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МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ СОВЕТ ПО ВОПРОСАМ ПАМЯТНИКОВ И ДОСТОПРИМЕЧАТЕЛЬНЫХ МЕСТ

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Subject: Belgrade Heritage Alert - Dobrović's Generalštab and Belgrade Fair

Dear President, Dear Ministers

ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites) and its International Scientific Committee on 20th Century heritage (ISC20C) is alarmed by the current threats facing two significant 20th century heritage places in Belgrade that have been brought to our attention. The proposed demolition of **Dobrović's Generalštab** and the proposed delisting and demolition of significant elements of **the Belgrade Fair** site together constitute an important loss of important 20th century heritage places within the city.

For this reason, ICOMOS is issuing a Heritage Alert for both buildings to raise awareness of their national and international significance and the importance of their retention and conservation.

Through this Heritage Alert, ICOMOS recommends to:

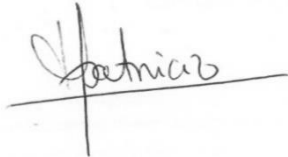
1. Retain the listed status of the Generalštab buildings as Serbian cultural heritage, ensuring their appropriate conservation and adaptation.
2. Retain the listing of Hall 1 of the Belgrade Fair complex and extend protection to the entire Fair complex. This includes listing Halls 2, 3, and 4, as they collectively contribute to the cultural significance of the Belgrade Fair and its role in the city's history and development.
3. Establish clear parameters to preserve both cultural heritage sites (Generalštab and Belgrade Fair) in accordance with international standards. ICOMOS, through both the ISC20C and ICOMOS Serbia, stands ready to support this effort.

4. Develop a strategic process to understand, recognize, and protect Belgrade's modern 20th-century heritage. This process should include public engagement to foster broader recognition of the cultural significance of Belgrade's modern heritage within Serbian society.

For further support and action on these recommendations, we suggest contacting ICOMOS Serbia icomos.serbia@gmail.com. ISC20C is also available to support ICOMOS Serbia in any actions to safeguard and conserve these buildings.

The Heritage Alert will be published on the ICOMOS website www.icomos.org and disseminated through our social media channels.

Yours sincerely,



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