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**STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT**  
**Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso**  
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## **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

The state of conservation report for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso related to the years 2021 and 2022 highlights the following:

1. Continuity of inter-institutional work and agreements reached for the revision of the Site's management structure, which has allowed the creation and implementation of the Municipal Management Corporation for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
2. The development of the technological platform for Risk Management of the property has continued, whose inputs will be the basis for the World Heritage Site's Risk Management Plan.
3. Continuity in the implementation of cultural institutions, with emphasis on strengthening technical teams at regional level.
4. Progress on the project that includes interventions at the Subercaseaux Building in order to achieve the habilitation of the Regional Archive. The restoration and commissioning of the elevators located at the Site have begun a trial basis period.
5. The project "Improving Accessibility to Valparaíso's Port" withdrew its environmental processing. The decision was taken in the context of a process of dialogue and agreements between city and port.
6. The Parque Barón project considers its continuity after the development of archaeological excavations and the fulfilment of an archaeological management plan. The project completion is estimated for the year 2025.
7. In 2022, the Environmental Qualification Resolution (RCA) for the Terminal 2 project "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso" was partially annulled. The Port Company has worked on a new design considering some aspects of the previous project. The proposal will be socialized in the first half of 2023.
8. Highlights the work carried out in the context of the Periodic Reporting, with emphasis on the state of conservation of the Site, its values, attributes, as well as the factors currently affecting the property.
9. A technical advisory mission from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre UNESCO visited the Site in November 2022, the visit was carried out with



the aim of providing an analysis of its condition, as well as deliver recommendations.

10. The continuity for the financing of initiatives within the framework of the World Heritage Sites Social Program and the Cultural Heritage Fund is highlighted, among other ongoing actions.

## II. RESPONSE TO THE DECISION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (44 COM 7B.165)

**Paragraph 3: Notes with satisfaction that the Interinstitutional Roundtable for the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) Technical Cooperation with the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage property has been established and has been working in alongside the IDB's Technical Cooperation working group in 2019 and 2020, and requests the State Party to submit information on its further developments and results, especially on the identification of a management model and implementation strategy and roadmap, for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;**

### UPDATE ON ONGOING MEASURES.

#### i) Technical Cooperation from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB, by its Spanish acronym).

Continuing with the work reported in the previous Conservation Status Report (December 2020), the Technical Cooperation (TC) granted by the Inter-American Development Bank continued its work, meeting and executing the agenda of meetings and studies based on the deadlines established for their completion.

#### ii) Agreement between the Municipality of Valparaíso and the Undersecretariat of Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Heritage.



As informed in the Supplementary State of Conservation Report sent to World Heritage Centre UNESCO (January 2021), during the month of December 2020 a collaboration agreement was signed between the municipality of Valparaíso and the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Heritage, achieved in the context of actions to strengthen the World Heritage Site's management structure. (Annexes 1, 2 and 3).

This agreement orients the work toward a new management model, allowing the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site's revitalization and dynamize. Thus begins a stage focused on articulating a joint work for a new management model for the property, strengthening the role of the State at the local and national levels, and establishing strategies for the financing and revitalization of the World Heritage Site, by means of mechanisms that allow the participation of other actors in decision making related with the development of the Site.

The agreement activates a collaborative agenda that brings together actors from the public, private, and civil society sectors, and focuses on the heritage, urban, architectural, and social dimensions of the Site. All of this is based on the understanding and conviction that cultural heritage and the World Heritage Site's protection are fundamental drivers for the future of the city development.

The specific objectives established under the December 2020 agreement are as follows:

1. Creation of a public/institutional coordination and collaboration structure in order to allows the different levels of national, regional, and local, government to act jointly in the World Heritage Site's management.
2. Design of a legal/institutional component where the public relations of the State with the World Heritage Site are clearly established.



3. Definition of a management figure that implements an administrative, technical, and financial work strategy in order to work on the design and implementation of plans, programs, and projects.
4. Establishment of mechanisms in order to allow the organized community's and the inhabitants participation in the World Heritage Site's production.
5. Design of permanent and stable policies and financing instruments for the World Heritage Site.
6. Review of the legal and regulatory framework of the National Monuments Council on the Site, as well as proposing different normative and regulatory processes to strengthen and enhance the World Heritage Site.
7. Definition of strategies to achieve in short and medium terms in order to generate the Site's economic dynamization through a prioritization and collaboration in public and private projects and programs.
8. Facilitate and expand achievements of financial resources, partnerships, and collaborations to define and build a portfolio of projects.
9. Define an international agenda to generate partnerships for collaboration and dissemination of the World Heritage Site.

**Annexes:**

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| Annex 1 | Document "Agreement between the Municipality of Valparaíso and the Undersecretariat for Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts, and Heritage". |
| Annex 2 | Document "Press Release on the Agreement, prepared by the Undersecretariat of Cultural  |



Heritage of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage”.

Annex 3 Press information related to the Agreement.  
December 2 and 3, 2020.

**iii) Creation and implementation of the Municipal Management Corporation for the Historic Quarter of the seaport city of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.**

Continuing with the previous point, on January 2022, in a public ceremony held in the city of Valparaíso, and in compliance with the first specific objective of the December 2020 Agreement, the document creating the Municipal Management Corporation for the Historic Quarter of the seaport city of Valparaíso World Heritage Site was signed (Annexes 4, 5, 6 and 7).

The Corporation is a private law entity, non-profit and with representation of the public sector. The purpose of the Corporation is to administer and manage the area inscribed as a World Heritage Site and its buffer zone, with the possibility of including the immediate surroundings for reasons of preserving and promoting actions in the area.

The Corporation's mission is to promote and strengthen public-private partnerships for a comprehensive development of projects, programs, and actions in order to ensure the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site and the preservation of its architectural, urban, cultural, social, and environmental qualities.

The agreement establishes the following composition of its Board of Directors:

- The Mayor of Valparaíso, who will chair the Board of Directors.
- A representative of the Undersecretariat of Cultural Heritage.
- A representative of the Regional Governor of Valparaíso.
- A representative of the Regional Presidential Delegate of Valparaíso.



- The Rector President of the Council of Rectors of the Universities of Valparaíso.
- The President of the Regional Chamber of Commerce of Valparaíso.
- A representative of the World Heritage Site Neighborhood Councils.
- A representative of the Community Association of Neighbourhood Councils (UNCO, by its Spanish acronym).

The functions and responsibilities defined for the Corporation are as follows:

- Organize, promote, plan, foment, advise, coordinate, and execute projects for an integral development of the World Heritage Site, which may include urban, architectural, economic, cultural, social, and community areas, as well as projects aimed at product development.
- Elaborate, formulate, and manage the financing of plans, programs, and actions with the objective of promoting the productive and social development of the World Heritage Site.
- Promote links between the public sector, the community, and/or private entities, with the purpose of socially and economically energizing the World Heritage Site, and in other matters that are common to them.
- To manage locations, buildings, and, in general, and when appropriate, national properties for public or private use, being able to agree with owners on productive uses.
- To acquire in any title, sell or rent movable and immovable properties and to enter into all necessary contracts to fulfil the objectives of the Corporation.
- To manage all or part of the locations and facilities that have been committed to, by agreement or concessions, by public or



private entities. In the fulfilment of these purposes, the Corporation will have the broadest attributions, notwithstanding to those that, in matters of supervision and inspection, correspond to the Public Authorities in accordance with the laws and regulations.

- To manage its heritage, establishing priorities in the resources allocation in accordance with the bylaws and general policies established in this regard.
- To sign acts and contracts with institutions, organizations, companies, or workers, with a view to achieving its purpose.
- Hold meetings, seminars, symposiums, courses, and events.
- Design, edit, print, and distribute brochures, newsletters, magazines, newspapers, and books and in general produce and make use of all types of audio-visual media, for educational purposes, dissemination of the World Heritage Site, as well as to inform of the actions it carries out.
- To associate on a temporary or permanent basis with other national, international, or foreign institutions pursuing similar purposes.
- Receive contributions or other come ups in general from individuals or legal entities, providing receipts for accounting and tax purposes as required by law, either for the operation of the Corporation's technical team or for the implementation of projects, plans, programs, and/or other actions.
- Any other necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes.

The document that creates the Corporation establishes the definition of obligations, rights, and attributions of the members, as well as the procedures for General and Special Meetings, the functions of the President and other positions on the Board of





Directors, among other matters, which must be included in the Corporation's Bylaws, a document approved at the first General Meeting held in August 2022 (Appendix 8).

The Corporation has had legal status since November 2022 (Annex 9), which marks the beginning of its implementation phase as Site Manager of the World Heritage Site. As of January 2023, two assemblies have been held to review aspects related to the portfolio of projects planned for the property, among other matters (Annexes 10 and 11).

**Annexes:**

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| Annex 4 | Document "Creation of the Municipal Management Corporation for the Historic Quarter of the seaport city of Valparaíso World Heritage Site"  |
| Annex 5 | Link to web news National Service for Cultural Heritage:<br><br><a href="https://www.patrimoniocultural.gob.cl/noticias/valparaiso-contara-con-nueva-corporacion-municipal-para-administracion-del-sitio">https://www.patrimoniocultural.gob.cl/noticias/valparaiso-contara-con-nueva-corporacion-municipal-para-administracion-del-sitio</a>               |
| Annex 6 | Link web news I. Municipality of Valparaíso:<br><br><a href="https://web.municipalidaddevalparaiso.cl/valparaiso-cuenta-con-nueva-corporacion-municipal-para-administracion-del-sitio-patrimonio-mundial/">https://web.municipalidaddevalparaiso.cl/valparaiso-cuenta-con-nueva-corporacion-municipal-para-administracion-del-sitio-patrimonio-mundial/</a> |
| Annex 7 | Press information related to the creation of the Corporation, January 2022.   |
| Annex 8 | Document copy reduction to public deed "Minute and Statutes of the Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the World Heritage Site, Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso". September 2022.  |



- Annex 9 Non-Profit Legal Entity Board of Directors Certificate, issued by the Service of Civil Registry and Identification, Chile, November 2022.
- Annex 10 Link web news I. Municipality of Valparaíso:  
<https://web.municipalidaddevalparaiso.cl/con-exito-se-celebro-la-asamblea-constitutiva-de-la-corporacion-municipal-del-patrimonio-de-valparaiso/>
- Annex 11 Link to web news item Regional Presidential Delegation of Valparaíso:  
<https://dprvalparaiso.dpr.gob.cl/2022/08/10/con-exito-se-celebro-la-asamblea-constitutiva-de-la-corporacion-municipal-del-patrimonio-de-valparaiso/>

**Paragraph 4: *Encourages the State Party to finalize the Risk Management Plan for the property and submit it for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;***

As part of the initiatives financed by the World Heritage Sites Social Program and as a continuation of what was reported in the previous State of Conservation Report (2020), the third stage of the Technical Assistance related to the development of a technological platform for the Risk Management of the World Heritage Site is currently under development.

The Technical Assistance aims to contribute to disaster risk reduction through the integration of information technologies in the stages of data storage and management in the format of a technological platform, contributing to decision making for the definition of strategies in this area. The platform allows visualizing results such as risk indicators or vulnerability factors associated



with some critical hazards identified for the case of the Valparaíso's World Heritage Site.

The first stage of the technological platform developed and reported in 2020, considered the gathering of information regarding three threats already identified as a priority in 2019, through the inputs of the Project "*Strengthening Disaster Risk Management in three World Heritage properties in Chile*", contained in the previous State of Conservation Report (2020). The prioritized threats were fire, earthquake, and vandalism graffiti; for which weighting and vulnerability factors were identified to assess the impact of each of them on the property.

The second stage, developed in 2021, considered complementing the information by collecting data related to the landslide hazard, and integrating the platform with all the information developed in both stages: fire, earthquake, vandalism, and landslide (Annex 12).

The third stage of the Technical Assistance was developed in 2022 and with this stage the risk assessment was completed for the entire Site and an analysis of the results obtained was carried out in order to guide the efficient use of the tool, thus being able to establish which factors or indicators appears as critical in each case. This platform will be managed mainly by the Site Manager and a user's manual has been prepared to facilitate its management and use (Annex 13).

In addition, the stage developed in 2022 contemplated the identification of feasible strategies to be evaluated by the Site Manager based on the results that have been obtained. It is expected that the results and the development of this strategy will constitute a basis input for the future development of the World Heritage Site's Risk Management Plan, whose elaboration is contemplated as of 2023 at requested by the Site Manager, through the continuity of the Technical Assistance of the National Centre for World Heritage Sites (Annex 14).

### **Annexes:**



- Annex 12 Background Stage 2 (2021) of the Technical Assistance “Technological Platform for Risk Management in the World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso”.
- Annex 13 Background Stage 3 (2022) of the Technical Assistance “Technological Platform for Risk Management in the World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso”.
- Annex 14 Request for Technical Assistance 2023 for the “Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan for the World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso”.

***Paragraph 5: Notes with appreciation that regional agencies dealing with heritage protection have been established and that initiatives oriented to restoration and conservation of elevators and historic buildings are in place;***

**i) Continuity in the implementation of the cultural institutional framework.**

The implementation of the institutional framework of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage has continued. During this period, progress was made in the installation and staffing of the Regional Heritage Directorates throughout the country, belonging to the National Service for Cultural Heritage.

As mentioned in the previous SOC report, the existence of these Regional Heritage Directorates and Regional Technical Offices of the National Monuments Council, together with the Regional Ministerial Secretariats of Cultures, Arts, and Heritage, allows for a broad territorial deployment for the protection and conservation of the country's heritage, especially World Heritage Sites, in close collaboration with the National Centre for World Heritage Sites.



In this area, priority of strengthening technical teams is recognized, with special attention to the local Technical Office of the National Monuments Council, which currently has a specific situation of deficit in its technical team, a situation that is expected to be addressed in the first half of 2023.

**ii) Initiatives aimed at the restoration and conservation of elevators and historic buildings.**

Project for the recovery of the emblematic Subercaseaux building for habilitation as Regional Archive.

The National Service for Cultural Heritage has made progress on the project to recover the emblematic Subercaseaux building for the future habilitation of the Regional Archive. The Subercaseaux building was damaged in a gas explosion that occurred in 2007 in the Barrio Puerto area.

The objective of this project is to enhance the value of the Subercaseaux Palace Building, enabling it to house the Regional Archive, an external storage area for the Natural History Museum, as well as offices for the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage. The initiative is contextualized in a strategic view of the Barrio Puerto, which considers a series of future actions.

Following a public call for bids in 2022 (Annex 15 and 16), the design of the project for the Regional Archive was awarded to a consulting firm with experience in heritage recovery (Annex 17, 18, and 19), and the design consultancy began in April 2022. The consultancy contemplates a total term of 772 days for the development of the design —until May 2024— and is currently in stage 3 (Annex 20). The initiative contemplates an investment amount for the design of 381 million Chilean pesos (CLP) (approximately USD 450,000), and a total projected surface area of



5,375 square meters. The construction works will be put out to tender in a subsequent consultancy, preliminarily contemplated for late 2024 or early 2025.

Background information on this initiative and other actions promoted by the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage could be reviewed in the context of the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre held in November 2022 in the city of Valparaíso (Annex 21).

Initiatives and actions include:

- The design project for the construction of the Regional Archive of Valparaíso.
- Design for the construction of the Regional Library (initiative in pre-investment study).
- Design of the Valparaíso World Heritage Site Interpretation Centre.
- Design for the fitting out of the Ex Public Prison of Valparaíso.
- Design for the Integral Improvement of Valparaíso Cemetery N°1.
- Design for the Integral Improvement of the Santiago Severin Library of Valparaíso.

**Annexes:**

Anexo 15      Link Mercado Público Tender ID 1212698-1-LR22  
"Construction of Archive R.Valparaíso - Design  
Stage".

<https://www.mercadopublico.cl/Procurement/Modules/RFB/DetailsAcquisition.aspx?q=Jyipaw0ZR A2eDeeOx5nuSA==>



- Annex 16 Link web news Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage:  
<https://www.cultura.gob.cl/institucional/ministerio-de-las-culturas-abre-licitacion-para-la-construccion-del-archivo-regional-de-valparaiso/>
- Annex 17 Link to web news National Service for Cultural Heritage:  
<https://www.patrimoniocultural.gob.cl/noticias/comision-elige-proyecto-ganador-para-convertir-al-ex-palacio-subercaseaux-en-el-nuevo>
- Annex 18 PPT presentation document summarizing the awarded project "Valparaíso Regional Archive".
- Annex 19 Project Memory Document "Valparaíso Regional Archive". Pool architects, January 2023.
- Annex 20 PDF document summary schedule of the awarded Project "Valparaíso Regional Archive".
- Annex 21 PPT presentation document Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage for the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre developed in November 2022.

Restoration and commissioning of elevators.

It is important to mention that only two of the nine elevators included in the recovery plan as part of the initiative of the National Directorate of Architecture of the Ministry of Public Works are located within the World Heritage Site: The Cordillera Elevator and the Concepción Elevator. Both elevators completed works for their integral recovery and began operating during 2019 and 2020 (Annex 22).



Subsequently, the operation of the elevators was affected throughout the city of Valparaíso due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the capacity permitted by the health authority for the distancing of people, in addition to an accident that occurred in the Concepción elevator in 2020. As a result of the above, during the year 2021 the National Directorate of Architecture of the Ministry of Public Works, tendered and awarded a maintenance contract for CLP 357 million (USD 420,000) for the repair of the Concepción Elevator and minor adjustments to the electromechanical system of the Espíritu Santo and Cordillera Elevators, with the aim that these works would complement and unify the safety system of the means of transport.

The maintenance work for these three elevators (Concepción, Cordillera, and Espíritu Santo) began in December 2021 and was completed in November 2022. Currently, a period of final tests and trial basis has begun, which has allowed its transfer to the Municipality of Valparaíso under a commodatum established for its use and management figure under study (Annex 23).

Background information on this initiative and other actions promoted by the Directorate of Architecture of the Ministry of Public Works could be reviewed in the context of the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre held in November 2022 in the city of Valparaíso (Annex 24 and 25).

Initiatives and actions include:

- Restoration of nine elevators in Valparaíso.
- Construction of the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Centre.
- Habilitation of the University Museum of Engraving.
- Restoration of San Francisco del Barón church and convent.
- Update of the Inventory of Cultural Heritage Property of the Valparaíso Region.





### **Annexes:**

- Annex 22: Report "Project Portfolio Directorate of Architecture MOP: World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso, its buffer zone, and surrounding areas". August 2020 (elevators: pages 4 to 29).
- Annex 23 Document of the Regional Government of Valparaíso "Approves modifications to the commodatum contract for the elevators mentioned above".
- Annex 24 PPT presentation document I. Municipality of Valparaíso for the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre developed in November 2022.
- Annex 25 PPT presentation document Regional Directorate of Architecture Ministry of Public Works for the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre developed in November 2022.

***Paragraph 6: Notes that the National Monuments Council has expressed several observations regarding the "Improving Accessibility to Valparaíso's Port" project and that these will need to be considered by the project's responsible party before the environmental evaluation process is finalised, and also requests the State Party to ensure that appropriate corrective measures are adopted;***

### **Project Status**

According to the information provided by Empresa Portuaria de Valparaíso on initiatives related to the port sector (Annex 26),



during 2021 a process of Seaport City dialogues called “Valparaíso Dialoga” was developed.

The dialogue process consisted of two stages. In the initial stage, the wishes, and ideas of the community, made up of multiple stakeholders, were heard, and proposals for the urban waterfront of Valparaíso considering an 11-kilometer extension were subsequently put forward, as well as design examples for a possible future port expansion of the Seaport City.

The activity arose in a context of differences with certain community stakeholders regarding port planning, which led to the exploration of new options for the port's requirements and the planning of a consensual development (Annex 27).

In this context, in June 2021, Empresa Portuaria de Valparaíso, in its capacity as owner of the project "Improving Accessibility to the Port of Valparaíso", withdrew the project from the Environmental Assessment Service (Annex 28).

The reasons for withdrawal the project are due to evaluate the incorporation of new technologies and designs in order to offer alternatives for road access to the port area, to modernize and readapt the proposal, reducing its impacts, with a view to the future expansion of the port of Valparaíso. This decision was taken in the context of the “Valparaíso Dialoga”, context in which a new proposal was defined to be implemented, considering a global view of the city's waterfront.

### **Collaboration agreement between Ilustre Municipalidad de Valparaíso and Empresa Portuaria de Valparaíso.**

In the context of the dialogue established to implement a new consensual proposal for the port expansion, considering a global view of the coastal edge of the city, a declaration was signed in January 2022 between the Municipality of Valparaíso and the Port Company (Annex 29). Through this document, both parties commit their contributions to the development of the commune, from their respective areas of competence and in accordance with the legal



framework, thus facilitating dialogue on the strategic development of the commune, with a view to improve the quality of life of its inhabitants.

To this effect, both parties declare that they will try to agree and harmonize the contents of their proposals and projects, according to the following objectives, which will be addressed in a permanent working group:

1. Seek the best terms for the port expansion, addressing both to the needs for greater infrastructure and the economic, as well as for the urban development and environmental sustainability objectives raised by the community.
2. Promote and support the necessary consensus to make the expansion of the port of Valparaíso feasible in harmony with the different vocations of Valparaíso, under a work schedule that meets the necessary timeframe to achieve this development.
3. Promote the integrated and synergetic development of the different productive vocations, seeking to strengthen existing activities and promote new activities that will allow for sustainable development in a medium term, for which it will be necessary to explore strategic alliances that promote the production of wealth associated with the coastline.
4. Expand dialogue instances by incorporating the multiple strategic stakeholders related to the Integrated Coastal Zone of Valparaíso, in order to jointly build paths that lead to the economic development of the commune including sustainability and social justice criteria.
5. Draw up a work plan in order to move forward achieving the objectives of collaborative development of the waterfront and port expansion, with the participation of strategic stakeholders.
6. Generate consensus on investments resulting from mitigation and/or compensation plans or via corporate responsibility of the port company and its concessionaires.



**Annexes:**

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| Annex 26 | Document GG/064/2022, August 2022, information, and background of Valparaíso Port Company for SOC 2022.   |
| Annex 27 | Document "Final Report - Execution of the Valparaíso Dialogues Process, Cycle 2", January 2022.   |
| Annex 28 | Document Exempt Resolution No. 163 of May 31, 2021. Resolves to consider the EIA of the Project "Improving Accessibility of Puerto Valparaíso" as desisted. |
| Annex 29 | Document "Declaration between Municipality of Valparaíso and Valparaíso Port Company".  |

***Paragraph 7: Also notes the information provided by the State Party on various projects in the buffer zone and vicinity of the property, and further requests the State Party to submit:***

***a) Complete information and documentation on the Paseo Barón (formerly Paseo del Mar) for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies,***

Complementing the information provided in the December 2022 State of Conservation Report on the Parque Barón initiative, detailed and updated information on the project is attached to this report (Annexes 30, 31, 32 and 33).

The "Parque Barón" project is located in a coastal territory on the flat sector of the city, in an area belonging to the Port of Valparaíso more than a kilometre away from the World Heritage Site and its buffer area. It is framed within the existing instruments and plans for the Valparaíso Region, becoming an initiative of great relevance both for the commune and for metropolitan Valparaíso, in which



efforts from different actors - Valparaíso Port Company, Ministry of Housing and Urbanism and the municipality - have been combined to recover access to the city's waterfront, improving urban conditions and human relations between the different actors, visitors and local inhabitants. The project seeks to make a significant contribution to the revitalization of the city and, consequently, of the Valparaíso World Heritage Site.

In April 2021, the contract for the execution of the "Proyecto Emblemático, Construcción Parque Barón, Comuna de Valparaíso", under the responsibility of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, began with the construction company awarded the contract for an amount of CLP 18,520,545,770 (approximately USD 21,000,000) with an execution period of 440 days.

After starting the works, in May 2022 the construction company requested an early closing and liquidation of the construction contract, mainly based on the increase in the cost of materials as on some delays in the archaeological process. This, adding the impossibility of adjusting the contract, led to the decision to terminate the contract in August 2022.

In this context, to ensure the continuity of the Parque Barón Project taking into consideration the current commitments with different entities, it was decided to carry out a bidding process to contract the draw up of a plan for works related to excavation and archaeological management, and in addition tender the project works in its entirety in 2023. The completion of the project works is estimated for the first quarter of 2025.

Background information on this initiative was presented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development in the context of the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre held in November 2022 in the city of Valparaíso (Annex 34).

***b) Information on the progress of the construction process of the Terminal 2 project and on the implementation of mitigation and compensation measures,***



As previously reported on the Terminal 2 project "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso, in October 2018 the Environmental Assessment Commission ruled favourably to the project granting the respective Environmental Qualification Resolution (RCA, by Spanish acronym). Subsequently, detractors of the project filed administrative legal appeals against the project in the framework of the Citizen Environmental Participation (PAC, by Spanish acronym) considered in the environmental assessment process, being uncertain the start date of works associated with its execution.

In May 2022, the Second Environmental Court issued a ruling that partially accepted two claims of the Environmental Citizen Participation (Annex 35 and 36), partially annulling the Environmental Qualification Resolution and ordering to revert the evaluation procedure to a new Consolidated Report of Clarifications, Rectifications or Amplifications (ICSARA, by its Spanish acronym), which considers the possible impacts of the relocation and/or alteration of life systems of the Sudamericana fishing cove and the component associated with the landscape, determining appropriate measures if deemed necessary. This ICSARA consolidated report must be issued by the environmental authority.

This means that the original Environmental Qualification Resolution remains in force with respect to all other components and impacts, suspending its effects and making it impossible to carry out the project until the complementary Environmental Qualification Resolution is obtained.

In this context and as a result of the aforementioned dialogue process carried out by Valparaíso Port Company called "Valparaíso Dialoga", as well as the agreement that arose with the Municipality of Valparaíso to advance in a common view of the waterfront and its port development, work has been done on a proposal for a new port expansion design, in sheltered waters, considering some aspects of the previous project, which will allow to enhance the different vocations of the port city.



During the first half of 2023, this design will be socialized with the city and, at the same time, with UNESCO as a relevant actor. It will also address the challenge of materializing an agreement for the development of the waterfront and the definitive port expansion with a proposal, based on a broad pact that will incorporate the regional and communal authorities and the community of Valparaíso.

***c) Information on any new development project or major intervention that may have an impact on the OUV of the property before any decision is taken that would be difficult to reverse, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines;***

As was reported in the previous point, as a result of the aforementioned dialogue process carried out by Valparaíso Port Company called "Valparaíso Dialoga", as well as the agreement that arose with the Municipality of Valparaíso to advance in a common view of the waterfront and its port development, work has been done on a proposal for a new port expansion design, in sheltered waters, considering some aspects of the previous project, which will allow to enhance the different vocations of the Seaport City.

During the first half of 2023, this design will be socialized with the city and, at the same time, with UNESCO as a relevant actor. It will also address the challenge of materializing an agreement for the development of the waterfront and the definitive port expansion with a proposal, based on a broad pact that will incorporate the regional and communal authorities and the community of Valparaíso.

**Annexes:**

Annex 30 Minutes of the Parque Barón Project, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, August 2022.



- Annex 31 Architectural Planimetry Document, Parque Barón Project, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, August 2022.
- Annex 32 Gantt Chart Document Parque Barón Project, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, August 2022.
- Annex 33 PPT Presentation Document Parque Barón Project, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, August 2022.
- Annex 34 PPT presentation document Ministry of Housing and Urbanism for the Technical Advisory Mission of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre developed in November 2022.
- Annex 35 R-244-2020 issued by the Second Environmental Court of the Republic of Chile, May 2022.
- Annex 36 Link to Environmental Court web news:  
<https://tribunalambiental.cl/sentencia-tcval-rca-sea-puerto-valparaiso/>

### **III. OTHER CURRENT CONSERVATION ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE(S) PARTY(IES) WHICH MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE PROPERTY'S OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE**

#### **Periodic Report**

Within the framework of the global activity of monitoring the conservation of World Heritage properties, which includes a process of self-evaluation at the State Party and Site levels, during 2021 and 2022 the work of analysis and presentation of Periodic





Reports for the Latin American and Caribbean region was carried out.

In this context, the State of Chile, in a coordinated effort with all the Site Managers of the seven World Heritage Sites, carried out this monitoring activity through the work and presentation of the online questionnaire developed by the World Heritage Centre especially for this purpose.

For the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site, the work in the second part of the questionnaire was led directly by the Site Manager, with the collaboration of the National Centre for World Heritage Sites and highlights the exhaustive analysis work focused on issues related to the state of conservation of the property, its values and attributes, through a detailed study of the factors that currently affect the property (Annex 37).

### **Advisory Mission UNESCO World Heritage Centre**

Within the framework of the collaboration offered by the Director-General of UNESCO during her official visit to Valparaíso World Heritage Site in May 2022 and as due to an invitation of the State Party, a UNESCO technical advisory mission visited the Site in November of the same year, with the aim to provide an analysis of its condition and recommendations.

The visit of the specialists from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre took place between November 7 and 11, 2022, and was led by Mauro Rosi, head of the Latin America and Caribbean Unit of the World Heritage Centre of the international organization, with the assistance of international specialist Luis Ignacio Gómez Arriola.

The agenda of the visit included meetings with the Minister of Cultures, Arts and Heritage, the Undersecretary of Cultural Heritage, the Mayor of Valparaíso and technical units of the municipality, the National Service for Cultural Heritage, the National Monuments Council, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the Ministry of Public Works, and the Valparaíso Port



Authority, in addition to a variety of actors involved at different levels in the management of the World Heritage Site.

As a result of the visit, the mission has prepared a report in which it states that the attributes that together express the Outstanding Universal Value of the property are still maintained. It also notes that it maintains its authenticity and integrity but is subject to a series of circumstances that may affect its heritage value if they are not addressed in the short and medium term, and therefore provides 31 recommendations (Annex 38), whose objective is to encourage reflection and action by the competent Chilean institutions, in accordance with the technical advice that the State Party requested from the World Heritage Centre. Some of these recommendations are of a general nature and others apply to specific areas of intervention.

The State Party, together with the Site Manager, has carried out an initial analysis, identifying a series of ongoing actions that will make possible to address some of the recommendations in the short term; these are indicated in green in the table annexed to this report (Annex 39). On the other hand, larger scale recommendations have been identified, associated with resource management and legal modifications at different levels that could be addressed in the medium and/or long term.

In this context, work has begun on an action plan that considers actions and strategies to address the recommendations, identifying actors, times and resources associated with their implementation, as well as their prioritization.

### **Ongoing Intervention Projects**

During the Technical Advisory Mission, it was also possible to visit several buildings and areas within the World Heritage Site and part of its buffer zone (p. 43, IV.6.4, planned interventions in real estate projects, Technical Advisory Mission Report 2022). Such buildings and areas are associated with initiatives of varying scale



and scope aimed at the recovery of properties and reactivation of emblematic sectors of the World Heritage Site.

Among the initiatives are the aforementioned project for the recovery of the Subercaseaux Building, which will enable the Regional Archive habilitation. In addition to the above, there is the project for the recovery of the building known as "La Nave" ("The ship") located next to Plaza Sotomayor, which will be enabled for the operation of municipal offices and units, as well as the restoration project of the former Valparaíso Stock Exchange building, belonging to the Federico Santa María Technical University, whose premises are already in operation and will play an important role as a centre of innovation and culture for the city.

The map attached to this report shows the various ongoing initiatives, identifying for each one the stage of development (formulation, feasibility, design, execution, etc.), and the associated source of financing (public or private) (Annex 40).

### **Continuation of initiatives within the framework of the World Heritage Sites Social Program (State budget program).**

The Social Program for World Heritage Sites has continued to operate, which considers exclusive financing for Chile's World Heritage Sites and its main objective is to contribute to their conservation reducing its deterioration. For the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site, the program has made it possible to provide funding for initiatives and projects requested by the Site Manager and other actors.

The public funding contribution during the years 2021 and 2022 through the World Heritage Site Social Program for the Valparaíso Site was approximately USD 121,000.

In this context, the contract for the execution of the Technical Assistance related to the development of the aforementioned technological platform for Risk Management of the Site was continued, addressing one of the commitments made in the framework of the inscription of the property (Annex 41). Based on



the inputs already developed, the continuity of this Technical Assistance in 2023 will allow progress in the development of the **Risk Management Plan for the World Heritage Site.**

Furthermore, during the years 2021 and 2022, Technical Assistance was provided to strengthen the Site Manager with the hiring of a professional project formulator. The inputs produced by this Technical Assistance and the allocation of a subsidy requested by the Site Manager for 2023, will allow to achieve progress in the development of the Comprehensive Management **Plan for the World Heritage Site**, a fundamental instrument to have as soon as possible a roadmap focused on the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and its attributes.

In addition, the line of subsidies financed by the World Heritage Sites Social Program has allocated resources for the development of initiatives such as the "Study of the state of conservation of the Esmeralda de Cochrane Site Museum and the First Fiscal Pier of Valparaíso, Plaza Sotomayor", which includes recommendations for its recovery, and the study for the "Diagnosis and Conservation Treatment for the enhancement of the façade of the former Valparaíso Stock Exchange building" (Annex 42).

### **Cultural Heritage Fund**

The Cultural Heritage Fund is a publicly financed competitive fund aimed at benefiting the nation's cultural heritage in all its forms. This fund provides resources for total or partial execution of projects, programs, activities and measures for the identification, registration, research, dissemination, valuation, protection, rescue, preservation, conservation, acquisition and safeguarding of heritage, in its various forms and manifestations, and education in all cultural heritage areas, tangible and intangible, including culture manifestations as well as indigenous peoples heritage.

The call of this Fund for 2021 (Annex 43) allowed financing some initiatives destined to the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site, which meant a public financing



contribution of approximately USD 185,000. Among the initiatives are: the "Intervention Guidelines for the Prat Street banking sector", the "Recovery of six stained glass windows of the British workshop Lavers & Westlake in the Saint Paul Anglican Church, Valparaiso", the "Pedagogical Guide to the World Heritage Site of Chile", and the initiative "The Captain without a boat and the Old Apprentice: "Touring our port heritage".

The 2022 call is currently evaluating the initiatives submitted for implementation during 2023.

### **Neighbourhood Revitalization and Emblematic Heritage Infrastructure Program (PRBIPE, by its Spanish acronym)**

The Program for the Revitalization of Emblematic Neighbourhoods and Heritage Infrastructure (PRBIPE, by its Spanish acronym) is a program that revitalizes emblematic neighbourhoods and seeks to safeguard the national heritage to improve the community's environment, add a value load to its heritage properties as well as promote economic activity and culture development, encouraging community participation in a transparent manner as a fundamental axis on its implementation. It is financed by the Government of Chile through the Undersecretariat of Regional and Administrative Development (Subdere, by its Spanish acronym).

The objective of the program is to implement new management models for emblematic neighbourhoods revitalization as well as for heritage infrastructure with the purpose of:

- Improve the living conditions and neighbourhood environment of the resident population.
- Enhance the value of its heritage and/or emblematic properties.
- To increase its commercial and cultural activity.



- Encourage the participation of its residents in its revitalization.

The program is structured based on components that articulate and complement each other, making PRBIPE the only multisectoral program in Chile that implements comprehensive revitalization strategies on a neighbourhood scale.

After negotiations carried out by the municipal authority, during 2023 the PRBIPE program will begin its application in the commune of Valparaíso, and specifically, in an area that includes the Barrio Puerto sector (Port District) of the World Heritage Site (Annex 44).

Due to the current state of abandonment of this sector, different development strategies are now required to recover the neighbourhood with a focus on urban rehabilitation, to improve the quality of life of its inhabitants, while maintaining the values present in the area.

The polygon that proposes interventions through the PRBIPE in Valparaíso, limits to the north with Errázuriz Avenue and the port facilities; to the west with Sotomayor Square, extending along José Tomás Ramos; to the east with the Artillería and Arrayán Hills; and to the south with the Cordillera and Santo Domingo Hills. Corresponding to an area of approximately 35 hectares.

### **Annexes:**

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| Annex 37 | Questionnaire Document Periodic Report 2022 - World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso.                  |
| Annex 38 | Document Report of the Technical Advisory Mission of the World Heritage Centre to the World Heritage property "Historic Quarter of the |



Seaport City of Valparaíso." (Chile) from 7 to 11 November 2022, December 2022.

- Annex 39 Analysis Table Document Recommendations of the Technical Advisory Mission of the World Heritage Centre to the World Heritage property "Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso", January-February 2022.
- Annex 40 Document Plan of ongoing initiatives World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso.
- Annex 41 Link web news link National Centre for World Heritage Sites:  
<https://www.sfgp.gob.cl/noticias/programa-social-sitios-de-patrimonio-mundial>
- Annex 42 World Heritage Sites Social Program subsidy document "Final Consolidated Report on the State of Conservation of the Esmeralda de Cochrane Museum and the First Fiscal Pier of Valparaíso, Plaza Sotomayor. Recommendations for its Valorisation".  
  
- Link web news link National Centre for World Heritage Sites:  
<https://www.sfgp.gob.cl/noticias/invitacion-charla-sobre-subsidio-de-sitio-de-patrimonio-mundial-area-historica-de-la>  
  
- PPT Presentation Document PPT Presentation Talk "Diagnosis and Conservation Treatments for the enhancement of the façade of the former Valparaiso Stock Exchange building)", June 2022.
- Annex 43 Link web news item Cultural Heritage Fund:



<https://www.sfgp.gob.cl/noticias/proyectos-de-todas-las-regiones-de-chile-son-seleccionados-por-el-fondo-del-patrimonio>

Annex 44 Presentation Document PPT "Port District, Foundational Centre of the of the Seaport City of Valparaíso", Neighbourhood Revitalization and Emblematic Heritage Infrastructure Program (PRBIPE, by its Spanish acronym), February 2023.

**IV. IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH 172 OF THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, DESCRIBE ANY POTENTIAL MAJOR RESTORATIONS, ALTERATIONS AND/OR NEW CONSTRUCTION(S) INTENDED WITHIN THE PROPERTY, THE BUFFER ZONE(S) AND/OR CORRIDORS OR OTHER AREAS, WHERE SUCH DEVELOPMENTS MAY AFFECT THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING AUTHENTICITY AND INTEGRITY.**

There are no new projects to report in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines

**V. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT**

Only the executive summary of the current report is requested to be publicly accessible.

**VI. SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORITY**

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