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MINUTES

1. Adoption of agenda – Adopted

2. Adoption of minutes of Budapest/Visegrad 2013 – Adopted

3. Thanks

The President thanked ICOMOS Italy, especially Teresa Colletta and our dearest colleagues for all of their efforts, the warm welcome and the excellent organization of our annual meeting. Also she welcomed the three honorary members: Nils Ahlberg, Michel Bonnette and Elvira Petroncelli.

4. Report of the President (attached)– Adopted

During the General Assembly in Florence CIVVIH member Alfredo Conti was elected as Vice President of ICOMOS and CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Nils Ahlberg and Victor Fernández Salinas as Board members.

CIVVIH Vice-President Teresa Colletta was elected during the Alanya Mediterranean Sub Committee meeting about “Fortified Port Cities in the Mediterranean of the 21st Century” on May 2-3, 2014 as President of the Mediterranean Sub Committee. She will publish the contributions of the Alanya meeting.

5. Collaboration with OWHC within the MOU

During the meeting of CIVVIH Bureau on November 10th with Denis Ricard, Secretary General of OWHC/OVPM., a reviewing of the existing MOU with CIVVIH / ICOMOS and OWHC has been done.

Jean Paul L'Allier award: every two years.

2013 CIVVIH/ICOMOS participated in the process of award, and will contribute again in the award of 2015.

The OWHC organization is composed of 250 cities in which are located sites included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The MOU between OWHC and ICOMOS was signed in November 2013 in Oaxaca, Mexico. The next General Assembly of OWHC will be 2015 in Arequipa, Peru. ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz will be invited.

The project “Historical Cities in development: Keys to Understanding and taking action” is already completed. CIVVIH represented ICOMOS on its Steering Committee with the participation of the Vice President Samir Abdulac. A synthesis of case studies of historical cities has been published under the title “Developing Historic Cities. Keys for Understanding and taking action”. The publication contains a compilation of case studies on the conservation and management of historic

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Regarding new activities Denis Ricard proposed the cooperation with CIVVIH on a regional level. CIVVIH members and Sub Committees could participate in 2016 and in subsequent even years on regional meetings of OWHC if the seven secretariats of OWHC agree.

6. ICOMOS as ASSOCIATE Partner of the World Urban Campaign / UN-HABITAT

Gustavo Araoz ICOMOS President has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UN-Habitat and the Statement of Commitment by ICOMOS as Associate Partner of the World Urban Campaign. The main purpose is to establish a collaborative arrangement between UN-HABITAT and ICOMOS to achieve common objectives, and to provide a basis for cooperating on the World Urban Campaign and its various component projects and initiatives. This cooperation will be based on the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS in those areas that correspond to UN-HABITAT's interests and especially with CIVVIH and ISCEC. The collaboration regards the insertion of the role of culture and cultural heritage, as a non renewable resource in the New Habitat Agenda. Culture and cultural heritage, its conservation and enrichment constitute a major vehicle (“the fourth pillar”) for sustainable development.

Jeff Soule and Claus-Peter Echter have participated at the 7th World Urban Forum in Medellin, Columbia (5-11 April 2014) respectively at a meeting of UN Habitat in New York (4 March 2014). ICOMOS was represented also by ICOMOS Italy (Mauricio Di Stefano), CIVVIH (Jeff Soule, Teresa Colletta), ISCEC (Luigi Fusco Girard, D. Rypkema) and Andrew Potts (ICOMOS SDG Focal Point) at the Urban Thinkers Campus in Caserta, Italy on 15 October 2014 organised within the World Urban Campaign.

Jeff Soule gave a presentation during the CIVVIH business meeting about the road to the United Nations conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) that will take place in Quito, Ecuador in 2016. Habitat III will be the first UN global summit after the adoption of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. The first session of the Preparatory Committee of Habitat III was held in New York, United Nations Headquarter in September 2014. A US consultative meeting will take place in spring 2015 in New York.

Andrew Potts, Vice Chair of US/ICOMOS, gave a report on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight international development goals that were established following the Millennium Summit of the United Nations in 2000 and the United Nations Millennium Declaration. Each goal has specific targets, and dates for achieving those targets. Three of the targets – on poverty, slums and water – have been met ahead of the 2015 deadline, but much remains to be done. The future development framework – the Post-2015 agenda – should be build on the lessons learned from working toward achieving the MDGs, which have been providing the structure for the UN's development activities since the Millennium Summit in 2000.

From 2015 Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) should replace the MDGs. The Rio+20 outcome document *The Future We Want* resolved to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on SDGs. The outcome document specifies that the process leading to the SDGs needs to be coordinated and coherent with the processes considering the post 2015

development agenda and that initial input to the work of the Open Working Group will be provided by the UNSG in consultation with national governments. The Rio+20 – the UN Conference on Sustainable Development – outcome document *The Future We Want* specifies that the process leading to the SDGs needs to be coordinated and coherent with the processes considering the Post 2015 Development Agenda. A 30-member Open Working Group (OWG) of the UN General Assembly is tasked with preparing a proposal on the SDGs. In July 2014 the OWG proposed 17 Sustainability Development Goals and 164 targets.

Among the currently proposed goals is Goal 11: "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable." The inclusion of a stand-alone goal focused on sustainable cities and human settlements will be a powerful impetus for the international community to acknowledge and act on the critical challenges and major opportunities that rapid urbanization will present during the next 15 years. The Urban SDG goal recognizes a central role for heritage to foster the resilience and sustainability of cities and human settlements. It does this specifically through inclusion of target 11.4 which calls for strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage. Among the key roles heritage plays in the context of sustainable urbanization is promoting social cohesion, well-being, creativity and economic appeal, and is a factor in promoting understanding between communities. The Outcome Document does not entirely embrace the full potential of culture and cultural heritage.

As a result of the UN General Assembly in September 2014 should many targets be cut. Heritage is still in the urban goal and because of its aspect cultural tourism in the target 8.9. 'Sustainable tourism' in goal eight. "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all" and not in a goal 'culture'. That might be an advantage.

At the end of his report Andrew Potts underlined the importance of resolution 18GA 2014/30 (for details see these minutes item 11 SDG resolution). Ensuring that culture and cultural heritage are acknowledged as a major vehicle ("the fourth pillar") for sustainable development, ICOMOS and CIVVIH support the inclusion in the July 2014 Outcome Document prepared by the UN General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals of targets on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage. ... The resolution 18GA 2014/37 entitled "Ensuring that culture and cultural heritage are acknowledged in the proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for the Post-2015 Development Agenda" was adopted on the 14th November 2014 by the 18th General Assembly of ICOMOS. This resolution, requests the ICOMOS Executive Committee to call on the United Nations to recognize the role of cultural heritage specifically and culture in general in sustainable development through the explicit inclusion of cultural heritage and culture related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda including via a letter to that effect to the UN Secretary General, to the President of the UN General Assembly and by forwarding a copy of this resolution to each States Party mission to the UN.

7. The Newsletter

Following the decision of the Executive (September 6, 2012) a working group was created, which took collectively the electronic CIVVIH newsletter. The CIVVIH newsletter gained an international registration number (ISSN 2306-6482) and so obtained more prestige. The President thanked all the people who produced the newsletters: Elene Negussie, David Logan, Santiago Hidalgo and all the members who contributed with their articles and information in its compilation.

Due to serious technical problems the 22nd newsletter from October 2014 is not yet on the CIVVIH website.

8. Tri-annual Plan

We will pursue our scientific research within the framework clearly set by the Scientific Council within the context of the meetings of the 17th and 18th ICOMOS General Assemblies, but also under the principal issues that we believe should preoccupy us expressed by the Naples resolutions. In 2015 ICOMOS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

CIVVIH will elaborate a declaration regarding the creativity in the future modern policies for the preservation and revival of historic cities, towns and urban areas. The research of the creative approach and of innovative ways is the drawing value of the urban culture and heritage. CIVVIH recognizes the role of cultural heritage specifically and culture in general in sustainable development through the explicit inclusion of cultural heritage and culture related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 development Agenda of the UN and UNESCO. A declaration about the integration of cultural heritage in the Post-2015 Urban Development Agenda including through recognition that safe, resilient and sustainable cities each have a unique identity and sense of place which protects cultural heritage as key to unlocking creativity fits into the framework of the tri-annual program of CIVVIH. Historic cities as a model for sustainability and cultural heritage as the fourth pillar of the sustainable development is the main topic that can guide us. We will write a paper as a contribution to the Habitat III project and hereby review our “Valletta Position paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban development policies”.

9. Future CIVVIH meetings.

As it was decided during the 2013 Annual meeting of Budapest/Visegrad CIVVIH will be meet in Syros Island, the capital of the region of South Aegean in Greece, for its annual meeting 2015 and elections. This meeting will be held from 16 to 18 September 2015. The departure will be on 19 September. (for details see report of the President attached).

For the annual meeting 2016 CIVVIH received an invitation from the Seoul Metropolitan Government in Korea. This meeting will be held around May 2016. (Report of Inho Song, former Secretary General of ICOMOS Korea (attached)).

The Mediterranean Sub-Committee in 2016 meeting will be held in Nazareth, Israel.

10. Others

Inho Song edited three books in 2013/2014 about The Seoul City Wall – Studies Series: Vol. 1, Historic Cities and City Walls; Vol. 2, Traditional Urban Planning Principles and City Walls in Asian Capital; Vol. 3, The values and authenticity of Seoul City Wall.

11. Resolutions

Four resolutions for the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly are supported by CIVVIH (Attached):

- Safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq
- Urban Cultural Heritage Protection in Moldova
- SDG resolution: Ensuring that culture and cultural heritage are acknowledged in the proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Promotion and Development of Twentieth Century Heritage Guidelines (ongoing development of the Madrid Document).

Draft minutes written by Claus-Peter Echter and comments of Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias