APPENDIX- 3

THE ATHENS CHARTER FOR THE RESTORATION OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS

Adopted at the First International Congress of Architects and Technicians of Historic Monuments, Athens, 1931. At the Congress in Athens the following seven main resolutions were made and called "Carta del Restauro":

i) International organisations for Restoration on operational and advisory levels are to be established.

ii) Proposed Restoration projects are to be subjected to knowledgeable criticism to prevent mistakes which will cause loss of character and historical values to the structures.

iii) Problems of preservation of historic sites are to be solved by legislation at national level for all countries.

iv) Excavated sites which are not subject to immediate restoration should be reburied for protection.

v) Modern techniques and materials may be used in restoration work.

vi) Historical sites are to be given strict custodial protection.

vii) Attention should be given to the protection of areas surrounding historic sites.

The Athens Charter advocates the Value of International Documentation. The Conference expresses the wish that every country or its institution created or recognised competent for this purpose, publish an inventory of monuments, with photographs and explanatory notes; each country constitute official records which shall contain all documents relating to its historic monuments; each country deposit copies of its publications on artistic and historic monuments with the International Museums Office; the Office devote a portion of its publications to articles on the general processes and methods employed in the preservation of historic monuments; and study the best means of utilising the information so centralised.