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**Observatories of Kazan University (Russian Federation) No 1678**

**1. Executive Summary of the report**

The decision of the World Heritage Committee 45 COM 8B.45 on the site 'Astronomical Observatories of Kazan Federal University', adopted at the 45th meeting, was considered by the managers of the World Heritage site 'Astronomical Observatories of Kazan Federal University' - the management of Kazan Federal University, the Republican Foundation for the Revival of Monuments of History and Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan, the State Committee of the Republic of Tatarstan for the Protection of Cultural Heritage Sites and the federal executive body, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, acting as the national focal point.

A report on the state of conservation of the site was prepared in accordance with the Decision.

In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of the World Heritage Committee Decision 45 COM 8B.45, the implementation of activities of the KFU Astronomical Observatories Management Plan for the medium term has started in the part concerning the organisational structure of the Suburban Astronomical Observatory (component part 002) with the introduction of new staff units of a security guard, cashier and guide, supported by appropriate funding, to enhance security at the site and regulate tourist flows in order to reduce the anthropogenic load on the World Heritage Site. In addition, the Kazan City Astronomical Observatory (component part 001) has undergone cosmetic renovation as part of the planned medium-term activities.

In order to implement the long-term measures of the KFU Astronomical Observatories Management Plan and Master Plan for the conservation and use of the territory of Engelhardt Astronomical Observatory as well as to apply policies and programmes for the conservation of the site and its Outstanding Universal Value, a republican programme of restoration measures at the Suburban Astronomical Observatory (component part 002) is being developed, supported by appropriate funding and scientific and organisational measures. Implementation of the Master Plan regarding the improvement of the territory of the Astronomical Observatory has started.

In accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of the above-mentioned Decision, the issue of Heritage Impact Assessment on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site was considered. New construction and reconstruction works are not planned within the approved boundaries of the buffer zone of Kazan City Astronomical Observatory (component part 001). Impact Assessment on the Outstanding Universal Value of Engelhardt Astronomical Observatory (component part 002) will be completed after Kazan agglomeration Master plan is finalised, in 2025.

In accordance with paragraph 4 (c) of World Heritage Committee Decision 45 COM 8B.45, the legal status of the buffer zones is clearly defined. The buffer zones of the nomination component parts are approved in 2020 and 2023 (for component part 001 - Kazan

City Astronomical Observatory) and in 2022 (for component part 002 - Engelhardt Suburban Astronomical Observatory).

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the World Heritage Committee Decision 45 COM 8B.45 and in order to strengthen and expand scientific research and raise awareness of the Thematic Initiative ‘Astronomy and World Heritage’, a series of scientific events were held in 2023-2024 with the participation of World Heritage site's managers from Asia and Africa, management of ICOMOS National Committees and National Commissions for UNESCO.