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World Heritage List 2019

**Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region (Czech Republic, Germany) –
Interim report and additional information request**

Dear Ambassador,

As prescribed by the revised Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention and its Annex 6, the Advisory Bodies have been requested to submit a short interim report for each nomination by 31 January 2019. We are therefore pleased to provide you with the relevant information outlining issues related to the evaluation process.

The ICOMOS technical evaluation mission to "Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region" was carried out by Pierre Fluck (France) in June 2018. The mission expert highly appreciated the availabilities and support provided by the experts for the organization and implementation of the mission.

On 17 October 2018, a letter was sent by ICOMOS to request further information regarding the development projects. Please convey our thanks to all the officials and experts for the additional information you provided on 12 November 2018 and for their continued cooperation in this process.

At the end of November 2018, the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel evaluated the cultural and mixed properties nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List in 2019. The additional information provided by the States Parties, together with mission and desk review reports were carefully examined by the Panel members. This process will conclude in March 2019.

We thank you for the availability of your Delegation to the meeting held on Saturday 24 November 2018 with some representatives of the ICOMOS Panel. The exchanges during this meeting were of great help for the discussions at the ICOMOS Panel meeting. Following the completion of their deliberations, the ICOMOS Panel has identified areas where it considers further information is needed.

Therefore, we would be pleased if the States Parties could consider the following points:

Current or potential mining exploitation licences

The States Parties were requested to provide additional information on current mining projects in the nominated property or in the Buffer Zone. The additional information provided by the States Parties on 12 November 2018 includes a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) on Zinnwald Lithium Project. The States

Parties reported that, on the basis of current information, there may be negligible adverse potential effect. However, as the States Parties acknowledge, the HIA remains in draft, as sufficient information to reach any provisional conclusion for guidance purposes is not yet available and the consultation process is ongoing.

The ICOMOS Panel would appreciate that any new information be provided, as soon as available, by the States Parties.

The ICOMOS Panel would appreciate further information on potential future mining activities, planning or proposed, and their location (nominated areas and/or Buffer Zones). The ICOMOS Panel also wishes to understand how the States Parties will proceed in the event new exploitation licences be requested or approved.

In addition, could the States Parties provide information on whether legal mechanisms are in place to prevent any new mining activities in the proposed nominated areas?

Pollution

The ICOMOS Panel notes that information regarding the environmental pressures and especially on the current impact of pollution is provided in the Nomination dossier. The ICOMOS Panel would appreciate if the States Parties could provide further information on provisions and processes to control pollution, especially in the Czech Republic, and on the treatment of filtered water.

We look forward to your responses to these points, which will be of great help in our evaluation process.

We would be grateful if you could provide ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre with the above information **by 28 February 2019 at the latest**, the deadline set out in paragraph 148 of the Operational Guidelines for supplementary information on nominations to be received. Please note that any information submitted after this date will not be considered by ICOMOS in its evaluation for the World Heritage Committee. It should be noted, however, that while ICOMOS will carefully consider any supplementary information submitted, it cannot properly evaluate a completely revised nomination or large amounts of new information submitted at the last minute. So we would be grateful if the States Parties could keep its response concise and respond only to the above requests.

We thank you for your support of the World Heritage Convention and the evaluation process.

Yours faithfully,



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