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State of Conservation report
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1-Executive Summary

First, we want to emphasize that this report is being presented under exceptional circumstances. The land of Lebanon is currently facing military aggressions of high atrocity, which have resulted in the total or partial destruction of several Lebanese archaeological sites. Among these are significant locations in Tyre area, such as the Chama' Citadel, as well as sites included on the tentative World Heritage list, like the Tibrin Castle. These aggressions have also caused extensive damage to the surrounding areas of the world Heritage Site of Tyre, placing these heritage sites in severe jeopardy, comparable to the threat of complete loss during this time. It is important to mention that the surroundings are also areas with high archaeological potential.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to UNESCO for responding to the request of the Ministry of Culture- the Directorate General of Antiquities by adopting a resolution for enhanced protection of Tyre's archaeological sites (Decision 4 EXT.COM 432) under the second protocol of the La Haye Convention of 1954. This resolution was adopted at UNESCO's extraordinary meeting in Paris on November 18, 2024.

Before the security situation deteriorates in Lebanon, The Ministry of Culture - Directorate General of Antiquities has implemented several actions on the World Heritage property of Tyre, including the completion of the marine survey and the management plan, the setting of the strategy for the maintenance and the preservation of the site, the collection of documents

related to archaeological works carried in Tyre. The Boundaries of the site are being reviewed for the final identification.