Subject: State of conservation report on the implementation of the provisions of the Decision 40 COM 7B.50 of the World Heritage Committee, of the World Heritage property „Old City of Dubrovnik“ (Croatia)

Dear Madam Rössler,

Please find attached to this letter a report on the implementation of the provisions of the Decision (40 COM 7B.50) of the World Heritage Committee regarding the Old City of Dubrovnik.

Let us take this opportunity to once more express our firm dedication in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Please accept, Mrs Rössler, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to:
- H.E. Mr Filip Vučak, Ambassador and Permanent delegate of the Republic of Croatia to UNESCO
- Croatian Commission for UNESCO
Name of World Heritage property State Party ID number
Old City of Dubrovnik (Croatia) (C 95bis)
Date of inscription on the World Heritage List:
1979; (Extension: 1994)
Inscription Criteria:
(i)(iii)(iv)
Year(s) of inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
1991-1998


This report has been prepared in accordance with the decision of the World Heritage Committee (40 COM 7B.50), for the state of conservation of the World Heritage site – Old City of Dubrovnik (Croatia) (C 95bis), adopted at the 40 session of the World Heritage Committee in Istanbul, Turkey.

The decision was adopted following the recommendations of the joint UNESCO/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring Mission to the property undertaken in October/November 2015.
1. Executive summary of the report

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Reactive monitoring mission has been launched to analyse the overall condition of the property as well as the potential cumulative influences on the outstanding universal value of the property and to estimate whether the property is exposed to dangers that might have damaging effects on its inherent attributes.

The Mission included a thorough site tour; it identified and in its report highlighted the main projects of renovation and plans of new construction – inside the property and in its buffer zone i.e. in its close surrounding.

The member state replied to all the provisions of the WHC Decision, as well as to all the recommendations stated in the Mission’s report, especially:

The condition of the city walls, the status of the preparation of the Management Plan, the Strategy of Tourism Development and regulation on cruising tourism including the sustainable accommodation capacity, the Action plan of preparedness in the state of danger and the strategy of unobtrusive presentation of the world heritage property. It also gives the information on the status of the Orlando column, problem of acclimatisation appliances (central cooling and heating systems), status of the historical city sewage, archaeological site of Pustijerna, status of the project of sports and recreation centre at Srđ and tourist settlement Bosanka North and South, planned tunnel from the Gruž Port and pedestrian corridor around the historical core and about the project Bosanka 2 and the moor Komarda. The report also refers to the status of the proposal of the minor shift of the borders with the goal of expanding the buffer zone and on the Reactive statement about the Outstanding Universal Value (SOUV).

The member state is undertaking all the adequate measures and activities in the fulfilment of the protection measures. The member state will continue to inform WHC about the progress and all the significant changes according to the Article 172 of Operational Guidelines.