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For the attention of :

Mr V.R. Medinsky
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Federation

Mr G. Pirumov
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Mayor of Moscow
Mr. Sergei Sobyenin

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Your Excellencies,

ICOMOS, the International Council on Monuments and Sites - a unique, non-governmental, not-for-profit international organisation, committed to furthering the conservation, protection, use and enhancement of the world's cultural heritage - held its 18th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Florence from 9 to 14 November 2014.

During this event, which gathered over 1650 participants and guests from 94 countries, and saw 73 ICOMOS National Committees represented, a Resolution concerning "**Conserving the Heritage of the Russian Avant-garde**" (n° 18GA 2014/23) was unanimously approved and adopted (see the full resolution below).

ICOMOS wishes to again call to the attention of the authorities of the Russian Federation the urgent necessity of:

- halting the demolition of this internationally significant architectural and historical layer;
- providing top-level federal listing to these important heritage resources;
- ensuring the application of internationally approved conservation standards;
- taking urgent steps for the safeguarding and scientifically based restoration of internationally renowned Russian modernist treasures such as Shukhov Tower (V. Shukhov, 1919-1922), Melnikov House (K. Melnikov, 1927-1929) and Narkomfin Building (M. Ginzburg et al, 1928-1930) in Moscow.

ICOMOS, through its members in the Russian Federation and its International Scientific Committee on 20th Century Heritage, remains at the disposal of the Russian authorities to support you in safeguarding the outstanding universal values of the Russian architectural Avant-garde.

Yours sincerely



Gustavo Araoz
President

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Resolution 18GA 2014/23 – Conserving the Heritage of Russian Avant-garde

The 18th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling numerous international appeals calling for the safeguarding of the outstanding universal values of the Russian architectural Avant-garde, including resolutions by the 15th and 17th ICOMOS General Assemblies, unanimously approved in Xi'an (2005) and Paris (2011);

Considering the Heritage Alert actions on Melnikov House and Shukhov Tower in Moscow issued by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on 20th Century Heritage (ISC20C) in 2013;

Calls upon the Executive Committee to formally address the Russian authorities once more on these matters, drawing their attention to the urgent necessity of:

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