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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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**State party:**

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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2022 Annual Report on the conservation of the Historic Center of the City of Arequipa recalls Decision 44 COM 7B.69 adopted at the 44th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held in the city of Fuzhou, China, requesting to the State Party to submit an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the application of the measures indicated in this Decision.

### **Approval of the Master Plan of the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone 2019 – 2029**

The Provincial Municipality of Arequipa, through the Municipal Institute of Planning (IMPLA, for its acronym in Spanish), in collaboration with the AECID (Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation), has formulated a new proposal for a Master Plan for the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone 2022-2032, which is currently undergoing a process of social validation (public consultation). The process of public consultation and review by the Ministry of Culture is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

### **Submission of a minor modification to the boundaries of the property and buffer zone, in accordance with paragraphs 163-164 of the Practical Guidelines**

The official presentation to the World Heritage Center of the updated boundaries of the property and its Buffer Zone, as a minor boundary modification, in accordance with Annex 11 of the Practical Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention, will be made after the approval of the new Master Plan for the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone 2022-2032, by municipal ordinance and with the favorable opinion of the Ministry of Culture, expected to be completed during 2023.

### **Protective measures to preserve the agricultural character of the Chilina river valley.**

The proposed Master Plan for the Historic Center of Arequipa and Buffer Zone 2022-2032 includes in its guidelines the preservation and recovery of the countryside of the Urban Basin of the Chili River and its integration with the Historic Center; as well as the recovery and promotion of the Intangible Heritage of the Historic Center, the Monumental Zone and the Buffer Zone. The Master Plan presents 8 zones with landscape, agricultural and tourist characteristics that border the consolidated urban areas, pre-existing traditional towns, residential areas and the urban core.

The agricultural areas of the Chili River include, in the proposed Master Plan, a zoning for non-urban use, for cultivation, terraces and traditional roads, irrigation ditches, among others; the plan also contemplates the archaeological heritage areas specified and declared by the Ministry of Culture.

### **Conservation and awareness-raising activities in the Historic Center among the local communities**

The Provincial Municipality of Arequipa has been implementing a series of programs and projects to sensitize the local community regarding the cultural values and the potential for sustainable development of the Historic Center of Arequipa; these include the "QR Codes Program" in public spaces, "School Municipalities", "Project of public spaces through tactical urbanism", "Entrepreneurial Seedbed", among others.

The Ministry of Culture, through the Decentralized Directorate of Culture Arequipa/MC, has been progressively implementing the program "Revalorando Nuestro Patrimonio Cultural" (Revaluing Our Cultural Heritage) and the strategy "Defensores del Patrimonio Cultural" (Defenders of Cultural Heritage).

**Implementation of mitigation measures related to the construction of the Interconnecting Trunk Road and the Chilina Bridge, including modifications to the infrastructure works, as proposed in the Heritage Impact Assessment of 2017**

Progress has been made concerning the Third Measure "Declaration of the Cultural and Archaeological Landscape of the Chili River Valley and Las Rocas Ecological Park as National Cultural Heritage"; currently the Final Report of the corresponding Archaeological Evaluation Project is being evaluated by the Ministry of Culture.

The second and fourth mitigation measures foreseen in the 2017 EIP have not been implemented to date, mainly because the corresponding studies have not yet been completed by GORE-Arequipa.

**Progress on the design of the pedestrian circulation project in Plaza Mayor and the Salaverry-Malecon Viaduct**

The pedestrianization projects for the Plaza Mayor and the Salaverry-Malecon Socabaya Viaduct were rejected by the Provincial Municipality of Arequipa.

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