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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

As part of the state of conservation report for World Heritage properties, the State Party, Lebanon, has endeavored to meet the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee concerning the property: Archaeological Site of Anjar.

The site of Anjar holds great importance for humanity as a testament to the rich cultural, religious, and architectural history of the ancient Near East. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 1984 with identification number 293, based on two criteria (iii) and (iv): (Reference: UNESCO World Heritage List - Anjar.)

The preservation of the Anjar archaeological site is not only vital for Lebanon but for the entire world, ensuring that this exceptional cultural monument remains a part of humanity's shared heritage.

The cultural property is protected by:

- Article 1 of Resolution No. 166/L.R. issued on 07-11-1933 (Lebanese Antiquities Law).
- The Antiquities Law No. 166/1933.
- The Cultural Property Protection Law No. 37/2008.
- Decree No. 598 dated 8/3/1940 regarding the registration of the Anjar site as historical buildings.

The State Party has been working in collaboration with governmental institutions, such as the Directorate General of Urbanism, to implement the zoning regulations established in 2004. These include:

- "Decision of the Higher Council for Urban Planning, Minutes No. 60 dated 24/12/2003, No. 26 dated 16/6/2004, and No. 44 dated 20/10/2004."

These regulations allow for the control and management of the landscaping of the Old City of Anjar

Regarding the conservation and maintenance of the archaeological site of Anjar, the conservation issues are primarily related to the protection of certain archaeological structures and features on-site. The State Party hereby declares that there are currently no major restoration works within the property, the buffer zones, corridors, or other areas. Recently the municipality of Anjar has