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**Report on the State of Conservation of the
World Heritage Property
Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands
(Russian Federation, C 632)
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I. BRIEF REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTY: “CULTURAL AND HISTORIC ENSEMBLE OF THE SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS”, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, C 632

The Decisions of the World Heritage Committee and ICOMOS recommendations concerning the World Heritage Property “Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands” (C 632) are being followed up by the Russian party and special attention is paid to them in making any decisions in respect of the Solovetsky archipelago.

Significant positive results were achieved in the matters of conservation and management of world heritage over the past year thanks to collaboration between all levels of government, managing organization and international experts:

- the retrospective statement of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property was adopted by Decision of the World Heritage Committee at its 41th session;
- a Management Plan for the property was developed;
- Heritage Impact Assessment reports for the heritage are being prepared in advance subject to article 172 of the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the 1972 Convention;
- active work on development of a new Master plan is underway, taking into account recommendations of the ICOMOS 2015 advisory mission;
- a significant progress was achieved in the matter of implementation of the Museum complex on the Solovetsky archipelago thanks to constant consultations with UNESCO and ICOMOS; in particular, the fact was confirmed that the updated construction project follows the principles of World Heritage Committee and Advisory bodies.

The Russian Party expresses its readiness to continue cooperation with the World Heritage Committee and its Advisory bodies; it will take all efforts to achieve positive results in the matters of conservation of the outstanding unique heritage of the Solovetsky archipelago.