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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Je tiens à vous informer que l'ICOMOS International a étudié le document de suivi du plan de gestion du bien du patrimoine mondial « **Centre historique de Florence** » transmis au Centre du patrimoine mondial par l'État partie.

L'étude technique de l'ICOMOS conclut que l'approche développée dans le document '*Monitoring of the Management Plan of the Historic Centre of Florence - UNESCO World Heritage site*' est louable, et que des progrès pour améliorer les transports publics, ainsi que les recommandations de la mission conjointe du Centre du patrimoine mondial /ICOMOS de 2017, sont en cours de mise en œuvre.

Je vous serais reconnaissante de bien vouloir partager l'étude technique de l'ICOMOS ci-jointe avec vos autorités nationales.

Je saisis cette opportunité pour vous remercier de la coopération de votre gouvernement dans la mise en œuvre de la *Convention du patrimoine mondial*, et vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

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## ICOMOS Technical Review

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On 12 July 2018, the City Council of Florence approved the document *Monitoring of the Management Plan of the Historic Centre of Florence - UNESCO World Heritage site*, submitted in English translation to the World Heritage Centre and shared with ICOMOS on 18 March 2019. It is intended as a strategic instrument for the effective implementation of the Action Plan included in the 2016 *Management Plan of the Historic Centre of Florence*.

In this Technical Review, ICOMOS provides brief comments on the monitoring document, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission to the property in May 2017.

### Analysis

The aim of monitoring is to measure progress in implementing the objectives of the Management Plan and to inform its periodic revision. The approach taken is informed by the need to integrate a sustainable development perspective into the World Heritage Convention, in line with UNESCO guidance.

The monitoring document is comprehensive and clearly-presented, and not only tracks the progress of the 24 projects included in the Action Plan section of the 2016 Management Plan (most of which are ongoing), but also includes nine new projects which will be incorporated in the next revision of the Plan. These include using mobile phone data to better understand the use of the centre by Florentines and visitors, and the *Destination Florence* project to promote quality tourism, aimed at increasing the average length of stay through raising awareness of the diversity of the cultural offer beyond the 'big five' attractions.

The document includes two new policies specifically to address recommendations of the 2017 Advisory mission within the section 'Conservation and knowledge of the monumental heritage'. Embedding Heritage Impact Assessment in the management of the city (mission recommendations 5 and 6) is particularly welcome. The new project 'Heritage Florence Data', the development of an integrated GIS for the analysis, monitoring and management of the historic buildings and open spaces in Florence, will embrace recommendation 4 of the 2017 Advisory mission, that a register of historic buildings in the centre that are 'at risk' as a result of under-use or decay be established as a basis for action to rectify the problems.

### Conclusions

The comprehensive monitoring approach set out in the document, including 'efficacy indicators', is commendable. Progress is being made in implementing public transport improvements (tram lines,

electric taxis, bike sharing), and the recommendations of the 2017 joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission are being implemented.

ICOMOS remains at the disposal of the State Party for further clarification on the above or assistance as required.

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