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Director,
World Heritage Center,
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Re: SUBMISSION OF NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

The United Republic of Tanzania National Commission for UNESCO has the honour to submit the Ngorongoro Conservation Area State of Conservation Reports to the World Heritage Committee.

The State Party continues to assure UNESCO of its collaboration and supports in the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Hamisi M. Malebo

SECRETARY GENERAL

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF NGORONGORO

CONSERVATION AREA (C/N 39)

a. **State Party:** United Republic of Tanzania

b. **Name of World Heritage Property:** Ngorongoro Conservation Area

c. **Geographical Coordinates:** Latitude 30 15'S and Longitude 350 30'E

d. **Date of Inscription on the World Heritage List:** 1979 as Natural World Heritage and 2010 as Mixed World Heritage Site

e. **Organization responsible for the preparation of the report:**

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Date of Submission of Report: 1st December 2018

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COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

4. Acknowledges the State Party's continuing commitment to combating animal poaching and control of invasive alien plant species, but notes the 2019 Reactive Monitoring mission findings that general poaching and the spread of invasive alien plant species persist, and urges the State Party to further enhance its efforts to combat these threats to the property, including through stakeholder awareness-raising;

Response

The area continued to record zero poaching incident. NCAA budget for community awareness on conservation has been raised by 3% in Financial years of 2019/2020; NCAA held media workshops for Conservation and tourism media for increased awareness in the year 2020.

5. Also notes the recommendations of both the 2017 Advisory mission and 2019 Reactive Monitoring mission, and requests the State Party to implement all their recommendations.

Response:

The UNESCO 2017 and 2019 Advisory and Reactive Monitoring Missions respectively provided a number of recommendations. Implementation of the recommendations requires strategic planning such as inclusion in reviewed General Management Plans and budget allocations. Matrix of the plan of implementation is attached.

6. Notes the reported continuing work on the surfacing of roads in the property while the State Party is addressing the recommendations of the 2017 Advisory mission, including the submission of the feasibility study for the southern bypass road, and also requests the State Party to urgently submit to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies, the details of the surveys and studies that were recommended by the 2017 mission before construction works commence;

Response

State Party had informed WH-Center in the SoC submitted in 2018 that KfW had provided grant to carry out Feasibility study. The study came out with two options. However, on the two options identified, the Mbulu Route, with Hydom -Katesh link road was the preferred option from the environmental, social, economic and technical

point of view. This route is the best option for reducing traffic across NCA and Serengeti National Park.

Detailed surveys and studies were included in the supervision and construction contracts for the project and planned to be undertaken before the start of site works; The project is postponed because of financial constraints that had resulted from drop in tourism and consequently loss of income. Detailed survey and studies will be submitted once the project implementation is resumed.

7. Further notes that the management system requires further augmentation to efficiently balance the conservation of the OUV of the property with other activities such as tourism, and further requests the State Party to develop and submit to the World Heritage Centre, the following to complement the draft GMP:

- a) **An action plan and timeline for implementation of past Committee Decisions,**
- b) **A framework for stakeholder engagement that enables cross-cutting engagement on matters of mutual interest,**
- c) **Integrated policies and guidelines on tourism carrying capacity,**
- d) **Monitoring and enforcement mechanisms which ensure compliance with the conclusions and mitigation measures of validated impact assessment studies,**
- e) **Mechanisms for traffic monitoring, including regulation of speed and driving behaviour;**

Response:

The NCA has prepared action plan for implementation of past Committee decisions (attached) while implementation of (b) to (d) is included in the holistic activity of reviewing multiple Land use model (report will be submitted when it is completed and approved for circulation)

Mechanisms for traffic monitoring, including regulation of speed and driving behaviour will be jointly developed by Supervision engineers, contractors and NCAA's team for supervision of the road project when resumed (see response for decision in para 6 above)

8. Encourages the State Party to augment the resources currently dedicated to cultural heritage preservation in the property, and to develop and maintain a database of archaeological attributes and other cultural sites in the property;

Response:

Digital data base for NCA cultural sites, archaeological sites and attributes included has been established and is continually maintained through studies for documentation of values and significance.

9. Also encourages the State Party to engage local communities and other stakeholders in exploring alternative livelihood solutions to its current voluntary resettlement scheme consistent with the policies of the *Convention* and relevant international norms;

Response:

As part of efforts to engage local communities and other stakeholders to explore alternative livelihood solutions, in 2019 NCAA has mobilized community to undertake agriculture activities outside NCA whereby 53 acres have been cultivated using own communities resources for sustainability, supported 400 beehives to local communities. In 2020/2021, NCAA has planned to support beekeeping groups with 1500 beehives and provide capacity training them to acquire modern beekeeping practices. The purpose of these efforts is to introduce local communities to livelihood alternatives.

Review of the Multiple land use model has included voluntary resettlement schemes, final report will be submitted when completed and approved for circulation.

10. Also notes with concern that the 2019 mission concluded that: There is a gradual and cumulative increase in threats to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property due to previous Committee Decisions not being implemented, There is a need for a mechanism to monitor and enforce compliance with the conclusions of impact assessment studies in the implementation of projects;

Response

In addition to response in para 5, The NCA has established a monitoring and evaluation section. The section will assess performance of implementations of various plans by different departments. The core function of the section is to enforce compliance. Since the section will be part and parcel of various projects within the NCA, it is expected that conclusions of impact assessments of various studies in the implementation project will be monitored and hence maintain the OUV as threats will be well addressed.

11. Requests moreover the State Party to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of current and planned projects in the property, including a Heritage Impact Assessment that assesses their individual and cumulative impacts

on the OUV of the property, to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies

Response:

All projects undertaken or planned to be undertaken within NCA are subjected to EIA and CHIA; SEA will be undertaken as recommended when NCAA's financial situation which is badly shaken as a result of drop in Tourism Income due COVID 19 pandemic coming is regained.

12. Finally requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 December 2020, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 45th session in 2021.

Response:

The State party hereby submits the report for consideration by the WH-Committee as decided.