

ii. Property Name: MEMPHIS AND ITS NECROPOLIS

II.1 Introduction

- a. State Party: **Egypt**
- b. Name of the Property:
MEMPHIS AND ITS NECROPOLIS – the pyramid fields and tombs – from Giza north to Dahshour south.
- c. Localisation: *Governorate of Giza*
- Long. $31^{\circ} 10' - 15' E$ Lat. $29^{\circ} 45' - 30^{\circ} 00' N$
- Giza Plateau:* Long. $31^{\circ} 09' E$ Lat. $30^{\circ} 05' N$
- d. Date of inscription on the World Heritage List : 26 / 10 / 1979
- e.
- Organisation *SUPREME COUNCIL OF ANTIQUITIES (SCA),*
 - Person responsible *Prof. Dr. GABALLA ALI GABALLA,*
Secretary General of SCA
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- a. Date of the report: *AUGUST 2000*
- b. Signature of behalf of the State Party:

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II.2 Statement of significance

II.2.1 Information provided at the time of inscription

a. Justification for the inscription provided by the State Party:

- *The cemeteries of the earliest residence Egypt's Memphis is an archaeological area over the first state known in the history of mankind civilisation.*
- *5 major sites are included in "Memphis and its necropolis", naming: Mit-Rahina, Giza, Saqqara, Abusir and Dahshur, with their necropolises from the Early Dynastic Period (3200 B. C.), with richly decorated private tombs from the Old Kingdom (27th - 20th Century B. C.), the New Kingdom (10th Century B. C.) and the late Period (7th Century B. C.).*
- *The Pyramids of Giza e.g. are the most known and are included among "the wonders of the world".*
- *The Coptic monastery of Jeremias at Saqqara is to be maintained within the archaeological heritage of Memphis.*

(see the report of 9.3.1979, WHC Idn No.: 86)

b. Criteria retained for the inscription: C (i) (iii) (vi)

c. ...

d.

- Owner: *Lack of name and address,*
- Legal status: *Absence of details*
- Responsible administration: *no mailing address*
- Photographs: *to be identified in the body of the Nomination.*

II.2.2 Update of the statement of signification

- a. Does the statement of significance adequately reflect the World Heritage values of the property: *Yes*
- b. Is there cause to reconsider these values: *No*
- c. Does the delimitation of the World Heritage property seem adequate: *Yes*
Does the delimitation of the buffer zone seem adequate: *Yes*
- d. Is the state Party considering asking for a revision of the boundaries: *No*
- e. New Statement of significance:
 - *The pyramids were among the wonders of the world. The towns and temples are of great archaeological, architectural, artistic, cultural and religious importance. The Sphinx is a unique monolithic monument.*
 - *Memphis and its necropolis as a archaeological site is a monument over the first state known in the history of mankind.*

II.3 Statement of authenticity / integrity

- a. What was the evaluation of authenticity: *The original values are fully maintained.*
- b. Have there been changes in the authenticity: *No*
Are changes in the authenticity: *No*
- c. Have the values on the basis of which the property was inscribed been maintained: *Yes*

II.4 Management

II.4.1 Legal and institutional framework

- a.
 - Ownership: *State and Region and Private*
 - Legal status: *State property*
 - Legal framework (national and Local): *National*
 - Institutional framework (Local):
Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA), Ministry of cultural of Antiquities responsible to apply the law "117 / 1983"
 - Agency (ies) responsible for the management: *S C A*
Address: *see above*
- b. Actions foreseen to preserve the values for the future:
 - 1) *Short-term plan: continuous preservation interventions*
 - 2) *Long-term plans: for the protection and management of the site, including the preparation of archaeological maps, risk map ...etc.*

II.4.2 Management and planning

- a. Under which authority is the property managed
Memphis and its Necropolis have its site management office implementing the plans of SCA.
- b. Registered plans relating to the property
 - Regional plan: *Halt for the quarries*
 - Local plan: *Organisation of the of the visit*
 - Conservation plan: *risk-map and continual conservation measures*
 - Tourism development plan:
 - *Opening of new tombs for visit*
 - *Amelioration of ambiance inside the pyramids*
 - *Control of the visit.*

II.4.3 Management and plan of the site and statement of objectives

- a.

- Does functional management plan exist: *No*
 - Is a management plan being prepared pr updated: *Yes*
 - Does the management plan take into account the actual financial resources: *Yes*
 - Does the management plan include aspects of personnel training:
to some extent
 - Does the management plan include zoning and multiple uses of the site: *Yes*
 - Does the management plan take account of a delimited buffer zone:*Yes*
 - Does the management plan include regular monitoring actions of the site: *No*
- b.
- Implementation of the management plan: *Governmental institution*
 - Involvement of the local community in the implementation of the management plan: *No*
 - Revision scheduled every ...years
- c.
- Financial support for the implementation of the management plan: *Financing guaranteed, National financing*
 - Obstacles to the implementation of the management plan: *Lack of trained personal, administrative or legislative problems*
 - Date of implementation of the management plan: *work in progress*
 - Person responsible for the property:
 - Name: *Prof. Dr. GABALLA ALI GABALLA*
 - Function: *Secretary General of SCA*
 - Address: *see above*

II.4.4 Capacities in human and financial resources at site level

- a. ...
- 1) Management:
 - 2) Managerial staff / engineers (number, role):
 - 3) Manpower (number, role):
- b. Regular financial resources: *Annual budget*
- c. Personnel training needs:
- Observed shortcomings: ...
 - Personnel training needs: ...
 - Types of training desired: *Management – Conservation - Monitoring*

II.4.5 Additional information concerning protection and conservation

- a.
 - Sources of expertise for the training in conservation and management techniques: *On job training – training courses organized with certain foreign Institutes*
 - Protection measures and mean of implementation: *Regular conservation measures*
 - Existing local programmes: ...
 - Policies and programmes for the safeguard of the site (status of implementation): *Following SCA plans*
 - Financing (origin, amount): *Budget allocated from the fees of entry of museums, sites, and exhibition.*
- b.
 - Technical assistance provided by the United Nations system:
 - i. ...
 - ii. UNESCO International Campaign
some equipments for the Sphinx
 - Technical assistance provided by bilateral; co-operation:
Getty Institute: for the Sphinx
Italian: for the risk-map

II.4.6 Scientific, technical and educational activities

- a. Scientific studies:
 - Laboratories: *Central in Cairo*
 - Scientific equipment: *few far T. & R.H*
- b. ...
- c. New management techniques
Is there a Geographical Information System for the site: *in progress*
- d. Educational activities
Does the site receive schools' visits: *Hundreds*
Are there educational programmes aimed at schools: *No*
- f. How are general public information activities organised:
Media, TV and Press;
the activities of the Culture Ministry of Egypt in general are to be published in "el-Qahira"-Journal
How are the World Heritage values transmitted to residents and visitors? *The World Heritage and its values are in general not common by native and international public.*

II.4.7 Diverse elements

- c. ...

- d.
 - Is it necessary to revise the legislative texts governing the property:
Being revised
 - Is it necessary to revise significantly the administrative texts governing the property: *Being revised*

II.5 Factors affecting the property

II.5.1 Degree to which the property is threatened

- a. Development pressures:
 - Visual integrity: *Buildings*
 - Structural integrity: *Roads, Water pollution, Air pollution*
- b. ...
- c. Natural threats and catastrophes concerning the site: *Earthquakes*
- d. Tourism and its consequences:
 - Yearly visitor : *3 millions native and worldwide tourists*
 - Accessibility of the site : *14 km, Paved roads*
 - Circulation within the site: *for vehicles*
- e. Relations with the neighbouring residents of the site:
 - Evaluation of the local population at the occupied area by the natives.*
 - Indicate steps taken to counteract these threats:
Stopping the development of the village "Nazlet el-Semman"

II.5.2 Prevention of threats and natural and human pressures:

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II.6 Monitoring

- a. Is there regular monitoring of the site :
 - For the Sphinx site 1991 – 1997 (environmental)*
- b. Key indicators for measuring the state of conservation:
 - No regular indicators
- c. ...
- d. Dates of the previous monitoring exercises:
 - 1991 – 1997 in the Sphinx site*

II.7 Conclusions and recommended actions

- a. Main conclusions concerning the Statement of significance of the site as a World Heritage property:

The site is of great archaeological, architectural, artistic and historical importance.

- Main conclusions concerning the Statement of authenticity:

The site is conform to the original measure for its listing.

- b. Main conclusions concerning the management of the property:

A plan is being implemented.

- Main conclusions concerning the factors affecting the property:

Tourism, pollution, environmental factors are the main causes of damage.

- c. Proposed future action(s):

Archaeological maps – Risk-maps are being prepared.

- d. Responsible agency:

*Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA),
Prof. Dr. GABALLA ALI GABALLA,
General Secretary of SCA, (See above)*

- e. Timetable for implementation

Long- and Short-term

- f. Needs for international assistance: *Yes*

Type of assistance desired:

Management, Conservation, Monitoring, Excavations.

- g. Resource persons or organisations who could be involved in monitoring:

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- h. Agency

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