



## **The 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk**

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We, the Civil Society Organizations who have attended the 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk organized by World Heritage Watch on 22-23 June 2018 in Bahrain, coming from 24 countries in 6 continents, as active and concerned citizens dealing with Natural and Cultural World Heritage properties at different places, would like to bring the following to the attention of the World Heritage Committee:

### Resolution

#### **On the Initiative Stadtbildschutz (Cityscape Protection Initiative) in Vienna, Austria**

The World Heritage Committee should adopt the decision regarding “Historic Centre of Vienna” C 1033:

The Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage signed by the Austrian Government in 1992 became part of its legal system in.

The decision passed by the Vienna City Council on June 1, 1917, allowing two high rise buildings in the inscribed property “Historic Centre of Vienna” contravenes the above Convention. Therefore, the historic center of Vienna was put on the list of world heritage in danger at the 41st session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Decision 41 COM 7B.42)

The State Party should immediately take action against this violation of the Convention by the Vienna City Council as stipulated in the Austrian Constitution.

Manama, 23 June 2018