

## **Report on the State of Conservation of the Property:**

### **Fort & Shalamar Gardens in Lahore (WHS)**



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## **Executive Summary:**

Lahore Fort and Shalamar Gardens are the Mughal Period monuments located in the capital city of Lahore, Punjab Pakistan. Considering their Outstanding Universal Value these were inscribed on the World Heritage List of Properties in 1981. The present State of Conservation Report consists of three parts. In the first part, progress on the decisions of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHC has been elaborated, the second part of the report contains Annex-1, and the third part as Annex-2 deals with the conservation efforts of the State Party for Lahore Fort and Shalamar Gardens. The State Party is committed to implementing the recommendations of the Joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring Mission (RMM).

In Annex-2, the first part deals with the conservation efforts of the State Party for Lahore Fort. The report contains details of the ongoing conservation/restoration of Picture Wall, Sheesh Mahal, Athdara Pavilion/ Sikh Hammam, Summer Palace, Akbari Gate, Khilwat Khana, Curator's House, NW end of Royal Kitchen/Loh Temple, Sikh Era Temple, Imperial Zenana Mosque and Kharak Singh Haveli. Also included is a summary of the draft Lahore Fort Site Management Plan which is under preparation that specifically focuses on the policies for the proper management, use, and development of the Lahore Fort. Additionally, major projects which are to be taken in the future in accordance with the agreed master plans

are also included in this part.

The second part of Annex-2 highlights conservation and site management and improvement efforts at Shalamar Gardens. Key steps completed so far include establishing an effective administrative system for project operations, upgrading the security and surveillance systems, rehabilitating non-functional fountains, improving and upgradation of toilet blocks, providing of drinking water facility, and landscape furniture, and repairing one of the damaged water tanks. In terms of visitor management, a structured system has been introduced to enhance experience and ensure site preservation. As part of the emergency stabilization efforts, the restoration of the garden's outer walls has been completed in alignment with the guidelines provided. Other work-in-progress structures include the garden's outer walls, Naqarkhana Gate, the King's Chamber, the Queen's Chamber, and the Aiwan (White Baradari). Furthermore, the State Party is fully committed to implementing the recommendations of the RMM and has already taken tangible steps which have also been reported to the World Heritage Center in the previous State of Conservation Reports.