


i. Property Name: ISLAMIC CAIRO

II.1 Introduction

- a. State Party: **Egypt**
- b. Name of the Property: *ISLAMIC CAIRO*
- c. Localisation: *Governorate of Cairo*
 Long. $31^{\circ} 26' E$ Lat. $30^{\circ} 06' N$
- 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,*
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- f. Date of the report: *AUGUST 2000*
- g. Signature of behalf of the State Party:

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Secretary General of SCA



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:
 - *Cairo is the dominant political, cultural and religious centre of the Islamic World in particular from the 7th C. to the 14th C.*
 - *Its archaeological sites - al-Fustat, the necropolis of al-Fustat, the Faitmid nucleus of Cairo, the citadel area with the surrounding Mamluk palaces, the Houses of the elite, the old bazaars, Mausoleums, Nilometre, ... etc. – are of great values in many aspects (archaeological, architectural, Islamic studies).*
(see the report of 9.3.1979, WHC Idn. No.: 89)
- b. Criteria retained for the inscription: *C (i) (v) (vi)*
- c. Observations made by the advisory body during evaluation
 - Area of the site given in hectare: *not known*
 - Geographic co-ordinates information: *not sufficient*
 - Existing map information: *not sufficient*

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 a re-submission necessary: *No*
- c. Does the delimitation of the World Heritage property seem adequate: *Yes*
- d. Does the delimitation of the buffer zone seem adequate: *No*
- e. New statement of significance:
 - The area is quite large and needs a thorough examination and documentation, because the Islamic monuments are situated and scattered among the residential parts of modern Cairo.
 - The development of Cairo, the capital of Egypt and the largest metropolitan centre of the middle East and Africa, have crucial effects on the archaeological sites of the city; specially those in the heart of it.
 - Archaeologically 600 monuments are accounted because of there values.
 - The monuments of Al-Fustat (Old-Cairo) – roman fortress; Amer-Mosque, the first oldest mosque in Egypt; al-Moalaga church, Jewish temple – have became nucleus of the religion-Complex

II.3 Statement of authenticity / integrity

- a. ...
- b. Have there been changes in the authenticity/integrity since inscription:
No

Are changes in the authenticity/integrity of the property foreseeable in the near future: *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: All of them *State and Region and Private*
 - Legal status: *The historic monuments are legally protected by the law "215 / 1951" which is updated by the law "117 / 1983"*
 - Legal framework (national and Local): *National*
 - Institutional framework (Local):
Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA), Islamic and Coptic Sector
 - Agency (ies) responsible for the management: *SCA*
Address: *see above*
(in coordinating with CAIRO GOVERNORATE and Ministry of "Waqf")
- a. Actions foreseen to preserve the values for the future:
- 1) *Study of "Rehabilitation of Historic Cairo", was conducted by UNDP and SCA.*
 - 2) *Conservation project for "El-Moiez" Street is underway*
 - 3) *Continuous conservation and preservation measure*

II.4.2 Management and planning

- a. Under which authority is the property managed
- The site: *SCA*
 - The region: *Cairo Governorate*
- Changes occurred at the site since inscription with regard to: *No*
- b. Registered plans relating to the property
- Regional plan:
see the attached study "Rehabilitation of historic Cairo"

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

- a.
1. Does functional management plan exist: *No*
 2. Is a management plan being prepared pr updated: *No*
- b. ...
- c.
- Financial support for the implementation of the management plan:
Islamic Cairo is not of a small scale for a management plan.
 - 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. ...
- b. Regular financial resources: *Fees of entry of museums and archaeological sites*
- c. Personnel training needs:
 - Observed shortcomings: *shortage*
 - Personnel training needs: *shortage*
 - Types of training desired: *Management and Conservation*

II.4.5 Additional information concerning protection and conservation

- a.
 - Sources of expertise for the training in conservation and management techniques: *National-Bilateral with Italian, French and American governments ...etc.*
 - Protection measures and mean of implementation: *Periodic preservation measures*
 - Existing local programmes: *An annual approved programme*
 - Policies and programmes for the safeguard of the site (status of implementation): *long and short-term policies approved by the SCA authorities*
 - Financing (origin, amount): *From the fund financed from the entry fees of museums and sites, donations, exhibitions ...etc.*
- b.
 - Technical assistance provided by the United Nations system:
 - a) World Heritage Centre *120,000 \$ for studies*
 - b) ...
 - c) National and/or regional projects of the UNDP or another agency *Study for the Rehabilitation of Islamic Cairo*
 - Technical assistance provided by bilateral; co-operation

II.4.6 Scientific, technical and educational activities

- a. Scientific studies:
 - Research facilities at the site: *A computer centre has been established in the citadel site.*
 - Laboratories: *Central laboratories for analysis*
 - Scientific equipment: *x-ray and other equipment for chemical, physical and biological studies*
- b. ...
- c. New management techniques
 Is there a Geographical Information System for the site: *in progress*
- d. Educational activities

- Are there educational programmes aimed at schools: *no*
- e. 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

- a. ...
- b.
- Is it necessary to revise the legislative texts governing the property: *Yes*
 - Is it necessary to revise significantly the administrative texts governing the property: *Yes*

II.5 Factors affecting the property

II.5.1 Degree to which the property is threatened

- a. Development pressures:
- Visual integrity: *Waste and refuse, Constructions, Buildings, Badly integrated infrastructures,*
 - Structural integrity: *Water pollution, Air pollution, Roads*
- b. ...
- c. ...
- d. *Islamic Cairo is not highly visited by tourists consequently tourist effect is minimal.*

II.6 Monitoring

- a. Is there regular monitoring of the site (yearly, for example): *No*

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 not only for Egypt but for the Islamic Civilisation.

- 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 and the growing of the City.

- 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 and documentation.

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

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- h. Agency

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