



# WORLD HERITAGE WATCH

H.E. Mr. Tian Xuejun  
Chairperson of the extended 44th Session of World Heritage Committee

Dr. Mechtild Rössler  
Director, World Heritage Centre

The Members of the World Heritage Committee

via email

Your Excellency, dear Dr. Rössler, Distinguished Members of the World Heritage Committee,  
on behalf of ourselves and the Initiative Stadtbildschutz Wien, a local NGO from Vienna, we kindly request you to amend Draft Decision 44COM 7A.32 as follows:

§ 2 should read as follows:

2. *Recalling Decisions 27 COM 7B.57 (Paris, 2003) 28 COM 15B.83 (Suzhou, 2004) and **43 COM 7A.45**, adopted at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019),*

§ 5 should read as follows:

*5. Also requests the State Party to ensure that the new Management Plan for the property is submitted for review by the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies prior to its finalisation and implementation, and that it addresses the findings and recommendations of the 2018 Advisory mission; and further requests that the new management plan shall continue to include the Guidelines for planning and assessing high-rise building projects adopted in April 2002 which explicitly ban high-rise construction in specific protection zones, landscape areas, important visual axes and other significant preservation zones.*

#### Justification:

The new management plan of 2021 **does not include** an explicit ban of high rise buildings in the world heritage zone of the property.

This ban was included in the guidelines for high-rise buildings which the City of Vienna adopted in 2002. These guidelines were presented to the UNESCO WH Centre on a meeting in Paris on 6 February 2003 with representatives of the City of Vienna, the Ambassador of Austria, the ICOMOS President, the Director of the World Heritage Centre and staff of its Europe and North America Unit.