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Attention to **Mr. Aziz Kocaoğlu**
İzmir Büyükşehir Belediyesi Başkanı
İzmir Büyükşehir Belediyesi (Izmir Municipality)
Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No. 1
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Honorable Mayor

As you have already known, on 18-21 of May 2012 was held in your beautiful and hospitable city of Izmir, the Annual Meeting 2012 of the International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (**CIVVIH**) Mediterranean Sub-Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (**ICOMOS**), which is the advisor of UNESCO for the Cultural Heritage, on "**Multilayered Historic Towns**".

38 scientists from different countries participated in this meeting, such as: France, Turkey, Greece, Tunis, Malta, Italy, Germany, Bulgaria, Israel, Egypt, Belgium and United Arab Emirates.

Having seen and heard suggestions for your city, we kindly came to the following proposals:

Izmir, particularly the area which is known as *New Smyrna* and which was established and developed at the foot of Kadifekale and has been settled since the Hellenistic period, displays a multilayered structure. This, the example of a long bridge extending to the deep past of the city, is great wealth. However, this brings about some featured conservation approaches.

In this context, it is proposed:

- to reinvestigate Agora, the Theater and Kadifekale with integrated conservation approaches;
- to provide necessary controls by considering the multilayered structure of the city in the context of conservation of the ruins likely to occur at the foundation stage of new buildings to be constructed in the section of the city which is described as New Smyrna and which remains within the Kemeralti urban site today;
- to rearrange the arteries approaching the historical work in and around Agora;
- that the exhibition and conservation approaches to be performed in the multilayered areas of the city be suitable for this structure;
- to utilize Agora and its environment as an open-air museum together with the works of different periods;
- to carry out nationalization activities in order to have the multilayered structure of the city perceived; and
- to veil the new buildings developing considerably nearby the historical work with a green pattern (e.g. trees), although partially.

I hope that in the future you will manage to implement them.

We will be very happy, if we will have some information on the results of your initiatives.

With my best regards

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President of CIVVIH