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Subject: **State of conservation of the World Heritage property "Historic Centre of Florence"**

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter transmitting your comments regarding the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission to the World Heritage property "Historic Centre of Florence" and more specifically regarding the enlargement of the Florence airport.

Please be assured that we have taken due note of your efforts and concerns, and that the World Heritage Centre closely follows the state of conservation of the property with the Italian authorities.

I would like to inform you that we shared your concerns with the ICOMOS International Secretariat for additional comments, as well as with the Italian authorities concerned, in conformity with paragraph 174 of the Operational Guidelines.

I also want to take this opportunity to reiterate that according to Article 4 of the World Heritage Convention, *"each State Party to this Convention recognizes that the duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage situated on its territory, belongs primarily to that State"*, as was noted in our previous correspondence.

Thanking you for your continuous collaboration and support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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