical monuments. The high groundwater level, salinity of the water and humidity were main reasons of the destruction of the monuments. Nowadays these problems have been solved.

The whole heavy-load and public transport was taken out from the historic city. The bypass road was detoured around the historic centre. These measures ameliorated vehicular traffic and considerably improved conservation situation of the heritage sites. Moreover, noise and ecological issues were reduced in the whole historic centre.

As for the rehabilitation measures of the historic centre, the state-party took into consideration UNESCO and ICOMOS recommendation and would endeavor to exclude Historic Centre of Shakhrisabz from the List in Danger and stay in the World Heritage List.

Based on actions of the Cabinet of Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Based on Decision of the Cabinet of Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the special Commission was created to solve all issues formulated the World Heritage Committee on the decision during the 40<sup>th</sup>

Session (18th of October 2016). The Commission approved the Action Plan concerning not only the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz, but the Historic Centre of Bukhara, Itchan Kala and Samarkand- Crossroad of Cultures, the Commission approved the Action Plan concerning not only the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz, but the Historic Centre of Bukhara, Itchan Kala and Samarkand- Crossroad of Cultures.

**4. In conformity with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) intended within the property, the buffer zone(s) and/or corridors or other areas, where such developments may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including authenticity and integrity.**

It is planned to carry out the step-by-step approach of the rehabilitation of the historic layout, (after UNESCO and ICOMOS approving all actions ). Namely, reconstruct some traditional historic houses on the selected area, based the drawings and documentation made during the inventory of the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz in 1983 and 2012. Unfortunately, majority of the dwellings were demolished due to the fragility of the building material. By the submission of the Nomination dossier (2000), five traditional houses left and they were taken under national protection. The passports with whole documentation were collected. It is planned to develop the rehabilitation projects and submit to UNESCO and ICOMOS for approval.

In addition, in the 1950-70s, , almost all dwellings were reconstructed. Unfortunately, they were not equipped by the appropriate engineering condition which could meet the modern requirement of the life-style. Almost all citizens live in unsanitary condition. Some families leave their houses and buy the area out of historic centre. By 2016, the main lines of the sewerage, portable water and gas systems were laid within the historic centre, therefore the urgent task is creating favorable conditions for citizens, such as building new houses based on the space-and-planning structure of the traditional houses of Shakhrisyabz with all modern engineering equipments in place of the demolished dwellings.

**5. This report can be uploaded for public access in the World Heritage Centre's State of conservation Information System (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/soc>).**

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Annexes 1 and 2: Protocol and programme of Action plan of the Cabinet of Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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**UNESCO office of Republic of Uzbekistan in 2016 years 12<sup>th</sup> august said appeal of 031/792-number that “Cultural Center of Shakhrisyabz” is keep stood in his of All world’s cultural heritage, in our country more develop protection of objects of cultural heritage, to save quality and protection of historical centers submitted to the list of All worlds cultural heritage because of action program.**

<b>No</b>	<b>Action content</b>	<b>Time of completion</b>	<b>Responsible for implementation</b>
1.	Considering statements by the government decree on the basis the resolution Cabinet Ministries of the Republic of Uzbekistan "About introduction of an arrangement of the city and birthplace city activity" to develop and introduce the charter of an order of economic and town-planning activity in the territory of cultural heritage sites listed as World Heritage and other historic centers, the draft decision in the list of World places of Cultural heritage and other historical regions and city Governments decrees of activity on with approval of the decision that development of an established order.	I quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Ministry of Justice , State Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, State committee of the republic of Uzbekistan on land resources, geodesy, cartography and state cadastre, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Samarkand, Bukhara, Xarezm, Kashkadarya regional governments,
2.	To expand activity and to increase responsibility of scientific and methodical council at the Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage the Ministry of affairs of culture and sport	October 2016 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, State Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction
3.	To hold the international scientific and practical conference. "Traditional art of gardening and gardening - yesterday, today and in the future" (the working name)	December 2016 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, State Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, Academy of Arts of

			Uzbekistan, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Ministry of foreign affairs of the republic of Uzbekistan
4.	With the assistance of the international experts to make addition and changes to the Master plan of the Shakhriyabz and to coordinate it with World Heritage Committee. Ensure that it will take consider the historical environment, traditional houses	December 2016 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, State Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Ministry of foreign affairs of the republic of Uzbekistan, State committee of the republic of Uzbekistan on land resources, geodesy, cartography and state cadastre, Kashkadarya regional government
5.	To the Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage of the Ministry of culture and sport affairs to carry out the careful analysis of activity of Interregional and regional state inspections. On the basis of the analysis to take measures for improvement, to increase the amount of the salary and staff. To prepare and present in accordance with the established procedure the draft of the Government decision on introduction of additions and changes taking into account expansion of their functions and the rights to the Decision of the Cabinet No. 200 of July 14, 2014	December 2016 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Ministry of Justice , Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, stakeholders
6.	To adjust the procedure of annual trips to experience exchange the experts of Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage (the international educational programs), to foreign countries (Germany, Japan, Korea, China and others), ensure that the experts who underwent professional development (the international educational programs) with guarantee of not less than three years employment	In of plan 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Ministry of foreign affairs of the republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Economic of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Justice , Uzbekistan academy of sciences, Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, UNESCO Office in Tashkent, stakeholders

7.	To carry out annually, at least, a one-month training course of professional development for experts in the field of protection and use of cultural heritage sites, town planning and construction	In of plan 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, UNESCO Office in Tashkent, Ministry of foreign affairs of the republic of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, State Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction.
8.	To accelerate process of drawing up management plans and to present to the Cabinet of Ministers for the statement for the following World Heritage cities "Historic Center of Shakhrisyabz" "Samarkand - the Crossroads of Cultures"; "Historic Center of Bukhara"; Fortress Ichan-kala (city of Khiva).	I quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, State Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, State committee of the republic of Uzbekistan on land resources, geodesy, cartography and state cadastre, Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Samarkand, Bukhara, Xarezm, Kashkadarya regional governments, stakeholders
9.	To prepare proposal to Ministry of the higher and special secondary education on providing extra quota from government grants for training bachelors and masters in "restoration architect" at Samarkand and Tashkent Architectural and Construction Institutes	I quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction.
10.	To activate work of UNESCO Chairs of Samarkand Architectural and Construction Institute and Tashkent Architectural and Construction Institute (SAMGASI and TASI) through certain actions.	I quarter 2017 year	Ministry of higher and secondary specialized education of the republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction.
11.	To carry out certification of employees of Main Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage and its structural divisions	I quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Ministry of labour of the republic of Uzbekistan, , Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, Trade-union Federation of Uzbekistan
12.	To prepare the proposal of new edition of the 2001 law on Protection of Cultural Heritage. Pay special attention to reliable preservation of historical appearance of the World Heritage Property	II quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Ministry of Justice , Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, , State committee of the republic of Uzbekistan on land

			resources, geodesy, cartography and state cadastre, Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, stakeholders
13.	To prepare the proposal of changes in article 132 of the Criminal code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and article 64 of the Administrative code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, considering responsibility for damaging or somehow putting in bad condition World Heritage Property.	II quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, State committee of the republic of Uzbekistan on land resources, geodesy, cartography and state cadastre, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, stakeholders
14.	Establish in Tashkent a type of the unitary enterprise special research institute on design (former "Uzbek tamirshunoshlik LITI") specializing on conservation, restoration, rescue and recovery operations on cultural heritage property in the historical cities by Main Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage of the Ministry of culture and sport affairs. It is planned to equip institute with proper modern equipment and qualified staff.	III quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, Ministry of higher and secondary specialized education of the republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent city municipality
15.	To develop and present for coordination to UNESCO 1, 2, 3 and 5-year plans of the planned construction and economic works in Bukhara, Samarkand, Khiva, Shakhrisyabz and other historical cities.	before IV quarter 2017 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction, Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan academy of sciences, National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Samarkand, Bukhara, Xarezm, Kashkadarya regional governments.
16.	To develop and approve in established an order new standards and norms for drawing up the design and estimate documentation at restoration and production works on objects of cultural heritage.	I quarter 2018 year	Ministry of culture and sport affairs, Committee the Republic of Uzbekistan Architecture and Construction

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## **Action plan**

**on keeping Historic Center of Shakhrisyabz in the World Heritage List, to enhancing activities on Conservation of Cultural Heritage in country, keeping authenticity of Historic Centers listed as World Heritage according according to the form of address from UNESCO Office 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 number 031/792**

<b>№</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Completion Time</b>	<b>Implementation Responsible</b>	<b>Responsible for overseeing the execution</b>
1.	Considering statements by the government decree on the basis the resolution Cabinet Ministries of the Republic of Uzbekistan "About introduction of an arrangement of the city and birthplace city activity" to develop and introduce the charter of an order of economic and town-planning activity in the territory of cultural heritage sites listed as World Heritage and other historic centers, the draft decision in the list of World places of Cultural heritage and other historical regions and city Governments decrees of activity on with approval of the decision that development of an established order.	January 2017	A.Yarkulov, H. Holmurodov	A.Rakhmanov
2.	To expand activity and to increase responsibility of scientific and methodical council at the Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage the Ministry of affairs of culture and sport	October 2016	H. Holmurodov	A.Rakhmanov



3.	To hold the international scientific and practical conference. "Traditional art of gardening and gardening - yesterday, today and in the future" (the working name)	December 2016	A.Yarkulov, H. Holmurodov, Sh.Najmiddinov	A.Rakhmanov E.Jalilov
4.	With the assistance of the international experts to make addition and changes to the Master plan of the Shakhriyabz and to coordinate it with World Heritage Committee. Ensure that it will take consider the historical environment, traditional houses	December 2016	A.Yarkulov, H. Holmurodov	A.Rakhmanov
5.	To the Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage of the Ministry of culture and sport affairs to carry out the careful analysis of activity of Interregional and regional state inspections. On the basis of the analysis to take measures for improvement, to increase the amount of the salary and staff. To prepare and present in accordance with the established procedure the draft of the Government decision on introduction of additions and changes taking into account expansion of their functions and the rights to the Decision of the Cabinet No. 200 of July 14, 2014	December 2016	Sh.Najmiddinov, I.Mudarisov	E.Jalilov
6.	To adjust the procedure of annual trips to experience exchange the experts of Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage (the international educational programs), to foreign countries (Germany, Japan, Korea, China and others), ensure that the experts who underwent professional development (the international educational programs) with guarantee of not less than three years employment	Planning in 2017	Sh.Najmiddinov, A.Yarkulov, G.Seytmuratova	A.Rakhmanov A.Irgashev E.Jalilov
7.	To carry out annually, at least, a one-month training course of professional development for experts in the field of protection and use of cultural heritage sites, town planning and construction	Planning in 2017	Sh.Najmiddinov, A.Yarkulov, G.Seytmuratova	A.Rakhmanov A.Irgashev E.Jalilov
8.	To accelerate process of drawing up management plans and to present to the Cabinet of Ministers for the statement for the following World Heritage cities "Historic Center of Shakhriyabz" "Samarkand - the Crossroads of Cultures"; "Historic Center of Bukhara"; Fortress Ichan-kala (city of Khiva).	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017	A.Yarkulov	A.Rakhmanov
9.	To prepare proposal to Ministry of the higher and special secondary education on providing extra quota from government grants for	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017	Sh.Najmiddinov	E.Jalilov

	training bachelors and masters in "restoration architect" at Samarkand and Tashkent Architectural and Construction Institutes			
10.	To activate work of UNESCO Chairs of Samarkand Architectural and Construction Institute and Tashkent Architectural and Construction Institute (SAMGASI and TASI) through certain actions.	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017	A.Yarkulov	A.Rakhmanov
11.	To carry out certification of employees of Main Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage and its structural divisions	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017	B.Rashidova	E.Jalilov
12.	To prepare the proposal of new edition of the 2001 law on Protection of Cultural Heritage. Pay special attention to reliable preservation of historical appearance of the World Heritage Property	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017	Sh.Najmiddinov	E.Jalilov
13.	To prepare the proposal of changes in article 132 of the Criminal code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and article 64 of the Administrative code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, considering responsibility for damaging or somehow putting in bad condition World Heritage Property.	2 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017	Sh.Najmiddinov	E.Jalilov
14.	Establish in Tashkent a type of the unitary enterprise special research institute on design (former "Uzbek tamirshunoshlik LITI") specializing on conservation, restoration, rescue and recovery operations on cultural heritage property in the historical cities by Main Principle Scientific-Production department for the preservation and utilization of objects of cultural heritage of the Ministry of culture and sport affairs. It is planned to equip institute with proper modern equipment and qualified staff.	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017	H. Holmurodov	A.Rakhmanov
15.	To develop and present for coordination to UNESCO 1, 2, 3 and 5-year plans of the planned construction and economic works in Bukhara, Samarkand, Khiva, Shakhriyabz and other historical cities.	before 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2017	A.Yarkulov, H. Holmurodov	A.Rakhmanov
16.	To develop and approve in established an order new standards and norms for drawing up the design and estimate documentation at restoration and production works on objects of cultural heritage.	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2018	H. Holmurodov, A.Shamagrupov	A.Rakhmanov