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Our Ref.: GA/GJ/94

Paris, 29 January 2016

For the attention of Mr Andrei Nikiforov

Dear Mr Nikiforov,

It is with great dismay that the ICOMOS Board has learnt that apparently on 25 January 2016 a misleading e-mail message was again sent out from the address "info.russia.icomos@yandex.ru" – used by you and your group – to Russian cultural heritage professionals and former ICOMOS members with false information on the current process of reorganisation of ICOMOS Russia. This second message was sent despite our message to you of 4 January 2016 – to which we have received no response – following a first misleading message sent from the same email "info.russia.icomos@yandex.ru" on 23 December 2015.

The ICOMOS Board reiterates that:

- 1 There is no "behind the scenes" activity – on the contrary a very clear, transparent and timetabled process leading up to the eventual recognition of a new ICOMOS National Committee in the Russian Federation has been decided by the ICOMS Bureau and sent to all parties. This process is published on the websites of both ICOMOS <http://www.icomos.org/en/178-english-categories/news/5455-russian-federation-call-for-individual-membership> and the Temporary Council <http://www.icomos.org.ru/>. It has also been circulated electronically by the ICOMOS International Secretariat to all former ICOMOS members in Russia (2014 list) and also more widely published by the Temporary Council chaired by Prof. A.P. Kudryavtsev.
- 2 This process includes the finalization of the statutes proposed by the Temporary Council. Your statement that these statutes have not received the positive approval by ICLAFI (the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial issues) is simply false. The Temporary Council and ICLAFI are still working on the statutes and this work is progressing according to the published timetable.
- 3 Fees: As mentioned in the published procedure – the Temporary Council has been authorized by the ICOMOS Bureau to collect the 2016 membership fees from the members that will be accepted on the basis of the call for applications that has been issued. No fees should be sent by applicants until they have received confirmation that their membership has been accepted and the invitation to pay. The approximate dates for each step are given in the published timetable. Again your message of 25 January 2016 misleads colleagues by stating that they should send their 2016 fees to the International Secretariat in Paris and that they can somehow "opt out" of the published procedure by doing so. This is not the case – and we must underline again that only applications and fees sent within the published procedure will be considered.
- 4 Currently there is no accredited ICOMOS National Committee in the Russian Federation. Such accreditation will only take place on the basis of the procedure being finalized within the agreed timetable by the Temporary Council. The ICOMOS Board therefore repeats that you must immediately desist in signing your letters "Secretariat of the Russian National Committee of ICOMOS" and in using the ICOMOS name and logo. ICOMOS has not recognized you in any such role.

Taking into account that this is the second such misleading message, circulated from the email address "info.russia.icomos@yandex.ru" used by you and your group, that has been brought to our attention – the ICOMOS Board sees itself obliged, as a result of your actions, to make this letter and its previous message of 4 January 2016 public – so as to avoid the unfortunate possibility that any Russian colleagues may follow the false instructions spread in these messages.

Sincerely



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Objet: your email of 23.12.2015
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Dear Mr Nikiforov,

The attention of the ICOMOS Board has been drawn to the fact that on 23.12.2015 you apparently circulated the attached email to Russian colleagues.

The ICOMOS Board is concerned by the language you use in this email, which infers that the rights of Russian colleagues are being disregarded, and by your actions which mislead the Russian colleagues and provide them with incorrect information, and obstruct the very clear and timetabled process leading up to the eventual recognition of a new ICOMOS National Committee in the Russian Federation, which we have established with the elected Temporary Council, chaired by Prof. A.P. Kudryavtsev.

Furthermore, you persist in signing your message as "*Secretariat of the Russian National Committee of ICOMOS*" – which you are not and which goes against our previous requests to you to desist using the ICOMOS name and logo.

The ICOMOS Board therefore asks you to immediately inform the persons to whom you sent the message on 23.12.2015 and to refer them for any further information to the ICOMOS website www.icomos.org and the website of the Temporary Council <http://www.icomos.org.ru/> – where information on how to renew ICOMOS membership or apply for ICOMOS membership, via the Temporary Council, is available as of today 4 January 2016. Please note that only applications and renewals made according to the published process will be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

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