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World Heritage List 2019

Monuments of Ancient Pskov (Russian Federation) – 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 the “Monuments of Ancient Pskov” was carried out by Tamás Fejérdy (Hungary) 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 selection of serial components, the integrity and the management and protection schemes of the property and the Buffer Zone. Please convey our thanks to all the officials and experts for the additional information you provided on 8, 9, and 15 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, 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 Monday 26 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.

While the ICOMOS Panel considered that the “Monuments of Ancient Pskov” might have the potential to meet the requirements for Outstanding Universal Value, this has not yet been demonstrated.

Therefore, we would be pleased if the State Party could consider the following points:

The ICOMOS Panel expressed its view that the highest potential to meet the requirements of Outstanding Universal Value would be in relation to a nomination which presents the architectural testimony and typology

