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State Party : REPUBLIC OF PERU
Property name : HISTORIC CENTRE OF LIMA

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I. ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2020 Annual Report on the conservation of the Historic Centre of Lima takes into account the Decision 43 COM 7B.102, adopted at the 43rd Session of the World Heritage Committee – UNESCO, held in the city of Baku, Azerbaijan, where Peru is requested to send by December 1, 2020, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the Historic Centre of Lima (Peru) (C500bis) and the implementation of the recommendations of that Decision, to be examined by the Committee at its 45th session to be held in Fuzhou, China in June/July 2021.

RESPONSE TO DECISION 43 COM 7B.102

The State Party, through the Metropolitan Municipality of Lima and in coordination with the Ministry of Culture, is making efforts to present the Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA), requested in the 41st (Krakow, 2018) and 43rd (Baku, 2019) sessions, especially with the Urban Transport Authority (ATU). Concerning mitigation measures for the High Capacity Segregated Corridor – COSAC, terms of reference for such studies have been developed and reviewed and are expected to be completed by 2021.

The state party is supporting and reviewing the Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) for Metro Line 2 of Lima, which crosses the buffer zone. A first review has already been carried out and critical points have been identified that we hope will be corrected. Likewise, it continues to be a priority of the State Party, to carry out the necessary studies to avoid negative impacts for the construction of Metro Line 3 of Lima.

The new Master Plan for the Historic Centre of Lima 2019-2029 has been approved with a vision for 2035 and the Sole Administration Regulation of the Historic Centre of Lima, incorporating the recommendations stipulated in the Report of the WHC-ICOMOS Advisory Mission to the Historic Centre of Lima in 2017. The implementation of these documents has allowed advances in pedestrianization, disaster risk management, among others. The local government, within the framework of the national legal system, is promoting the Municipal Program for the Recovery of the Historic Centre of Lima (PROLIMA), giving it the deliberative capacity to make decisions about the property and to formulate and execute investment projects. Finally, regarding the convent of San Francisco, it will be invested in the partial recovery of the convent, especially the front of the main church, the mural painting of the facade, and the square.

CURRENT ISSUES THAT MAY IMPACT ON THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

The main problem of the Historic Centre of Lima is the inadequate use of land, which concentrates a wholesale trade incompatible with the urban infrastructure since it generates displacement of the population and damages its Outstanding Universal Values. Likewise, precarious housing and the lack of incentives for urban renewal continue to be a serious problem in the property.
Climate change and disaster risk management remain a major challenge. The implementation of the new plan and regulations has allowed progress in mitigating the associated problems, improving the resilience of more than 100 properties to date. But to reach an optimal level of resiliency, it will still take a long time.

POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

The following interventions have been identified as deserving of previous studies of the patrimonial impact of the project: the cable car project for the Cerro San Cristobal, the Metro Lines 2 and 3 of Lima, and finally, the optimization works of the urban transport system that will be carried out by the Urban Transport Authority (ATU).