



**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE  
ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WORLD  
HERITAGE CONVENTION  
IN THE ARAB REGION**

**OLD CITY OF SANA'A**



**DOCUMENT 9  
SECTION II**



UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION



## Convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage

### Format for the periodic reporting on the application of the World Heritage Convention

Under the terms of Article 29 of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 1972, *the States Parties of this Convention shall, in the reports which they submit to the general Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on dates and in a manner to be determined by it, give information on the legislative and administrative provisions which they have adopted and other action which they have taken for the application of this Convention, together with details of the experience acquired in this field.*

The twenty-ninth General Conference of UNESCO, held in 1997, *invited the States Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage to submit to it in accordance with Article 29 of the Convention, through the World Heritage Committee, via its Secretariat, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, reports on the legislative and administrative provisions they have adopted and other actions which they have taken for the application of the Convention, including the state of conservation of the World Heritage properties located on their territories.*

It also requested the World Heritage Committee to define the periodicity, form, nature and extent of the periodic reporting on the application of the World Heritage Convention and on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties and to examine and

*respond to these reports in accordance with the principle of State sovereignty.*

The World Heritage Committee, at its twenty-second session held in 1998, invited States Parties to submit periodic reports every six years using the attached Format and Explanatory Notes for periodic reports.

It also decided to examine the States Parties' periodic reports region by region as per the timetable included under (ii) (c) of the Introduction to the Explanatory Notes attached. In order to facilitate the preparation and examination of the periodic reports, the Committee requested the Secretariat, jointly with the Advisory Bodies, and making use of States Parties, competent institutions and expertise available within the region, to develop regional strategies for the periodic reporting process.

The Secretariat will consult States Parties in a timely fashion with regard to the development and implementation of the regional strategies.

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To facilitate management of information, States Parties are requested to submit reports in English or French in electronic as well as printed form.

SECTION II : STATE OF CONSERVATION OF SPECIFIC WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES  
[Copy this section for each site concerned by the reporting exercise]

- (II.i) The twenty-ninth General Conference of UNESCO, in its decision regarding the application of Article 29 of the World Heritage Convention, invited the States Parties to submit reports on the application of the World Heritage Convention, including the state of conservation of the World Heritage properties located on their territories.
- (II.ii) The primary documents in respect of each World Heritage property are the nomination dossier as it was submitted by the State Party and the decision of the World Heritage Committee regarding the inscription of the property on the World Heritage List.
- (II.iii) The preparation of periodic state of conservation reports should involve those who are responsible for the day-to-day management of the property. For trans-boundary properties it is recommended that reports be prepared jointly by or in close collaboration between the agencies concerned. The preparation of periodic state of conservation reports could include expert advice from the Secretariat and/or the Advisory Bodies, if and when the State Party(ies) concerned so wish(es).
- (II.iv) The first periodic report should update the information provided in the original nomination dossier. Subsequent reports will then focus on any changes that may have occurred since the previous report was submitted.

This section of the periodic report follows, therefore, the format for the nomination dossier.

- (II.v) The state of properties included in the List of World Heritage in Danger is reviewed by the World Heritage Committee at regular intervals, in general once every year. This review concentrates on the specific factors and considerations that led to the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger. It will still be necessary to prepare a complete periodic report on the state of conservation of these properties.
- (II.vi) This section should be completed for each individual World Heritage property. States Parties are invited to provide information under the following headings:



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**II.1. Introduction**

a	State Party	Republic of Yemen	001
b	Indicate the name of the property as inscribed on the World Heritage List	Name of the property OLD CITY OF SANA'A	002
c	Indicate the geographical co-ordinates to the nearest second (in the case of large sites, towns, regions, etc., give at least 3 geographical co-ordinates)		003
d	Date of inscription on the World Heritage List	1986	004
e	Organisation(s) or entity(ies) responsible for the preparation of this report. Give the necessary details to enable possible contact.	Organisation: GENERAL ORGANISATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC CITIES IN YEMEN (GOPHCY) Person responsible: M. Mohammed Jaghman, President Address: City and post code: P.O.Box960 - SANA'A Telephone: 9671 273 474 - 288 118 Fax: 9671 274 179 E-mail:	005 006 007 008
f	Date of the report		009
g	Signature on behalf of the State Party	Surname and given name:  Function:	010



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**II.2. Statement of significance**

*II.2.1. Information provided at the time of inscription*

a	At the time of inscription of a property on the World Heritage List, the World Heritage Committee indicates its World Heritage values by deciding on the criteria for inscription. Please indicate the justification for inscription provided by the State Party,	Justification for the inscription provided by the State Party  This justification was not provided at the time of inscription	008
b	as well as the criteria according to which the Committee inscribed the property on the World Heritage List.  Circle the numbers of the relative criteria.	Criteria retained for the inscription:  Cultural criteria: iv - v - vi	009  010
c	Observations made by the advisory body during evaluation	Inclusion on the WH list of a threatened urban centre poses many problems of delimitation, safeguarding, management. The case of Sana'a is particularly complex due to the existence of two sister cities. Only the old city to the east appears to be able to be conserved and managed as a whole. While noting that the measures recommended by all UNESCO experts adequately respond to the situation, ICOMOS nonetheless questions the efficacy of including this site on the WH list in view of the dangers threatening this unique city in both the short and medium term. The most appropriate response to the situation and for the intrinsic quality of this cultural property, would probably be to include it on the list of WH in Danger.	011
d	Observations made by the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription	The WH Committee recommended that an adequate buffer zone should be established around the old city. It noted that the set of municipal regulations recently drawn up had now been adopted.	012
e	Reactions to these observations	The problem remains concerning the legislation and the municipal regulations that are not applied properly. The city lacks of a general layout including the old city and of an appropriate law of conservation. The new proposed law under discussions since 1997 is not yet approved. This situation is endangering the city that is now suffering from a big number of violations and irreversible threats to the houses.	013



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**II.2. Statement of significance (Cont)**

**II.2.2. Update of the statement of significance**

a	In the view of the State Party, does the statement of significance adequately reflect the World Heritage values of the property?	YES	000
b	or is a re-submission necessary? This could be considered, for example, to recognise cultural values of a natural World Heritage property, or vice-versa. This may become necessary either due to the substantive revision of the criteria by the World Heritage Committee or due to better identification or knowledge of specific outstanding universal values of the property.	<p>Is there cause to reconsider these values If YES, why? NO</p> <p>Is a re-submission of the nomination file necessary If YES, why? A revision of the nomination file is necessary, to be in accordance with the new format of 1997</p>	000
c	Another issue that might be reviewed here is whether the delimitation of the World Heritage Property, and its buffer zone if appropriate, is adequate to ensure the protection and conservation of the World Heritage values embodied in it.	<p>Does the delimitation of the World Heritage property seem adequate: NO, if NO, why</p> <p>The new city is encroaching on the Old city and there is no clear delimitation</p> <p>Does the delimitation of the buffer zone seem adequate NO if NO, why</p> <p>There is no definition of a buffer zone</p>	000
d	A revision or extension of the boundaries might be considered in response to such a review.	<p>Is the State Party considering asking for a revision of the boundaries: NO If YES, how</p> <p>This could be foreseen in the future</p>	000



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**II.2. Statement of significance (Cont)**

**II.2.2.Update of the statement of significance (Cont)**

<p>e If a statement of significance is not available or incomplete, it will be necessary, in the first periodic report, for the State Party to propose such a statement. The statement of significance should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reflect the criterion (criteria) on the basis of which the Committee inscribed the property on the World Heritage List.</li> <li>• It should also address questions such as: What does the property represent, what makes the property outstanding, what are the specific values that distinguish the property, what is the relationship of the site with its setting, etc. Such statement of significance will be examined by the advisory body(ies) concerned and transmitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval, if appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>Is there any statement of significance: YES</p> <p>If YES, do you think it is incomplete and why</p> <p>It is incomplete because not written in the proper way</p> <p>If there is no statement of significance or if it is incomplete, please provide us with a new one according to the criterion described on the left column</p> <p>The criteria proposed and agreed by the WH committee are those which describe the real values of the property.</p> <p>To rewrite the statement of significance, we would need the assistance of an expert</p> <div> </div>	
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**II.3. Statement of authenticity / integrity**

(See the nomination file and the chapters of the guidelines above 24 (b) for the cultural sites and 44 (b) for the natural sites).

<p>a Under this item it is necessary to review whether the values on the basis of which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List, and reflected in the statement of significance under item II.2 above, are being maintained.</p> <p>This should also include the issue of authenticity/integrity in relation to the property.</p>	<p>What was the evaluation of the authenticity / integrity of the property at the time of inscription?</p> <p>Criteria iv - v - vi</p> <p>These criteria are still applicable, but the city is facing more threatening to its physical integrity</p>	<p>000</p>
<p>b What is the authenticity/integrity of the property at present?</p> <p>Please note that a more detailed analysis of the conditions of the property is required under item II.6 on the basis of key indicators for measuring its state of conservation</p> 	<p>Have there been changes in the authenticity / integrity since inscription?</p> <p><b>NO</b></p> <p>If YES, what are the main causes of changes in the authenticity / integrity since inscription?</p> <p>If YES, how do you appreciate the actual authenticity / integrity of the site</p> <p>Are changes in the authenticity / integrity of the property foreseeable in the near future?</p> <p><b>YES / NO</b></p> <p>If YES, how and why</p>	<p>000</p>




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**II.4. Management**

**II.4.1. Legal and institutional framework**

a	Under this item, it is necessary to report on the implementation and effectiveness of protective legislation at the national, provincial or municipal level and/or contractual or traditional protection as well as of management and/or planning control for the property concerned,	<p>Ownership: Private, awkaf and public</p> <p>Legal status: The law of antiquities and the Gophcy regulations</p> <p>Legal framework (national and local)</p> <p>Institutional framework (local) The GOPHCY headquarters in SANA'A is in charge of the old city</p>	000
		<p>Agency(ies) responsible for the management: GOPHCY Responsible: Mr Mohammed Jaghman</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Post code and city: Telephone: Fax: E-mail:</p>	000
b	as well as on actions that are foreseen for the future, to preserve the values described in the statement of significance under item II.2.	<p>No strategy for future actions at date.</p> 	000


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**II.4. Management (Cont)**

**II.4.2. Management and planning**

<p>a The State Party should also report on significant changes in the ownership, legal status and/or contractual or traditional protective measures, management arrangements and management plans as compared to the situation at the time of inscription or the previous periodic report.</p>	<p>Changes occurred at the site since inscription with regard to :</p> <p>ownership NO</p> <p>legal status NO</p> <p>protective measures :  Inspections and important number of projects  But the GOPHCY has less efficient than in the past</p> <p>Boundaries NO</p> <p>Management arrangements : NO  Management plans ; NO</p> <p>Under which authority is the property managed:</p> <p>the site  the region  central administration  The Secretariat of the Capital in case of emergency  intervention in old city because of lack of funding with GOPHCY</p>	<p>000</p>
<p>b In such case, the State Party is requested to attach to the periodic report all relevant documentation, in particular legal texts, management plans and/or (annual) work plans for the management and maintenance of the property</p> <p>Indicate the different plans relating to the property, prepared and/or implemented by different authorities (national, regional, local) and which have a direct influence on the way in which the property is developed, conserved, utilised or visited. You may provide either a substantial summary of these plans, or significant extracts, or the complete plan in annex to this form.</p>	<p>Do you have any documentation (list and attach the available documents, summaries or extracts)</p> <p>Legal texts The law of antiquities and GOPHCY regulations</p> <p>Registered plans relating to the property:</p> <p>regional plan: (see the attached 5 years plan)</p> <p>local plan:</p> <p>conservation plan:</p> <p>tourism development plan:</p> <p>etc.</p> 	

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**II.4. Management (Cont)**

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

a	<p>The management plan is a basic tool for the management of the site designed to organise the conservation and to base the actions for development relative to the property. Brief extracts of the management plan could be cited and the plan could be joined in annex to the dossier.</p>	<p>Does a functional management plan exist: <span style="float: right;">NO</span>          If YES, attach it below</p> <p>If NO, is a management plan being prepared or updated :          YES</p> <p>If NO, why</p> <p><b>(Concerning the following questions, if you answer YES, please give extracts or summaries)</b>          Has the local community been consulted and informed about the management plan:          Wishes and claims resident populations have taken into account, such as : infrastructures(paving, water supply and pipe repair)</p> <p>Does the management plan take into account the available human resources: <span style="float: right;">Yes</span></p> <p>Does the management plan take into account the actual financial resources: <span style="float: right;">Yes</span></p> <p>Does the management plan include aspects of personnel training: <span style="float: right;">Yes</span></p> <p>Does the management plan include zoning and multiple uses of the site : <span style="float: right;">NO</span></p> <p>Does the management plan take account of a delimited buffer zone : <span style="float: right;">Yes</span></p> <p>Does the management plan include regular monitoring actions of the site : <span style="float: right;">Yes</span>          For example the gardens(Migshamah) of the city</p>	000
b		Not applicable	000



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*II. 4.3. Management plan of the site and statement of objectives (Cont)*

(provide a copy of the plan in annex)	Not applicable	
Full name and address of the agency or person directly responsible for the property should also be provided.	<p>Person responsible for the property : GOPHCY</p> <p>Name : M. Mohammed Jaghman Function: Address:</p> <p>Post code and city: Telephone: Fax: E-mail:</p>	



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

a	The State Party should also provide an estimate of the site's human resources,	<b>Human resources</b>  Level of staff: 1. Management: (see the attached list)  2. Managerial staff / engineers (number, role) :  3. Manpower (number, role) :   Guards Inspectors Drivers Secretaries Workers Unskilled workers Others (give details)	000
b	and the financial resources available and necessary for the management of the property,	Regular financial resources: (see attached documents) Sources and level of financing:  Income generated directly by management: Type Amount Utilisation	000
c	as well as an estimate of its personnel needs.	<b>Personnel training needs</b>  Types of training desired: - Foreign languages (english) - Computer training - GIS training - Conservation - Management training - Data base	000




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**II.4. Management (Cont)**

*II.4.5. Additional information concerning protection and conservation*

a	<p>Protection and conservation</p>	<p>Sources of expertise for the training in conservation and management techniques :  CATS (Centre for architectural training and study, within GOPHCY)</p> <p>Protection measures and means of implementation:  Inspections and follow-up</p> <p>Existing local programmes:</p> <p>Policies and programmes for the safeguard of the site (status of implementation):  (refer to the 5 years programme)</p> <p>Financing (origin, amount):  State, and bilateral assistance</p>	000
b	<p>Technical assistance:</p> <p>Indicate technical assistance from which the property has benefited, either from a United Nations agency, or from bilateral co-operation.</p> 	<p>Technical assistance provided by the United Nations system:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. World Heritage Centre  Diverse technical assistance missions</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. UNESCO International Campaign  c. National and/or regional projects of the UNDP or another agency : Handicraft programme  d. Other assistance</p> <p>Technical assistance provided by bilateral co-operation  Germany, Italy, France, Japan, South and North Korea, Switzerland, Netherlands, USA, Norway and UK,</p>	000


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**II.4. Management (Cont)**

*II.4.6. Scientific, technical and educational activities*

a	The State Party is also encouraged to provide information on scientific studies,	<b>Existing research facilities on site</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site museum NO</li> <li>• Objects cleaning NO</li> <li>• Laboratories Photo Yes</li> <li>• Housing for researchers: Yes</li> <li>• Vehicles: NO</li> <li>• Scientific equipment: Yes some</li> <li>• Databases: NO</li> <li>• Skilled personnel (technicians, laboratory staff) YES</li> </ul>	000
b	On research projects: for each research programme carried out at the site, provide relevant information.	<b>Research and development programmes Yes</b>  Name of the programme Beit al-Anbassah Agency(ies) sponsoring the research: ProHelvetia Switzerland Participation of national and/or foreign teams: Yes Objectives of the programme: Restoration and Urban Archaeology Progress status: Unfinished restoration of the house and rehabilitation of the building because of ownership problems Results obtained: Historical clarifications Publications: Under way Human resources involved: Yemeni architect, researchers, and construction labour and Swiss researches	000
c	<b>New management techniques:</b> Including computerised management, as well as database management, access to the Internet or the creation of a Geographical Information System.  	Availability of computer equipment: YES Type : DELL Capacity : Pentium II Year 1998  Possible access to the Internet: NO  Operational access to the Internet: NO  Use of the E-mail: NO  Is there a Geographical Information System for the site:  planned? YES in progress? operational ?	

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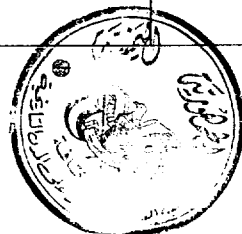
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**II.4. Management (Cont)**

*II.4.6. Scientific, technical and educational activities (Cont)*

d	Educational activities, if there are educational programmes aimed at schools	<p><b>Educational activities</b></p> <p>Does the site receive schools' visits? Rarely If YES, how many?</p> <p>Are there educational programmes aimed at schools : <span style="float: right;">NO</span></p> <p>Is there an environmental education policy: <span style="float: right;">NO</span> Is there a Cultural Heritage education policy <span style="float: right;">NO</span></p> <p>Which themes, target public, means for implementation.</p>
e	Public information activities and awareness building in direct relation to the property: indicate how the property's World Heritage values are transmitted to residents, visitors and the public.	<p>How are general public information activities organised,? Not organised</p> <p>How are the World Heritage values transmitted to residents and visitors? Few transmission</p>





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**II.4.7. Miscellaneous elements**

a	<p>Other elements could be mentioned, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether the site has a plaque identifying it as a World Heritage site;</li> <li>• whether special events and exhibitions are organised;</li> <li>• what infrastructures, welcome centre, site museum, special paths, guides, information material, etc. are available to the visitor;</li> <li>• the impact of World Heritage inscription on the programmes and activities.</li> </ul>	<p>Is there any signboard mentioning that the site is on the world heritage list, if YES, how is it done World Heritage logo plaque ; NO</p> <p>World Heritage property signs : NO</p> <p>Is there a visitor's information/interpretation centre : Not efficient and lack of management</p> <p>Is there a Site museum : NO but the city serves as site museum</p> <p>Is there any Hotel infrastructure (lodging, restaurant) ; YES</p> <p>Is there Parking facilities YES</p> <p>Are there Toilets : NO</p> <p>Is there a First aid and rescue station; NO</p> <p>Is there trained personnel : YES</p> <p>Are there Information materials: leaflets, books, slides, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. ; Some</p> <p>Do you organise Open house days NO</p> <p>Are there Special events or exhibitions : YES</p> <p>What are the targeted communication actions: radio, TV, press : More information on the city life and General awareness, fund raising</p> <p>What are the impacts of inscription on visitor numbers : Increasing the attention towards the old preservation</p> <p>Other actions:</p>	000
b	<p>Based on a management study of the property, the State Party might wish to consider whether a significant revision of the legislative and administrative texts governing the property could be advisable.</p>	<p>Is it necessary to revise significantly the legislative texts governing the property:</p> <p align="right">YES</p> <p>If YES, why Because the legislation is insufficient and not applied</p>	

**Annexes :** Attach legal texts, management plans, work plans, information documents, etc.


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**II.5. Factors affecting the property**

*II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened*

a	<p>Please comment on the degree to which the property is threatened by particular problems and risks.</p> <p>Factors that could be considered under this item are those that are listed in the nomination format, e.g. development pressures,</p> 	<p>Development pressures:</p> <p>Visual integrity:</p> <p>The historic skyline is disrupted by some new buildings over rising 2 significant zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The flat Suq zone: 1 commercial building over rising the Suq and being not in line with the Samsaras surrounding the Suq.</li> <li>- Residential zones: 1 12 storey building in one of the gardens (mikshama) of the old city, plus informal rising of additional storeys above the traditional limitation of residential buildings to a maximum of 7 storeys.</li> </ul> <p>Structural integrity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f - Disturbance of the equilibrium of and strict separation between the residential areas and the Suq area. Growing extension of the Suq area by overwhelming immediately neighbouring residential areas due to the fact that the historical Suq and its suqised access streets are serving nowadays the low income population of a metropolitan area of more than 2 millions of people. Suqisation threatens residential fabric.</li> <li>f - Sporadic and partial suqisation close to the tourist hotels located in the old city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deterioration and or eradication of traditional gardens (mukshama and bustan) by the building up of schools (awkafs owned gardens) and private buildings (bustan) and more generally, due to basic changes in the way of exploitation&gt;</li> <li>- Encroachment of modern buildings in the following areas : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Behind the city wall where it is replaced by Egyptian style buildings.</li> <li>b) Around the 3 entrance points connecting the old city immediately to modern urban areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>f - Disturbance of neighbourhood intimacy in the residential areas by steadily renewed groups of tourists. This is in contradiction with the traditional atmosphere of residential areas traditionally separated from alien flows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to unsolved problems arising from in-heritage conflicts affecting houses for use and maintenance, more and more houses are neglected and start undergoing a deterioration process.</li> <li>- Partial change of inhabitants expose a great number of houses to sensitive modifications in their appearance: Use of new building materials for repair, restoration and vertical and horizontal extensions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>f - Exploitation of no longer used ground floors of the traditional houses as a shelter, for storing workshops and accommodation of petty-trade immigrants, in addition to the opening of ground floor shops in the extension areas of the Suq.</li> </ul> <p>Functional integrity:</p> <p align="center">See above</p>	000
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**II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)**

*II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)*

b	environmental pressures	Not applicable	000
c	natural catastrophes and preparatory planning,	<p>Natural threats and catastrophes (possible or real) concerning the site :</p> <p>Floods: Yes but the Wadi Saila has been refurbished and paved</p> <p>Fires: The access is not possible for firemen</p>	



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**II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)**

*II.5.1.Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)*

<p>d visitor/tourism pressures,</p>	<p>Tourism and its consequences:          Yearly visitor statistics:</p> <p>Number of visitors per year : 50000          Origin of the visitors Europe (Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Japan)          Evolution of visitor statistics over the years          Annual income from tourism</p> <p>Accessibility of the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distance</li> <li>- Paved roads</li> <li>- Seasonal routes</li> <li>- Airports</li> </ul> <p>Tourist infrastructures:          Hotels          Souvenir shops</p> <p>What is the tourist capacity of the site?</p> <p>Can one speak of sustainable tourism?          Depending on security issues</p>	
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**II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)**

*II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)*

e and the number of inhabitants.	<p><b>Relations with the neighbouring residents of the site</b></p> <p>Evaluation of the local population</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Number of inhabitants living at the site, over 70000 (densification process)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Number of inhabitants living in the buffer zone (20 km)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Evolution since the creation of the site.</p> <p>Geographical distribution of human habitats or the zones of illegal activity</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Villages (location, population) or encampments (duration)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Activities (cf. socio-économic considerations)</p> <p>Cultural specificity of this population : strongly traditional</p>	000
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### II.5.1.Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)

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**II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)**

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

a	<p>Considering the importance of forward planning and risk preparedness, provide relevant information on operating methods that will make the State Party capable of counteracting dangers that threaten or may endanger its cultural or natural heritage. Problems and risks to be considered could include earthquakes, floods, land-slides, vibrations, industrial pollution, vandalism, theft looting, changes in the physical context of properties, mining, deforestation, poaching, as well as changes in land-use, agriculture, road building, construction activities, tourism. Areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working should be indicated.</p> <p>This item should provide up-to-date information on all factors that are likely to affect or threaten the property. It should also relate those threats to measures taken to counteract them.</p>	<p><b>Methods of counteracting threats and pressures</b></p> <p>No appropriate methods (request for assistance)</p> <p>Natural disasters: Earthquakes: Floods: Fires:</p> <p>Vibrations : due to streets paving</p> <p>Modification of the physical context ; YES</p> <p>Changes in land use</p> <p>Urbanism : ongoing suqisation Tourism : More hotels and partial suqisation around hotels</p>	000
b	<p>An assessment should also be given if the impact of these factors on the property is increasing or decreasing,</p>	<p>The vibrations after paving are the major problem together with leakage and firefighting</p>	000
c	<p>and what actions to address them have been effectively taken or are planned for the future.</p>	<p>Actions taken to address them</p> <p>Actions envisaged To put construction joints on paving along the buildings and renewal of the water network</p>	000



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**II.6. Monitoring**

a	<p>Whereas item II.3 of the periodic report provides an overall assessment of the maintenance of the World Heritage values of the property, this item analyses in more detail the conditions of the property on the basis of key indicators for measuring its state of conservation.</p> <p>If no indicators were identified at the time of inscription of the property on the World Heritage List, this should be done in the first periodic report. The preparation of a periodic report can also be an opportunity to evaluate the validity of earlier identified indicators and to revise them, if necessary.</p>	<p><b>Previous monitoring exercises</b> (periodic or reactive monitoring) (give dates and results)</p> <p>Is there regular monitoring of the site (yearly, for example): Yes, yearly</p> <p>Landscape monitoring: NO frequency methodology inventory estimations results</p> <p>and/or Monitoring of the constructions, buildings, towns: YES Frequency Methodology Inventory : 1/3 Estimations results</p>	000
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		Human resources allocated for this monitoring	
		Associated material means	
b	Up-to-date information should be provided in respect of each of the key indicators. Care should be taken to ensure that this information is as accurate and reliable as possible, for example by carrying out observations in the same way, using similar equipment and methods at the same time of the year and day.	Key indicators for measuring the state of conservation : 1. Using traditional master builders and university graduated engineers to evaluate the state of the buildings 2. Using traditional materials like gypsum 3. Evaluate the state of buildings through the changes of the architectural elements ...	000
c	Indicate which partners if any are involved in monitoring and describe what improvement the State Party foresees or would consider desirable in improving the monitoring system.	NO	000
d	In specific cases, the World Heritage Committee and/or its Bureau may have already examined the state of conservation of the property and made recommendations to the State Party, either at the time of inscription or afterwards. In such cases the State Party is requested to report on the actions that have been taken in response to the observations or recommendations made by the Bureau or Committee.	If it is the case, which actions has been taken in response to the observations / recommendations of the Committee/Bureau. No action taken because we did not receive any information about the Committee decisions.	000



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**II.7. Conclusions and recommended actions**

a	<p>The main conclusions under each of the items of the state of conservation report, but in particular as to whether the World Heritage values of the property are maintained, should be summarised and tabulated together with :</p> <p>Main conclusions regarding the state of the World Heritage values of the property (see items II.2. and II.3. above)</p>	<p>Main conclusions concerning the Statement of significance of the site as a World Heritage property (see item II.2 above)</p> <p>This statement do not exist in the nomination file and need to be made. The assistance of the WH Centre is needed</p> <p>Main conclusions concerning the Statement of authenticity / integrity of the property as a World Heritage property (see item II.3 above)</p> <p>The assistance of the WH Centre is needed in order to give more consultancy clearance about heritage conservation</p>	000
b	<p>conclusions regarding the management and factors affecting the property (see items II.4 and II.5. above)</p>	<p>Main conclusions concerning the management of the property (see item II.4 above)</p> <p>The site is missing a workable management plan. An assistance and evaluation from the WH Centre is needed</p> <p>Main conclusions concerning the factors affecting the property (see item II.5 above)</p> <p>A lot of threats are in course in the city and mainly the densification and the vertical growth of the buildings in the residential areas, pressured by the suq's expansion.</p>	000
c	<p>Proposed future action(s):</p>	<p>- Reorganisation of the expansion of the Suq with forwarding of new suq areas in the new neighbouring Sana'a.</p> <p>- To have a management plan</p>	000



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**II.7. Conclusions and recommended actions (Cont)**

d	Responsible implementing agency/agencies  Provide the necessary details for eventual contact.	Responsible implementing agency(ies):  Agency: GOPHCY Person responsible: Mr Mohammed JAGHMAN  Address:  Telephone : Fax: E-mail:	000
e	Timeframe for implementation	5 years	000
f	Needs for international assistance	Type of assistance desired: Technical assistance, preparatory assistance, training assistance, and Funding for projects	000
g	The State Party is also requested to indicate what experience the State Party has obtained which could be relevant to others dealing with similar problems or issues. Please provide names of organisations or specialists who could be contacted for this purpose.	Do you think that you could have resource persons or organisations who could be involved in monitoring others    Yes  If YES, give names and addresses 1.     Name: UNESCO and WHC Address :Paris France 2.     Name: ICOMOS Address: ....	000
h	Address where the inventory, records and archives are kept.	Agency: GOPHCY (CATS)  Person responsible: Mr Nabil Al Makaleh  Address:	000



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**II.8. Documentation enclosed**

Maps and plans of the site layout

Site map (zoning)

Illustrations of the state of conservation of the site (photographs, slides and, if available, film/videos):

General view (overall view of the site)

Photos illustrating the physical state of conservation of the site

Photos illustrating the main threats to the site and its surroundings

Copies of the management plans of the site and extracts of other plans relating to the site

Indicative bibliography

