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THE VIENNA MEMORANDUM

The Vienna Memorandum is the result of the international conference “World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture”, which was requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 27th session (Paris, 30 June-5 July 2003, Decision 27COM 7B.108) and held from 12 to 14 May 2005 in Vienna, Austria, under the patronage of UNESCO. For an explanation please see Appendix. After this, a series of meetings and conferences were held to deliberate upon desiring that the Vienna Memorandum be seen, within the continuum of these afore-mentioned documents and the current debate on the sustainable conservation of monuments and sites, as a key statement for an integrated approach linking contemporary architecture, sustainable urban development and landscape integrity based on existing historic patterns, building stock and context. These include the Workshop on New Approaches to Urban Conservation held in Jerusalem (4-6 June 2006), St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 29 January to 2 February 2007. The St. Petersburg Conference was a direct follow-up to the international Vienna Conference and the second meeting (after the Jerusalem networking event of June 2006) in a series on the safeguarding of historic urban landscapes, The Montreal, Canada Round Table, “Heritage and the Conservation of Historic Urban Landscapes” organised by the Canada Research Chair on Built Heritage, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Montreal, 9th March 2006, and the Regional Conference “Historic Urban Landscapes in the Americas” Olinda, Brazil, 12 to 14 November 2007, fall within the framework of the request to work towards a UNESCO Recommendation on this subject, which is scheduled for submission to UNESCO’s General Conference in 2009. The organisation of international conferences and seminars is part of the development of a theoretical framework under the World Heritage Cities Programme to facilitate debate on specific themes in order to establish or update international standards concerning approaches to and methodologies in conservation and management of historic urban ensembles.