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World Heritage List 2019

**Water Management System of Augsburg (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 “Water Management System of Augsburg” was carried out by James Douet (Spain) in July 2018. The mission expert highly appreciated the availabilities and support provided by the experts in your country for the organization and implementation of the mission.

On 18 October 2018, a letter was sent by ICOMOS to request further information regarding the documentation, selection of components, proposed justification for Outstanding Universal Value, comparative analysis, integrity, authenticity and protection. 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 State Party, 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 State Party could consider the following points:

**Water management system**

The ICOMOS Panel appreciated the additional information submitted by the State Party in November 2018. However, the effective technical role of each individual element of the overall water management system remains unclear. Each element has already been explained individually, but the ICOMOS Panel would be

pleased if the State Party could provide information on their roles in the context of the water management system as a whole, in order to better understand how it functions.

#### **Justification for criterion (ii)**

The justification for criterion (ii) is based on the fact that the Water Management System of Augsburg generated significant technological innovations that were tested and implemented in Augsburg for the first time. While the ICOMOS Panel acknowledged the potential to justify this criterion, further documentation would need to be provided to better justify that these significant technological innovations were developed for the first time in Augsburg.

#### **Continuity of use**

The ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could provide further information regarding how the continued use of the water management system is being carried out nowadays, especially when considering the traditional management of the water.

#### **Boundaries of the nominated property**

The ICOMOS Panel noted that for some elements, only the building façades are included within the nominated property area and not the entire buildings. This is the case, for instance, of some of the buildings at *Waterworks at Rotes Tor* (element 3). The ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could consider the inclusion of the whole buildings or the relevant cadastral parcels within the nominated area.

#### **Buffer Zone**

Some parts of the Buffer Zone boundaries have a 5,00m legal protection from the nominated property. This is presented as a traditional designated protection. For the ICOMOS Panel, a 5,00m protection could not be considered as an adequate protection when dealing with urban development, which has been identified as a potential factor which could affect the property. Therefore, the ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could provide explanation regarding the protective measures in place to control urban development in the wider setting of the property that could affect the property.

The ICOMOS Panel noted that among the 22 elements that constitute the nominated property, the following ones do not seem to be covered by the Buffer Zone: *Waterworks at Hochablass* (element 6), *Hochablass* (weir) (element 7), *Power plant on Fabrikkanal* (element 13), *Power plant on the Wolfzahnau* (element 16), *Power plant on the Proviantbach* (element 17), *Power plant on the Wertachkanal* (element 19), *Power plant Langweid* (element 21), and *Power plant Meitingen* (element 22). The ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could consider to include the above mentioned elements into the Buffer Zone or to create a Buffer Zone where missing.

#### **City forest**

The water system is originated from the springs in the city forest, which is a natural reserve and a protected area for water resources. The city forest is not included in the nominated property, nor in the Buffer Zone. The ICOMOS Panel considered nevertheless the importance of its role for the sustainability of the water system, as part of the whole water management system. Therefore, would it be possible that the State Party consider its inclusion in the Buffer Zone of the nominated property?

#### **Factors affecting the property**

The ICOMOS Panel took note of the information provided in the Nomination dossier regarding the projects for a new tram track and bicycle paths that should be developed near the canals. The ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could indicate whether a Heritage Impact Assessment regarding the potential impact of the tram tracks and bicycle paths on the nominated property has been considered.

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

