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Dear Madam,  
Dear Sirs,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your message of 6 July last concerning the state of conservation of the World Heritage property "Historic Centre of Vienna".

Please be assured that we have taken due note of your concerns regarding potential threats to this World Heritage property. The World Heritage Centre is well aware of the situation and is following the issue closely with the State Party. As you know, in accordance with the *World Heritage Convention*, each State Party to this Convention is responsible for ensuring the protection and conservation of the cultural and natural heritage located on its territory. Therefore, we have sent this information to the relevant national authorities, and notably to the Permanent Delegation of Austria to UNESCO, for appropriate follow-up.

Also, please note that this property will be examined at the World Heritage Committee's upcoming 40th session in Istanbul, Turkey (10 July – 20 July 2016).

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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cc: Permanent Delegation of Austria to UNESCO  
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