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The General Management of the Institute for the Protection of the National Heritage (ISPAN) travelled to Jacmel this Thursday, 29 January 2010, to conduct an initial assessment of the damages caused by the earthquake of 12 January 2010, in particular to the historic city centre, which is on the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The General Management of ISPAN has also initiated the creation of a subcommittee for heritage preservation.

This committee will:

1. Supervise the damage assessment carried out by the City of Jacmel with regards to properties with cultural heritage value in the historic centre and participate in the decisions that will be taken in their regard;
2. Form a study group tasked with preparing a memorandum on actions to be undertaken to safeguard the historic centre - a "cluster" on the safeguarding of the cultural heritage properties of the historic centre. This study group will receive technical assistance from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS);
3. Serve as a focal point for national and international assistance and support initiatives in favour of the safeguarding of the built cultural heritage;
4. Inform ISPAN of all arrangements taken with regards to the historic centre of Jacmel.

The committee is made up of:

1. a representative of the City Council of Jacmel;
2. a representative of ISPAN;
3. a representative of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID);
4. a representative of the Ministry of Culture;
5. a representative of the Ministry of Tourism;
6. civil society representatives.

The committee will hold its first meeting on Saturday, 30 January 2010 at 10: 00 AM at the Jean-Roussan Camille Library, Place Toussiant-Louverture, Jacmel. This note is an invitation.

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