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~~iv.~~ **Property Name: ABU MENA**

II.1 Introduction

- a. State Party: **Egypt**
- b. Name of the Property: ABU MINA
- c. Localisation:
Governorate of Alexandria, Mariut desert, District of Burg el-Arab
 Long. 29° 40'E Lat. 30° 51'N
- d. Date of inscription on the WHL: 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

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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 site is an important archaeological area including an early Coptic city with its churches and several public buildings, necropolis. It was a pilgrimage in the 5th – 7th A.D. century.
(see the report of 9.3.1979, WHC Idn No.: 90)
- b. Criteria retained for the inscription: C (iv)
- c. Observations made by the advisory body during evolution:
 - *Area of the site to be submitted*
 - *Geographical coordinates: Absence of details*
 - *Existing of map information: not available*
- d. Observations made by the WHC at the time of inscription: *no statement*

II.2.2 Update of the statement of significiation

- a. Does the statement of significance adequately reflect the WH values of the property: *Yes*
- b. Is there cause to reconsider these values: *No*
- c. Does the delimitation of the WHP 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 site is a unique archaeological model because of its feature as an ancient pilgrimage centre in north Africa not only for the early Christians in Egypt, the Copts, but also for the early Christians around the Mediterranean and south-west European in the 5th and 6th A. D. Century.*
 - *From the archaeological aspects it is the complex of religious buildings, inhabited area and Coptic necropolis that gives the site its values.*
 - *Abu-Mina has special values in the egyptological studies in general and the Coptic studies in particular.*

II.3 Statement of authenticity / integrity

- a. What was the evaluation of authenticity:
- 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*
 - Legal status: *State property;*
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);
Ministry of cultural 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:
- *Short-term plan: continuous preservation interventions*

II.4.2 Management and planning

- a. Under which authority is the property managed
The site is under the authorities of the Director of Islamic and Coptic monuments in Alexandria and west Delta;
Administration: *Sector of Islamic and Coptic monuments - SCA.*
- b. Registered plans relating to the property
Conservation plan: *periodic conservation*
Tourism development plan:
- *Opening for visit*

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

- a.
- Does functional management plan exist: *Yes (between SCA and the local religious authorities)*
 - Is a management plan being prepared or 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.
- Involvement of the local community in the implementation of the management plan: *Yes*

- Revision scheduled every year
 - c.
 - a. Financial support for the implementation of the management plan: *National financing (SCA and local budget)*
 - b. Person responsible:
 - 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. Human resources: *Local Management*
 - b. Regular financial resources: *SCA + Annual local Budget*
 - c. Personnel training needs: *Informatics technology (computer facilities)*
- II.4.5 Additional information concerning protection and conservation**
- a.
 - Sources of expertise for the training in conservation and management techniques: *Local, regular conservation and development of the site are taking place due to cooperation of the local religious authorities together with the SCA.*
 - Protection measures and mean of implementation: *Regular measures*
 - b.
 - Technical assistance provided by the United Nations system: ...
 - Technical assistance provided by bilateral; co-operation: ...
- II.4.6 Scientific, technical and educational activities**
- a. Scientific studies: *No*
 - b. Research and development programmes: *No*
 - c. New management techniques:
 - Geographical Information System for the site: *No*
 - d. Educational activities
 - Does the site receive schools' visits: *No (some catholic and evangelistic schools)*
 - Are there educational programmes aimed at schools: *No*
 - e. Public information and awareness building:
 - (see "Islamic-Cairo II.4.6")
 - The site is not announced for the native or the international public as a WH property; Abu-Mena is not known as the sightseeing area.*
- II.4.7 Diverse elements**
- a. ... *The infrastructures (routes, visitor information-centre for the site prepared by the Governarate of Alexandria) are available in Abu-Mena.*
 - 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:
- b. Environmental pressures: ...
- c. ...
- d. Tourism and its consequences:
 Yearly visitor: *"24th November" yearly is the modern pilgrimage point of Coptic believers (thousands) to calibrate the day of Abu Mena at the site.*
 Accessibility of the site : *300 km, Paved roads*
- e. Relations with the neighbouring residents of the site: *The site is not inhabited and in the neighbourhood of a developed inhabited and industrial area (Burg el-Arab and Burg el-Arab el-Gadida).*

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

Nothing is planned.

II.6 Monitoring

- a. Is there regular monitoring of the site : *No*
- b. Key indicators for measuring the state of conservation:
 No regular indicators ...
- c. ...
- d. Dates of the previous monitoring exercises: *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.

- 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

SCA