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Our Ref.: TK/GH/GJ/83

Paris, 18 July 2019

For the attention of:
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copy to :

The Prime Minister,
Ms Erna Solberg
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The Minister of Environment,
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The Minister of Local Government
and Administration,
Ms. Monica Mæland
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Subject : Akersgata 44, Demolition of the Y-Block

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are writing with reference to the official demolition permit given by the Planning and Building Office of Oslo on 5th July 2019, ref. 201818270.

ICOMOS (The International Council on Monuments and Sites) refers to our International Heritage Alert of 2016, the Declaration of the ICOMOS Europe Group meeting in Helsinki in June 2018, our letter of 17th January 2019 and the follow-up letter from ICOMOS Norway of 28th January 2019.

We observe that no comments from Norway's own cultural heritage authorities or other Norwegian or international heritage experts have been taken into consideration.

A demolition of the Y-block in Oslo represents a loss of international cultural heritage, and a defeat for democracy itself.

We will use this last opportunity to make an official appeal for a renewed decision in this tragic matter.

This letter is sent in copy to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers in Norway.

Our last letters have been responded to only in Norwegian. This time we kindly request that correspondence with ICOMOS is conducted in English or French.

Yours sincerely,



Toshiyuki Kono
President of ICOMOS



Thomas Gunny Harboe
President of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Twentieth Century Heritage (ISC20C)