# PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION 

## SECTION I

Application of the World Heritage Convention by the State Party
State Party: ... Republic of Uzbekistan

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## I.1. Introduction

a. State Party
b. Year of ratification or acceptance of the Convention
c. Organization(s) or entity(ies) responsible for the preparation of the report d.

Date of the report
e. Signature on behalf of State Party
1.2. Identification of cultural and natural heritage properties
a. National inventories
b. Tentative List
c. Nominations
1.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage
a. General policy development
b. Status of services for protection, conservation and presentation
c. Scientific and technical studies and research
d. Measures for identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation e. Training
1.4. International co-operation and fund raising
1.5. Education, information and awareness building 1.6.
a. Main conclusions
b. Proposed future action(s)
c. Responsible implementing agency(ies)
d. Timeframe for implementation
e. Needs for international assistance.

### 1.7. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise for Section I

This item refers in particular to Articles 3, 4 and 11 of the Convention regarding the identification of cultural and natural heritage and the nomination of properties for inscription on the World Heritage List.

Inventories of cultural and natural heritage of national significance form the basis for the identification of possible World Heritage properties. Indicate the organisation(s) or institution(s) responsible for the preparation and updating of these national inventories (if different from those named under question 003).
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Indicate if and to what extent inventories lists and/or registers at the local, state and/or national level exist:

Inventories are conducted regularly by governmental organisations on national and local levels regarding their significance. Except for listing the cultural heritage properties they also control the condition of safety of monuments.
Have you undertaken the preparation of lists or of national inventories on one or several of the following levels:

When was (were) the inventory (inventories) compiled, please give date(s): 1973, 1981, 1983 and 2002-

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## benefits of World Heritage listing and the lessons learnt:

1. Technical difficulties (mapping, etc) emerging from the fulfilling forms
2. Attraction of attention of international organizations and foundations as well as local communities to the protection of cultural monuments
3. Adoption of international experience in preserving of monuments

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### 1.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage

This item refers in particular to Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention, in which States Parties recognise their duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural World Heritage and that effective and active measures are taken to this effect. Article 5 of the Convention specifies the following measures:
Provide information on the adoption of policies that aim to give the cultural and natural heritage a
function in the life of the community, including the dates of their elaboration and implementation:
In the mean time the works are carried out on the basis of National Programme "Meros"
(Heritage), which has been adopted in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic
of Uzbekistan tf 2 June 1995 and Decree of Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan Ns
210 of 3 June 1995 . Principal national tasks and goals as well as special works for specified
institutions are determined in the Programme "Meros". Programme also defines main funds for
the conservation works, most of which are from state budget. It plans advertising and publishing
works. The Programme has elaborated the policy of exploitation of cultural properties as well. One
of the main measures viewed by the Programme is improvement of state management system of
preservation and restoration of architectural, cultural and historical monuments of the Republic
of Uzbekistan.
On August 30, 2001 Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan has adopted
Law "On protection and exploitation of cultural heritage properties': On July 29 2002 Cabinet of
Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan has adopted Decree Ns 269 "About measures of further
improvement of protection and exploitation of cultural heritage properties".

Provide information on the way the State Party or the relevant authorities has (have) taken steps to integrate the protection of World Heritage properties into comprehensive planning programmes. Indicate also the level on which the integration takes place (e.g. national, state / provincial or local):

According with the described Programme, on the first stage (1993-1996) were mainly conducted measures of engineer fortification, conservation of surviving parts and details of architectural decor, and also few works of amenities provision in the protected areas.

On the second stage (1996-2010) the works directed to improvement of engineergeological condition of the areas, decreasing new constructions in the protected areas, reconstruction of old dwelling structures with handicrafts workshops and community social centers "Mahalla" and their provision with the necessary engineering communications (gas, water, electro energy supplies, telephone communications etc.) In the mean time, the works of careful construction and restoration of such old dwelling structures have been began.
Decree of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of 15.04.1999 N VII-2286 "National Programme on Development of Tourism in Uzbekistan in the period till 2005" has elaborated plan of measures, embracing all the sides of tourism development in the Republic, involving providing society and organisations with information about tourist objects, including architectural and archaeological monuments: preparation and publication of informational and methodical reference books, advertising prospects about historical and cultural monuments of Uzbekistan, publication of publicity-information newspaper "Great Silk Road". using Internet (web-sites) ,elaboration of multimedia CDROMs. Part of planned activities of the Programme is fulfilled already.

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Indicate areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working: Properties located in the desert areas (Ichan-Kala of Khiva, Complex Sheikh Mukhtar Mali, the Kyrk Kyz Palace, Mausoleum of Arab Ata in Tim, The Complex Rabati Malik), which mostly constructed with unfired breaks and are very fragile in respect of climate conditions (rain, snow).

Provide information on any services for protection, conservation and presentation of heritage within the territories of the State Party which have been set up or have been substantially improved since ratification of the World Heritage Convention, if applicable:
The overwhelming part (!f the cultural heritage preservation works are done at the expenses of state budget. These activities are conducted through Ministry for Cultural Affairs, its Principal Department for Preservation and Management of Cultural Monuments and Properties of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its local state inspections and specialised scientific production and restoration organizations. Stable development of tourism infrastructure with involvement of local community has been started All world heritage sites of Uzbekistan celebrated its anniversaries under patronage of UNESCO. Moreover, Government of Uzbekistan in lose collaboration with UNESCO has started to realize new projects on preservation and development of intangible heritage within object of tangible heritage (for example, Ma'mun Academy in Khiva, "Sharq Taronalari" music festivals in Samarkand, handicrafts community centers in Bukhara, Khiva and Shakhrisiaybz, etc.)

Give the number of staff on the national level directly involved in protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and natural heritage:
Directly - 182 experts (staff of the Department and its inspections) are involved in protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and natural heritage. Indirectly - representatives of local municipalities and communities, public and private tourist organizations, nation-wide NGO's ("Oltin Meros, "Khunarmand", "Usto", "Mussavir').

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Assess their means to discharge their function in terms of influence on policy making and implementation: Activities and collaboration of all partners (governmental and non-governmental) allows to preserve and protect about 10 thousand cultural heritage properties, situated in the territory of Uzbekistan. One of the very important impact was the collaboration in preparation of new legislation on cultural heritage (Law "On protection and exploitation of cultural heritage properties", 2001).

Indicate areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working: The technical support (equipment for monitoring, research and technical utilisation of data and 026 creation of computer data network etc...) is required

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List significant scientific and technical studies or research projects of a generic nature (site specific information should be reported upon under Section 11.4) that would benefit World Heritage properties, initiated or completed. Indicate also how the study results are disseminated and/or how they can be accessed:
Scientific and technical documentation on maintenance of cultural heritage properties, elaborated by science-research and projections Institute "Tamirshunoslik" and "Qadriyat-ta'mir" is spread and carried out through regional specialised restoration organisations.

Describe the actions undertaken to encourage the active participation of the local
communities in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage and assess their effectiveness:

Local self-governing bodies "Mahalla", in the charters of which organisation of local
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Describe the actions undertaken to involve the private sector in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage sites:

According to the Law "On protection and utilisation of cultural heritage properties" -the owner of the cultural property bears the responsibility for the cultural property its owns, with the regard of impossibility of revival of any cultural heritage property and its historical, scientific and cultural value.

The owners of the land, on which cultural properties are located, are obliged to safeguard these properties according to the legislature.

The rent of such land can be done only if the contract contains the provision offulfilling the requirement for preservation of the cultural heritage.

The cultural heritage properties, located within the land belonging to the state, cannot be privatised

The physical and legal entities - owners of cultural properties must provide the preservation of them with the following requirements:

Preservation of external and internal appearance of the cultural property in
accordance with the data, included into the passport of the admitted cultural heritage property;

Obtaining permission from the Ministry for Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan for carrying-out construction, managerial, earth and other works within the boundaries of the cultural property;

Provision of special regime of maintenance of protected cultural heritage properties;
Provision of availability of cultural heritage property according to the law and terms set by the owner of the cultural property.

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| Are NGO's involved in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage? | YES | 038 |
| Describe the actions undertaken to involve NGO's in the conservation and protection of <br> natural and cultural heritage sites: <br> International charity fund "Oltin Meros" takes active part in protection and utilisation of <br> cultural heritage properties. "Khunarmand" and "Usto" preserving and developing <br> know-how of traditional handicrafts (for example, ceramic tiles or wood carving). | 039 |  |
| Indicate if, on the basis of the experiences gained, policy and/or legal reform is considered <br> necessary: |  |  |

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Indicate relevant financial measures that the State Party or relevant authorities have taken
for the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and rehabilitation of cultural and natural heritage:
Year 2000-880,0 million soum
Year 2001-900,0 million soum
Year 2002-980,0 million soum
Year 2003-1500,0 million soum are planned to be given.
(Exchange rate is about USD $1,00=1,000$ Uzbekistan's soum)
Is there an annual budget allowance for the protection and conservation of World Heritage sites in your country'?

> YES

If YES, is it specifically for a property or is it part of a regular budget covering culture and environment?

1995/1996 - target-oriented regular budget for conservation works in Samarkand
1996/1997- target-oriented regular budget for conservation works in Bukhara and Khiva 1998/1999-target-oriented regular budget for conservation works in Samarkand

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Identify areas where improvements of the measures taken for the identification, protection,
conservation, preservation and rehabilitation of World Heritage properties would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working:
Improvement of used construction materials, technologies of production, technical equipment for carrying out conservation and monitoring of cultural heritage properties.

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Have you developed training modules or programmes for the World Heritage sites'?
YES
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YES

If YES, give details:
UNESCO World Heritage Kit was translated into Uzbek language Several training programs were organized for teachers and students of ASPnet Schools in Uzbekistan and for other Central Asian countries

Has staff received heritage training in or outside of your country: YES
If YES, give details:
International symposium ((Blue ceramics of Samarkand)) (6-9 June 2000) and Regional Workshop "Ground Water and Soil Salinity Related Damage to the Monuments and Sites in Central Asia "(14-18 June 2000) were held in Samarkand and Bukhara. Both meetings were organized by UNESCO in close collaboration with the National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and UNESCO Chair on Preservation and Management of Historical Centers at the Samarkand Institute of Architecture and Bulding Construction. The main objectives of the meetings were: (I) to organize a forum on discussion of tasks and problems on conservation and preservation of historical monuments of Central Asian region from negative effects of soil salinity and ground waters; (II) to discuss the results of practical measures undertaken in present days; (III) to exchange the experience in the field of conservation and restoration of historical and cultural monuments; (II) to consider the possibility of establishment of a regional network for coordination of activities focused on conservation and preservation of historical monuments of the region from negative influence of soil salinity and ground waters; (I) to revive the traditional technique of architectiral tiles.

AS follow up activity, the National Training Seminar on "Issues of conservation and further January, 2001).

There are plans to organise training seminars in 2003 on following themes: Elaboration of methods of monuments inspection with the modern measuring and diagnostic devices and equipment.
Elaboration of conservation, seismic fortification, preserving monuments methods and also establishment of monitoring system of their technical conditions.

1. Development of repair-construction materials adaptive to the materials Uzbekistan cultural heritage properties, and also equipment for restoration and fortification of
2. buildings and their basements. Restoration c f murals and frescoes on walls, wooden surfaces, alabaster decorations of the walls and in architectural ceramics.
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| heritage (if applicable): |
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| Regional centre for training and education was established in the premises of old |
| scientific production workshop in Ruhabad historical complex in Samarkand in 2001. |
| With the support of UNESCO World Heritage Center, UNESCO Office in Tashkent, |
| Italian Embassy and Belgian Consulate in Uzbekistan the project "CAREBUK" on |
| creation of international centre for protection of cultural and town-building heritage will |
| be established soon in Bukhara. . |

### 1.4. International cooperation and fund raising

This item refers particularly to Articles 4, 6, 17 and 18 of the Convention:

Provide detailed information on the co-operation with other States Parties for the identification, protection, conservation and preservation of the World Heritage located on their territories: In collaboration with National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO and UNESCO Office in Tashkent have been established contacts with countries of Central Asia, Japan, Italy, France, Russia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan. Italian, French and German experts are involved in conservation of several monuments in Samarkand. German, British and

French experts are involved in conservation of cultural sites in Bukhara. Japanese and French experts are involved in conservation of cultural sites in Termez. French and German experts are involved in conservation of cultural sites in Shakhrisyaby

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1.6. Conclusions and recommended action

Please summarise the main conclusions regarding the identification of cultural and natural heritage properties (see item 1.2.):

## 1. Elaboration of inventory for natural sites in Uzbekistan 2. <br> Revising of Tentative List of Uzbekistan

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| Please summarise the main conclusions regarding the protection, conservation and <br> presentation of the cultural and natural heritage (see item 1.3.): | 079 |
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| 1. Extending international cooperation with regard of preservation and development <br> of cultural and natural sites <br> 2. Introducing community based management of cultural and natural sites |  |
| Please summarise the main conclusions regarding international co-operation and fund | $\mathbf{0 8 0}$ |

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| a | raising (see item 1.4.): <br> 1. Establishing regular network with famous international centers for preservation of cultural and natural sites <br> 2. Setup close links of collaboration with WTO |  |
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|  | Please summarise the main conclusions regarding education, information and awareness building (see item 1.5.): <br> 1. Further development and elaboration of educational materials (both printing and digital forms) <br> 2. Preparation of regular TV/Radio programs on cultural and natural sites | 081 |
|  | Give an overview over proposed future action / actions: See above | 082 |
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| I | Name the agency responsible for implementation of these actions (if different from 003): <br> 1. Principal Department for Preservation and Management of Cultural Monuments and Properties of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan <br> 2. National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO <br> 3. Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of Uzbekistan <br> 4. Ministry of Public Education of Uzbekistan <br> 5. Uzbekistan National Broadcasting Company "Uzteleradio" <br> 6. State Committee fir Nature Protection <br> 7. "Uzbektourism" National Company | 083 |
|  | Give a timeframe for the implementation of the actions described above: Regular (every quarter of year) | 084 |
| $1$ | Indicate for which of the planned activities International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund may be needed (if any): <br> 1. Elaboration of inventory for natural sites in Uzbekistan <br> 2. Revising of Tentative List of Uzbekistan <br> 3. Extending international cooperation with regard of preservation and development of cultural and natural sites <br> 4. Development and elaboration of educational materials (both printing and digital forms) | 085 |

Please, give an analysis of the process by which the Convention was ratified by the State Party:
The first proposal was submitted by the National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Uzbekistan. Further, Ministry prepared respective document to the Parliament of Uzbekistan with suggestions on appropriate changing of existing legislation in future. Parliament ratified international conventions and later adopted new national legislation in the field of cultural heritage..

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### 1.7 Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise for Section I

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Was sufficient and adequate information made available to the responsible authorities and individuals during the preparation phase of the Periodic Reporting exercise (information given, meetings etc.)?
YES

Was the questionnaire clear and did it help to comply with the reporting requirements of the State Party?

YES

What are the perceived benefits and lessons learnt of the periodic reporting exercise?
1.Identification of new strategy plan for preservation of cultural and natural properties.
2. Feedback and evaluation of implemented activities

Please describe the expected outcome of the Periodic Reporting exercise and the desired follow-up by the World Heritage Committee:

1. Concrete and action-oriented projects as indicated in para 085.
2. Stimulation of national capacity building

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