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Permanent Delegate of Mexico to UNESCO
UNESCO House

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**Culture Sector
World Heritage Centre**

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Dear Ambassador,

To follow on from our previous exchanges regarding the renewal process of the 2014 agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Mexico for the establishment of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, I am pleased to send you attached (i) the evaluation renewal report together with a (ii) new draft renewal agreement.

As you can see, the final conclusions and recommendations of the renewal evaluation state that the contribution made by the RWHIZ to UNESCO's Approved Programme and Budget (C/5) and in particular to the 1972 World Heritage Convention, complies with the requirements in view of the renewal of the established agreement.

The renewal agreement has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of the template contained in the 2019 Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO approved by the General Conference (40 C/Resolution 99). It takes into consideration the recommendations of the evaluation report.

In view of its submission for approval to the Executive Board, at its 214th session, I would appreciate it if you could send us your agreement with the proposed text at your earliest convenience, and **by 30 September 2021 at the latest.**

I am very confident that once the renewal process is finalized, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) will continue to play an important role in the field of capacity-building and contribute to the dissemination of the principles and the implementation of the 1972 World Heritage Convention among the States Parties of the Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

Thanks to the valuable and dedicated commitment of the Mexican authorities, I am sure the new agreement will no doubt make the RWHIZ stronger to face new challenges and will prove to be an efficient tool at the service of States Parties and communities in the region.

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The Latin America and the Caribbean Unit of the World Heritage Centre will remain at your disposal for any further information you may require on this matter.

Thanking you for your continuous collaboration and support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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Director

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cc: Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO
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