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 City of Kutaisi, Region of Imereti
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Progress Report on the State of Conservation

Response to the World Heritage Committee's Decision

Decision: 31 COM 7B.97	State Party response
<i>Expresses serious concern about the continuing urgency of the problems described by the State Party report, and its inability to respond to these issues with appropriate managerial, institutional and financial measures;</i>	Number of projects will be implemented during next years, within the framework of the Cultural Heritage Protection State Programme, to address existing conservation issues.
<i>Encourages the State Party to prepare, in consultation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS/ICCROM a 5 year work programme designed to address the major problems identified, for presentation to potential donors;</i>	Consultations will be held with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies to prepare joint 5 year programme.
<i>Requests the State Party to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS mission to assess the state of conservation of the property;</i>	Georgian Ministry of Culture (World Heritage National Committee) holds pertinent consultations with the WHC/EUR on the date of UNESCO-ICOMOS mission which will be invited in Georgia by the end of April 2008.
<i>Strongly urges the State Party to initiate preparation of an integrated management plan for the World Heritage property, with the assistance of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;</i>	Establishment of the management plan is planned within the framework of the 2008 Programme and Budget of the Georgian Ministry of Culture (Cultural Heritage Protection State Programme).
<i>Also requests the State Party to provide a progress report to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2008 for examination by the Committee at its 32nd session in 2008.</i>	Report prepared and submitted to the World Heritage Centre in due course.

Other current conservation issues

2007 State of Conservation Report provides with the comprehensive information about and an adequate assessment of the current conservation issues. No significant changes have been identified since then.

Potential interventions

In January 2008, President of Georgia and the Georgian Orthodox Church initiated the reconstruction of the Bagrati Cathedral. Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport of Georgia is responsible to investigate the avenues of realisation of this initiative. Final decision will only be made after the analysis of possibility to reconstruct Cathedral without any negative affect to its authenticity and Outstanding Universal Value as well as after the consultations with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies.

Signature on behalf of the State Party



Irakli Metreveli, Chair of the Georgian National World Heritage Committee