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#### WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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<u>Item 7B of the Provisional Agenda</u>: State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

#### SUMMARY

This document contains information on the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List. The World Heritage Committee is requested to review the reports on the state of conservation of properties contained in this document. In certain cases, the World Heritage Committee may wish to decide to discuss in detail the state of conservation reports which are submitted for adoption without discussion.

<u>Decision required</u>: The World Heritage Committee may wish to adopt the draft Decision presented at the end of each state of conservation report.

The full reports of reactive monitoring missions requested by the World Heritage Committee are available at the following Web address in their original language: http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/36COM/.

- 10. Requests furthermore the State Party to provide copies of the draft Management Plan for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies by 1 February 2013;
- 11. <u>Finally requests</u> the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2014**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 38th session in 2014.

### 76. Villa Adriana (Tivoli) (Italy) (C 907)

<u>Year of inscription on the World Heritage List</u> 1999

<u>Criteria</u> (i)(ii)(iii)

Year(s) of inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger

<u>Previous Committee Decisions</u> See page <u>http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/907/documents/</u>

International Assistance

UNESCO Extra-budgetary funds

N/A

Previous monitoring missions

N/A

Factors affecting the property identified in previous reports

N/A

Illustrative material

See page http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/907

#### Current conservation issues

Following information about a planned waste dump and a development project in the vicinity of the World Heritage property, the World Heritage Centre requested the State Party to submit details on the above. On 27 March and 5 April 2012, the State Party submitted a response including maps, and on 30 May 2012 a further response on the status of the waste dump project.

a) Planned development of a waste dump in the vicinity of the property

In December 2011, the World Heritage Centre was informed by an NGO about plans to build a waste dump in the Corcolle area, in the vicinity of the property. A public appeal was presented to the Administrative Tribunal of the Lazio region, and the Italian National Commission for UNESCO publicly expressed concern about the authorities' plans for this development.

An online petition against the waste dump near the World Heritage property has been initiated (see <a href="http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/protect-hadrians-villa/">http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/protect-hadrians-villa/</a>). Several thousand stakeholders have signed the petition addressed to the Extraordinary Commissioner for Refuse of the Lazio region, the authority in charge of this proposal.

According to information provided by the State Party on 27 March 2012, no approval had yet been granted for the proposed waste dump.

On 30 May 2012, the Italian authorities informed the World Heritage Centre that the project for a waste dump in the Corcolle area has been cancelled.

b) Planning proposal for a group of buildings in the vicinity of the property

In December 2011, the World Heritage Centre was also informed about plans to construct a group of buildings, totalling approximately 120,000 m3, in the buffer zone of the property. The State Party submitted maps concerning the corresponding "Comprensorio di Ponte Lucano" parcelling plan on 4 April 2012.

# c) Structural issues

In July 2011, the press reported that Villa Adriana is at risk of collapsing. The World Heritage Centre addressed this issue to the State Party on 27 July 2011 and was informed by the State Party on 24 November 2011 about the allocation of EUR 4 million for the conservation of the property. Moreover, the State Party assured the World Heritage Centre that the property is in good condition and referred to the footage taken by the Japanese TV producer NHK in September 2011.

## d) Other issues

On 19 January 2012, the State Party submitted a retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value to the World Heritage Centre.

#### Conclusion

The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies note with satisfaction the information that the waste dump project has been cancelled. They consider as well that additional information on the housing development in the buffer zone of the site, including a Heritage Impact Assessment, is required to assess its potential impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property.

#### Draft Decision 36 COM 7B.76

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC-12/36.COM/7B.Add,
- 2. Welcomes the State Party's allocation of funding for the conservation of the property;
- 3. <u>Commends</u> the State Party for its decision to abandon the construction of a waste dump in the Corcolle area;
- 4. Requests the State Party to inform the World Heritage Centre in due time about any major development project planned in the buffer zone of the property, including the housing development at Comprensorio di Ponte Lucano, for which a Heritage Impact Assessment should be included, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, before any irreversible commitment is made;
- 5. <u>Also requests</u> the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre by **1 February 2014** an updated report on the state of conservation of the property.