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**Member State : REPUBLIC OF PERU**

**Name of the Asset : HISTORIC CENTER OF THE CITY OF AREQUIPA**

Arequipa, December 2019

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 annual report on the conservation of the Historic Center of the city of Arequipa recalls decision 42 COM 7B.41 adopted at the 42nd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held in the city of Manama, Bahrain, requesting Peru to submit an updated report on the application of measures requested in this decision, before December 1, 2019.

### **Approval of the Master Plan of the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone**

The proposal to update the *Master Plan of the Master Plan of the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone 2029-2029* (PLAMCHA) has the favorable opinion of the Ministry of Culture. The Public Consultation stage is currently being completed, which is a mandatory step required by Municipal Standards for the approval of said plan. Finally, after having answered and/or remedied the Public Consultation's observations, only the approval by the Provincial Municipal Council of Arequipa would be pending.

### **Review of the limits of the asset and buffer zone as a minor modification of limits, according to paragraphs 163-164 of the Practical Guidelines**

The official submission, to the World Heritage Center, of the review of limits of the asset and its Buffer Zone, as a minor modification of limits, will be made after final approval of the PLAMCHA by municipal ordinance. It is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2020.

### **Supervision of the impact of the Interconnecting Trunk Road in other areas that are not World Heritage, due to potential urbanization that can affect cultural landscapes, historic villages and expressions of intangible heritage that contribute to shape the asset's context**

In addition to the new PLAMCHA, the Provincial Municipality of Arequipa has initiated the preparation of the *Specific Plan of the Urban Basin of the Chili River* (background Municipal Ordinance No. 739 of 02.29.2012), which will allow regulating land uses of Arequipa's countryside beyond the Buffer Zone, in order to preserve its landscape, ecological and cultural characteristics.

Likewise, the Regional Government of Arequipa has developed a proposal for a *Specific Plan for Las Rocas de Chilina Regional Ecological Park*, as part of the Third Mitigation Measure proposed in the *Interconnecting Trunk Road Project Impact Assessment*. This proposal cannot yet be implemented because it conflicts with the Charcani VII energy project, which partially overlaps areas of the mentioned ecological park.

It is worth mentioning that the Ministry of Culture has delimited three other areas of the Chilina river valley as an archeological landscape: Archeological Landscape Lari Lari Sector 1, Archeological Landscape Lari Lari Sector 2, and Archeological Landscape Lari Lari Sector 3; the corresponding declaration as Cultural Heritage of the Nation is currently pending approval.

### **Implementation of the recommendations of the 2014 Reactive Monitoring Mission**

The new PLAMCHA has the favorable opinion of the Ministry of Culture, and is currently completing the Public Consultation process, pending, only, approval by the Provincial Municipal Council of Arequipa.

In order to protect agricultural terraces in Arequipa countryside and its cultural landscape, the Ministry of Culture has delimited three other areas as archaeological landscape: Archaeological Landscape Lari Lari Sector 1, Archaeological Landscape Lari Lari Sector 2, and Archaeological Landscape Lari Lari Sector 3; the corresponding declaration as Cultural Heritage of the Nation is currently pending approval. The Provincial Municipality of Arequipa has started preparing the *Specific Plan of the Urban Basin of the Chili River*; and the Regional Government of Arequipa has prepared a proposal for a *Specific Plan for Las Rocas de Chilina Regional Ecological Park*. Likewise, the problem of urban pressure on the Chili river valley is addressed in PLAMCHA, being one of the urban public policies “*Protect and recover the urban river basin; repairing environmental services, maintaining agricultural activities and inserting spaces for social development, integrating it into the values of the Historic Center, as part of the city's history and identity,*” which is manifested in the determined zoning and land uses.

This problem has not yet been addressed on the mechanisms or instruments supporting agricultural activity, in the Arequipa countryside; however, the recent designation of Arequipa city as a “Creative City” by UNESCO, for Gastronomy, constitutes an opportunity to revalue agricultural activity and its importance as part of the city's cultural identity, as a factor for development and citizen welfare.

Regarding the articulation of the Master Plan and the Risk Management Plan, it should be noted that the *Risk Management Plan of the Historic Center and Buffer Zone* (approved in 2015) served as a basis for establishing land uses and urban parameters of the *Master Plan of the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone 2019-2029*, aiming at reducing social, economic and physical vulnerability (infrastructure). Articulation criteria are being established through intersectoral coordination in order to implement both plans in a complementary and efficient way.

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