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World Heritage List 2019

Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte in Braga (Portugal) – 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 "Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte in Braga" was carried out by Alkiviadis Prepis (Greece) in September 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 8 October 2018, a letter was sent by ICOMOS to request further information regarding the comparative analysis, integrity and authenticity, factors affecting the property, management 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:

Mapping of the nominated property

For a better understanding of the nominated property and its identified attributes, the ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could provide high resolution mapping of the nominated property and location of attributes.

Criterion (ii)

The property is nominated under criterion (ii), which is related to an important interchange of human values. In particular, the Nomination dossier refers to the nominated property as "a model that has been exported to other parts of the world, of which the most emblematic is the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus de Congonhas do Campo, in

Brazil." The ICOMOS Panel would be pleased if the State Party could provide further information in relation to the exportation of Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte di Braga as a model, which has been followed in other parts of the World. In which way could we say that it has been used as a model? How is this influence, as a model, tangibly demonstrated through examples in the world? In this regard, it could be useful to consider the property of "Churches and Convents of Goa" with the example of the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church amongst others.

Nominated property

The ICOMOS Panel understood that several exclusions of parts of Mount Espinho from the nominated property have been made, such as Castello do Bom Jesus and the Carmelite convent consecrated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It would be useful if the State Party could provide information on the reasons for these exclusions in relation to the proposed justification for Outstanding Universal Value.

Landscape Design

The ICOMOS Panel noted that the Nomination dossier does not provide information in relation to the historical design for the current landscape of the nominated property, nor the selection of plants that composed this landscape. Could the State Party provide documentation on this aspect of the nominated property, including the meaning of the main landscape elements?

The ICOMOS Panel would also like to know how the landscape conservation is currently managed in terms of authenticity of the original design.

Removal of Terrace Bar

The ICOMOS Panel noted that a Terrace Bar is to be removed at some future time. Could the State Party confirm the timeframe for its removal?

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 State Party 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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