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ANUAL REPORT ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE

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## **II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2024 Annual Report on the Conservation of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu references Decision 44 COM 7B.172, adopted at the 45th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This decision requested that the state party submit an updated report on the implementation of the outlined measures before December 1, 2024.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic that affected Peru in 2020, work to update the Master Plan for the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu 2015-2019 has been ongoing. During 2021 and 2022, progress on the new Master Plan was shared with various entities and sectors of civil society. Currently, the process of socialization is in its final stage. To complete the update process, the new zoning regulations for the site are being developed. By the end of December, the preliminary version of the "MASTER PLAN FOR THE HISTORIC SANCTUARY OF MACHU PICCHU – NATIONAL MACHU PICCHU ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK" for the 2025-2029 period will be completed.

### **Regarding the updating of the Master Plan and Regulation for Sustainable Tourist Visits to the Llaqta of Machu Picchu:**

The process of updating the new Master Plan for the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu/National Machu Picchu Archaeological Park is 98% complete. Currently, the document is in the socialization phase with various communities surrounding the site. The final version of the document is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2025, aiming at obtaining its approval by National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State and the Ministry of Culture.

### **Regarding the Regulations for Sustainable Tourist Visits to the Llaqta of Machu Picchu:**

The "Regulation of sustainable use and tourist visit for the conservation of the Llaqta or Inka City of Machupicchu" approved by Ministerial Resolution 070-2017-MC is currently in force. Since the end of 2023, the update process has begun. The regulation has been updated and received contributions and comments from public institutions, tourism organizations and associations and citizens. It is now in the final consolidation phase, with the goal of obtaining its approval by the first quarter of 2025

### **Regarding the progress of the preparation of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the Chinchero International Airport – Cusco**

The Heritage Impact Assessment, conducted by the consulting organization Cultural Sites Research Management (CSRМ) at the request of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Transport and Communications, is 100% complete. The mitigation measures are to be implemented within the framework of an Action Plan, which is currently being developed by the Ministry of Transport and Communications. This plan shall include a formally signed commitment regarding the management and acquisition of the necessary budget to implement these mitigation measures.

### **Regarding the Public Use Plan.**

The Public Use Plan for the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu was approved by Presidential Resolution No. 49-2017-SERNANP( (National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State, by its initials in Spanish) , within the framework of the Master Plan of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu (SHM, by its initials in Spanish)/National Archaeological Park of Machupicchu (PANM, by its initials in Spanish) 2015-2019. It will be updated as part of the new SHM/PANM Master Plan 2025-2029, which is in its final stage.

**Regarding the current carrying capacity of the Llaqta of Machu Picchu**

The carrying capacity has been adjusted in line with the recommendations of the “Carrying Capacity and Acceptable Change Limits Study for the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu – 2015.” To achieve the four scenarios outlined in the study progressively, actions have been implemented, including the maintenance, conservation, and reorganization of visitor circuits based on differentiated routes, changes to entry times, permanent restrictions on access to vulnerable areas, and other decongestion measures. These actions result in a lower degree of impact on the monument's conservation, based on reports from monitoring and inspections conducted by conservation specialists. A differentiated capacity of up to 4,500 people per day is currently in place, with a maximum increase to 5,600 people per day during the high season.

**Regarding admission capacity and monitoring and conservation actions.**

In this regard, a strategy has been implemented to regulate the variable capacity of visitors/tourists accessing the Llaqta or Inca city of Machu Picchu, based on the physical and management conditions of the monument and cultural services offered and tourist seasonality, characterized by periods of high visitor/tourist influx (peak season) or lower influx (low or off-season). Monitoring and conservation efforts have been implemented to safeguard the archaeological structures, along with ongoing monitoring of the geodynamic behaviour of the Llaqta of Machu Picchu.

**Regarding the increase in site invasion incidents, looting, and illegal land-use changes on the property.**

Through SERNANP and the Machu Picchu District Municipality, concrete measures have been taken to prevent and regulate land use planning for the property by establishing a Technical Table for Rural Land Use Planning in the Machu Picchu District. Additionally, the updated Master Plan of the Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary includes nine (09) measures aimed at addressing threats related to improper land use.