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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. 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/37COM/>

All previous state of conservation reports are available through the World Heritage State of conservation Information System at the following Web address: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/soc>

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

Vilnius Historic centre (Lithuania) (C 541bis)

Pursuant to the Committee's Decision **35 COM 7B.98** (UNESCO, 2011), the State Party submitted a report on the state of conservation of the property on 30 January 2013. The new "Commission for protection of the Vilnius Historic Centre" was established in 2011 with the continued aim to identify threats to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property and address them through conservation and management measures. An Activity Plan for 2013-2015 was developed and approved by the two relevant ministries. The State Party also reports that a Special Plan to regulate the construction of high-rise buildings is under preparation and expected to be completed in 2013. This will address concerns regarding the potential impact on the OUV of the property from future constructions beyond the buffer zone.

The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies consider that the requests of the Committee for the property are being adequately addressed and that no further reporting to the World Heritage Committee is required at this stage. However, they will continue working closely with the State Party in monitoring the state of conservation of the property. The State Party is encouraged to submit a copy of the above-mentioned Activity Plan, as well as the regulations concerning the construction of high-rise buildings to the World Heritage Centre for evaluation by the Advisory Bodies. The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies will also maintain collaboration with the State Party for the final architectural design of the "Park of Architecture" project, in order to ensure the achievement of appropriate results in the large scale project and to avoid any adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property.

Churches of Moldavia (Romania) (C 598bis)

On 31 January 2013, the State Party submitted a detailed state of conservation report that addresses the progress made in the implementation of the Committee Decision adopted at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), including information on the progress in the implementation of the conservation programme, on the measures taken to address the threats to the wall paintings, on the architectural projects and consolidation works, and on the management of tourists and visitors. A Protection and Management Programme for historical monuments has been approved and an Organizing Committee has been created for each church. General Town Plans and Urban Plans for protected areas have been developed and implemented in order to enhance the control of all works within the property and its buffer zone.

The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are of the view that the state of conservation of the property is being adequately addressed by the State Party. The State Party is encouraged to implement all relevant measures in order to prevent any threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property.

Ensemble of the Ferrapontov Monastery (Russian Federation) (C 982)

On 27 February 2013, the State Party submitted a detailed state of conservation report that addresses the progress made in the implementation of the Committee Decision (**35 COM 7B.106**) adopted at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011). It includes information on the progress on development of the Management Plan and on the restoration project on the