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STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso (Chile) **(C 959rev)**

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1. Executive Summary of the report

The state of conservation report of the Historic Quarter of the city-port of Valparaíso 2016 highlights the following:

1. The timetable for the implementation of the National Policy of Urban Development in Valparaíso has not been defined and it is expected that the elements of the policy – converted into legal and regulatory instruments – will be incorporated gradually and incrementally, in plans, programs and specific projects; in this case in Valparaíso. The process is beginning and its results are expected to show fruit within the next 3 to 4 years, with pronounced procedures, new institutional devices and more inclusive practices.
2. The Territorial Planning Instruments (IPTs), in the current legal provisions, lack a formal institutional space for integration. In order to integrate instruments, investments, initiatives (nowadays disperse and even divergent), initiatives exist at three different levels:
 - i) In the national field - strategic as mentioned - the National Council for Urban Development (CNDU) is progressing with the preparation of an integrated urban planning system (PUI),
 - ii) In Valparaíso, with the establishment of a management body for the World Heritage Site, a coordination of investments and inter-institutional pronouncement has been carried out aimed at generating synergies and avoiding dispersion,
 - iii) Likewise, the Municipality of Valparaíso is modifying the Municipal Zoning Plan (PRC), and the Municipal Development Plan (PLADECO), still in process.

From these three levels there are ongoing processes aimed at modifying the current state of territorial planning, affecting the regulatory conditions, planning and management of the World Heritage Site of the city-port of Valparaíso.

3. Regarding the strategic and operative policy of the State Party, there are assumed to be weaknesses, vacuums and deficiencies with regard to the institutionalism and with the repertoire of devices devoted to generating a better and more appropriate treatment of heritage in particular and urban planning in general; something that is expressed in a process of convergence

The initiatives of the National Council for Urban Development and the idea of a management body in Valparaíso point to a decision to face the failures in treating the SPM and its sphere of influence. Both processes converge and include instruments for management within a pronounced public investment, synergy and inter-sectorial and with growing private participation. Added to this is the work carried out by the municipality aimed at reformulating relevant instruments, such as the Municipal Zoning Plan and the Municipal Development Plan. This series of initiatives provides an account of plans whose aim – at different levels and in different fields – is the territory and its condition of heritage in Valparaíso.

4. It is worth pointing out that previously (in July and November 2016), reports were sent containing the Archeological Management Plan and the modifications to the Puerto Barón Project, as well as the Heritage Impact Study of Terminal 2 of the Port of Valparaíso and the Puerto Barón Project, together with a list of projects being studied and executed.