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State of Conservation Report of Meidan Emam Isfahan World Heritage Site

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In the name of God

Decision: 44 COM 7B.144

The World Heritage Committee,

1. **Having examined Document WHC/21/44.COM/7B,**
2. **Recalling Decision 43 COM 7B.64 adopted at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019),**
3. **Appreciates the efforts made by the State Party with the elaboration of the outlines of the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) of the property, the Disaster Risk Management Plan (DRMP), and the submission of a detailed report on the past structural intervention to the Ali Qapu edifice and requests the State Party to submit:**
 - a. **The final version of the outline of the CMP and a full draft of this plan,**

The final version of the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) in Persian for Imam Square has been prepared, and the English version is in the process of being translated. It will be submitted to the World Heritage Center for review as soon as it is completed.

- b. **The draft DRMP, including also:**
 - (i) **an indication of actual first response measures showing the sequential actions and organizational planning, including the division of roles and responsibilities among stakeholders,**
 - (ii) **planning for specific anti-earthquake measures for the Ali Qapu edifice and other built structures of the Meidan Emam;**

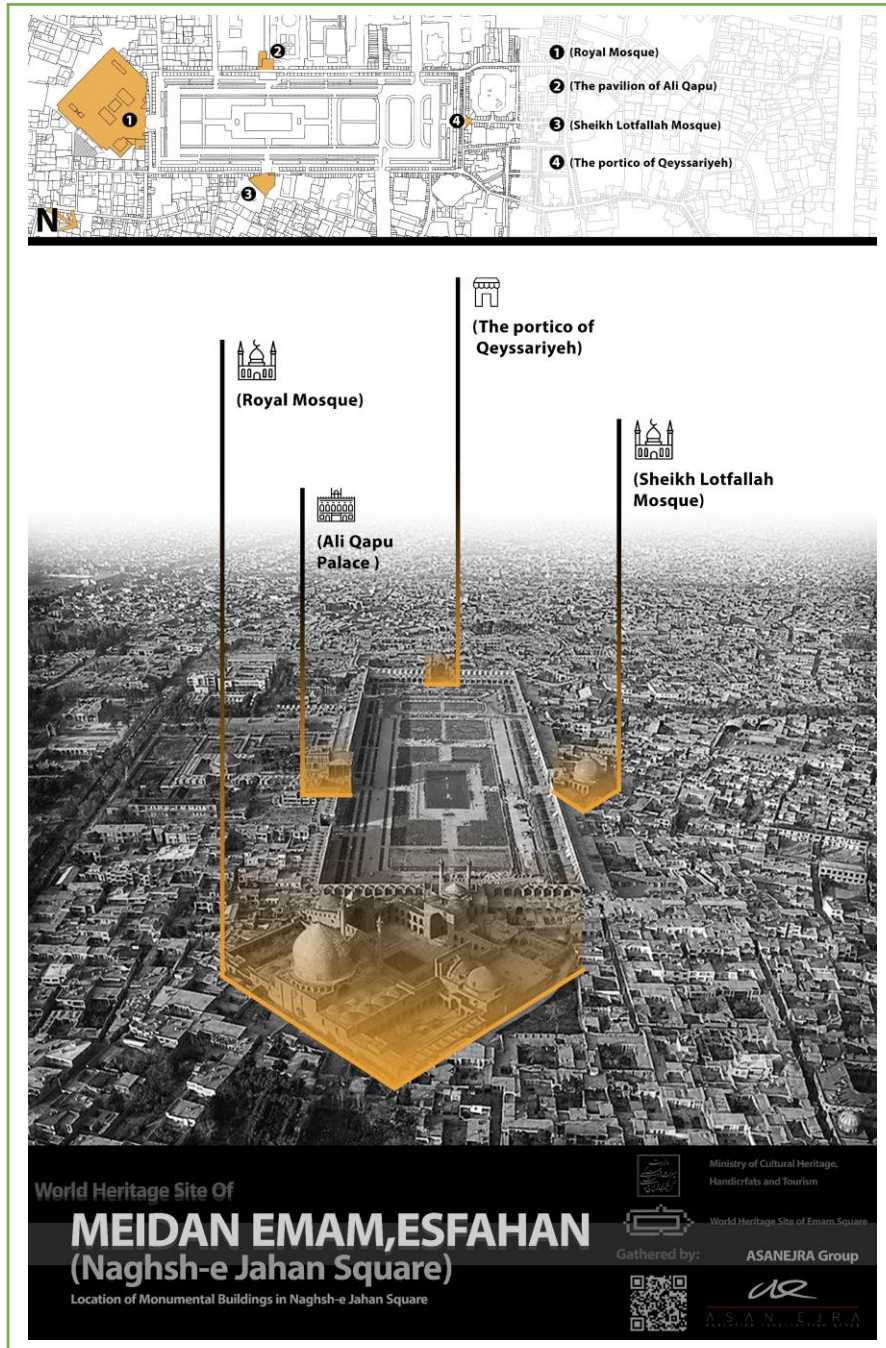
The draft DRMP for Imam square has been prepared and is attached to this report as Annex 1.

4. **Also appreciates the progress achieved with investigations into the water and sewage system of the property and its buffer zones as part of the DRMP, and reiterates its request that the State Party to submit the complete programme of works to the World Heritage Centre for review of the Advisory Bodies as soon as possible**

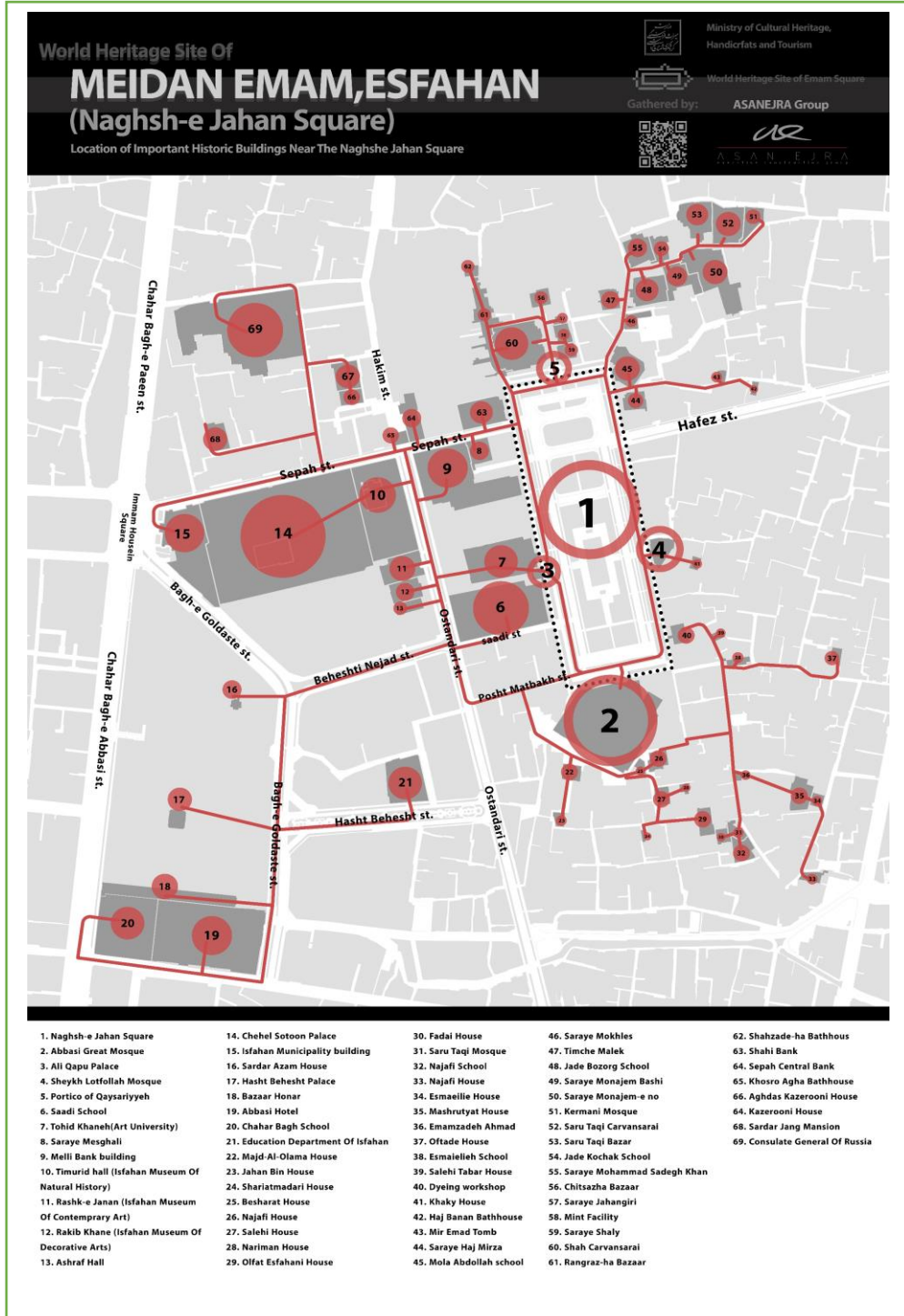
The Studies of Water System and Sewage System Reorganization Plan for Imam square has been prepared and is attached to this report as Annex 2.

5. Also reiterates its request that the State Party submit to the World Heritage Centre the final plan towards the development of spatial structures for the motorized and pedestrian access to the property, for review by the Advisory Bodies, as soon as possible and before any decision is made that would be difficult to reverse or any further works are carried out, in line with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, in view of a possible reorganization of motorized and pedestrian circuits around the property;

Pedestrian route of Imam Square complex

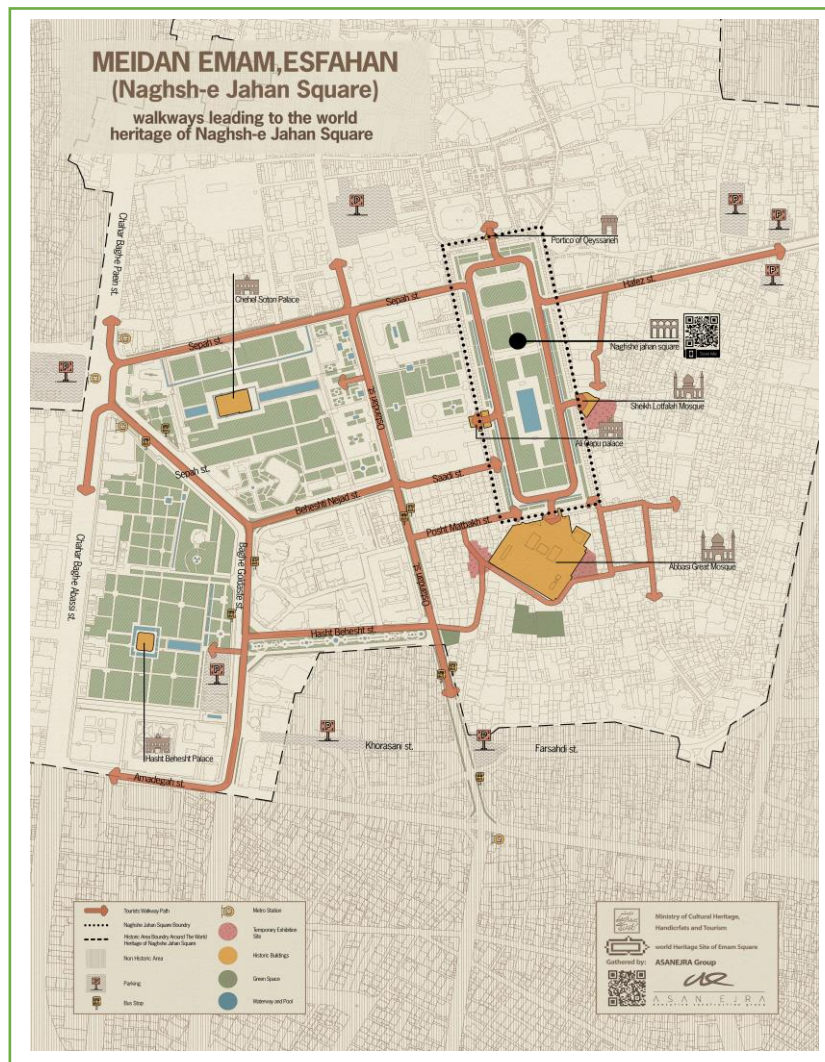


Picture No. 1- Imam Square area of Isfahan and the historical context around it



Picture No. 2 - Pedestrian path and historical buildings located in the core zone and buffer zone of Imam Square

- The area of the northern side of the Imam Square complex to Isfahan Jame Mosque includes the historical bazar of the Safavid period, which is not possible to develop and widen the crossings, and the pedestrian crossing is from the axis of the historical market of Qaysarieh to Isfahan Jame Mosque.
- All the crossings on the western and southern sides are in accordance with the historical documents of the Safavid period, and apart from the development of Hafez and Sepah Streets, which was done in the first Pahlavi period after the world registration in this area, any development and widening of the passage and historical crossings in these parts It is not possible and the organization plan for the construction of sidewalks has been prepared and implemented based on the documents.
- A plan to organize the pedestrian route of the crossings and paths of the eastern front of the Imam Square complex due to its location in the historical residential context was proposed by the mayor of the 3rd region of Isfahan, which is being reviewed by the specialized committee of the province and will be presented after approval.



Picture No. 3- Pedestrian route plan for Isfahan Imam Square complex

6. **Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 December 2022, 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 46th session.**