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Subject: **State of conservation of the World Heritage property "Medici Villas and Gardens in Tuscany"**

Sir,

I thank you for your letter dated 14 January last, concerning the state of conservation of the World Heritage property "Medici Villas and Gardens in Tuscany", inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2013.

According to Article 4 of the *World Heritage Convention*, "each State Party to this Convention recognizes that the duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage situated on its territory, belongs primarily to that State."

We have taken due note of your remarks and in compliance with paragraph 174 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the information provided by you has been transmitted to the Permanent Delegation of Italy to UNESCO and to the Italian National Commission for UNESCO for their verification and comments.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*.

Yours sincerely,

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