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Information Document: Report submitted by HMG of Nepal on the progress made in implementing the 55 Recommendations of the 1998 Joint Mission for enhanced management and conservation of Kathmandu Valley World Heritage site Nepal.

Background: At its 22nd session, the World Heritage Committee examined the findings and results of the Joint UNESCO-ICOMOS-HMG of Nepal Mission, the 55 recommendations and Time-Bound Action Plan adopted by HMG of Nepal. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the inscription of the Kathmandu Valley site on the List of World Heritage in Danger until its 23rd session. However, the Committee requested HMG of Nepal to continue implementing the 55 recommendations of the Joint Mission and to respect the deadlines of the Time-Bound Action Plan adopted by HMG of Nepal. At its 23rd session, the Bureau requested HMG of Nepal to report on (a) the progress made in enforcing existing building regulations at Bauddhanath Monument Zone, (b) the technical and financial plan for correcting the illegal buildings immediately surrounding the stupa, and (c) further progress made in implementing the 55 recommendations before 15 September 1999 for examination by the 23rd extraordinary session of the Bureau in November 1999.

Purpose: This Information Document is a summary report submitted by HMG of Nepal on the progress made by the Government in implementing the 55 Recommendations. A cost estimate for correcting the 86 illegal buildings in Bauddhanath Monument Zone was submitted to the Secretariat with this report. However, the report on the progress made in enforcing existing building regulations at Bauddhanath Monument Zone and the technical and financial plan for correcting the 86 illegal buildings in Bauddhanath Monument Zone were not submitted.

Action by the Committee: This Information Document should be read alongside the section concerning the state of conservation of Kathmandu Valley included in the working document WHC-99/CONF.209/14, supplemented by WHC-99/CONF.209/INF.17B and WHC-99/CONF.209/INF.17C.