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State of Conservation Report
World Heritage Site: Abu Mena

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Executive Summary

The World Heritage Committee (WHC) decision, adopted at its 43rd session (Baku – Azerbaijan, 2019), concerning “Abu Mena World Heritage Site” AMWHS, focused on the following:

- 1- The importance of the speedy implementation of the necessary corrective measures “to protect and conserve the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property”, especially the Groundwater-Level Reduction Project GLRP.
- 2- The importance of implementing the UNESCO-FAO Joint Mission recommendations.
- 3- Strengthening the local community involvement.
- 4- Increasing the level of coordination between the different stakeholders.

This report examines and responds to the abovementioned decision and, in doing so, relies on the following documents:

- (i) The first progress report of “The Plan of Sustainable Development of AMWHS”, prepared by the Governorate of Alexandria (Annex 1), and
- (ii) The various technical and follow up reports prepared by the Assistant Minister for Engineering affairs, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities MoTA.

The major milestones achieved by the various stakeholders could be summarized in the following:

- 1- The completion of more than 80 % of the necessary measures related to the Site Preparation in order to complete the installation of the new pumps (90 pumps already supplied) by mid 2020, with a view for a full operation of the GLRP before the end of the year 2020.
- 2- The implementation of various components of the UNESCO-FAO recommendations.
- 3- The active involvement of the various stakeholders, together with the local community in activities related to the GLRP, Management and conservation Plans and/or site-related societal and cultural activities.