The Culture Sector
Division for Heritage

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Dear [Name],

On behalf of the Director of the World Heritage Centre, Ms Mechtild Rössler, I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your email of 8 December 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 the threats to this World Heritage property. The Centre is well aware of the situation and is following the issue closely with the respective Austrian authorities and ICOMOS international in order to ensure that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property will be maintained.

Moreover, as you may know, the state of conservation of this property will be discussed by the World Heritage Committee at its 40th session (Istanbul, 2016). Thus, we have sent this information to the relevant national authorities, notably to the Permanent Delegation of Austria to UNESCO, for appropriate follow-up.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the safeguarding of World Heritage.

Yours sincerely,

Petya Totcharova
Chief of the Europe and North America Unit
World Heritage Centre

cc: Permanent Delegation of Austria to UNESCO
Austrian National Commission for UNESCO
National Focal Point for World Heritage