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Subject : **State of conservation of the World Heritage property "City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto"**

Madam,

I thank you for your new letter dated 30 December 2014, concerning the possible impact of a high-speed railway on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property "City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto" and its buffer zone, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1994.

As you are aware, the Italian Ministry of Heritage and Cultural Activities already contacted the local authorities of Vicenza. We have taken due note of your remarks and upon receipt of the relevant authorities' clarifications in compliance with paragraphs 172 and 174 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the information will be transmitted to the relevant Advisory Body, ICOMOS International, for their review and comments.

Please note that the ICOMOS recommendations will be transmitted to the relevant national and local authorities.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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