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Declaration of the Europe Group, meeting in Helsinki

The following Declaration was unanimously agreed at the ICOMOS Europe Group meeting in Helsinki (7th – 10th. June) by the ICOMOS Presidents present from across Europe.

The ICOMOS Europe Group at its annual meeting in Helsinki was very surprised to learn that the Norwegian Government is upholding its decision to demolish the Y-Block in the Norwegian Government Quarter, in spite of strong International, national and local opposition from both experts and laymen. This is contrary to the clear advice of its own Directorate for Cultural Heritage and without seeking other solutions for the future distribution of government offices. The Europe Group strongly urges the Norwegian Government to reconsider its position and seek alternative solutions, respecting the universal values of the Y-Block.

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