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DÉLÉGUÉ PERMANENT  
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DU KAZAKHSTAN  
AUPRÈS DE L'UNESCO**

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Dear Dr. Rössler,

With reference to the letter CLT/WHC/APA/NH/19/150 from 29 July 2019, I have the honor to submit, attached herewith, the report concerning the state of conservation of the World Heritage property of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi (C 1103).

We would appreciate its kind examination by the Advisory Bodies of the 1972 Convention.

Please accept, Madame, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Annex: 135 pages.

*Cordialement,*

**Jean GALIEV**

**Mechtild Rössler  
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# State of Conservation Report 2020

## Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi

### World Heritage Property (Kazakhstan) (C 1103)



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



- **Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi**
- inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2003

## 1. Executive Summary of the Report

This State of Conservation report responds to the points of Decision 43 COM 7B.67 Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi (Kazakhstan) (C 1103) at the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Heritage Committee Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan. The state of the Mausoleum, its buffer zone and wider setting has been monitored by the International Institute of Central Asian Studies (IICAS) since March 2019. IICAS with the support of international and local experts visited the site in November 2019 and January 2020 to monitor the situation of the World Heritage property.

The Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi in Turkestan is in good condition and stable. The issues identified in the missions in 2015 and 2019 are being addressed by the on-site Azret Sultan Reserve-Museum administration and KazRestoration. The moisture infiltration from the roofs and domes is of primary concern. The restoration of the flat roofs presenting high issues are being executed following the recommendation of 2019. The roof of the kitchen (ashana) was restored in 2019 with the innovative double tile system. The main dome restoration works are under development, until now with positive results. No other high priority issues are reported. Regarding the historic buildings located in the buffer zone little activity has been taken place, the planned conservation activities for 2020 are listed.

The status of the implementation in January 2020 of the Eski Turkestan Archaeological Park project and the projects located in the wider setting are described in section 2. The report compares the current situation with the information provided in the Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) conducted in 2019 (see SoC 2019 Annexes 3 and 4) and approved by the World Heritage Committee (see Decision 43 COM 7B.67). The Archaeological Park in the buffer zone is under development. The only activity implemented in 2019 was the excavation of the pond in the access area. Phase 1 of excavations in Kultobe are completed. The conservation works will start in Spring 2020. The development of the Spiritual and Cultural Center is ongoing. The Interpretation Centre of the Azret Sultan Reserve-Museum, Eastern Baths, the Wedding Palace, fountain, and amphitheater are completed. The project of the Trade Center is cancelled and will be replaced by a drama theater. The HIA for the new project will be produced and sent to the WHC once completed.

All the works in the Buffer Zone and the wider setting are been implemented according to the HIAs and scientific evidence, including satellite imagery and results of photogrammetric surveys are presented in this report. A final report after completion of the ongoing projects will be submitted to the World Heritage Centre. Any new projects or changes to the condition of the Mausoleum will be notified to the World Heritage Centre.