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Dear colleagues and members of ICOMOS,

It is a great honour for me to submit my candidacy for the ICOMOS Board. My professional activity is dedicated to combining urban planning and cultural heritage preservation. As a researcher, lecturer and practising urban planner, I believe that my multifaceted experience can make a significant contribution to the development of ICOMOS, especially at a time when we are facing unprecedented global challenges and the need to protect our endangered heritage.

I see ICOMOS not only as a defender of heritage, but also as an important platform for sharing experiences and shaping the future. In an era of climate change, rapid urbanisation and growing geopolitical instability, ICOMOS must remain the leading ethical and technical authority in the field of cultural heritage. My vision is for ICOMOS, as a civil society organisation, to promote the creation of a global network

of solidarity that transcends borders and strengthens the connection between professionals and local communities.

My priorities for the next three years will be:

- The issue of protecting cultural heritage sites in areas of armed aggression. Drawing on my experience and that of colleagues in Ukraine, I aim to improve protocols for the protection of monuments during wartime. This includes improving methodologies, response protocols, enhancing the international system for the protection of cultural heritage sites, and strengthening the role of ICOMOS in post-war reconstruction that respects authenticity;
- Risk management and resilience. Integrating heritage protection issues into national security and disaster recovery plans, ensuring that “building back better” is based on authenticity;
- With over 20 years of teaching experience, I would commit to modernise heritage education and widely implement an interdisciplinary approach that will enable professionals from various fields to understand the significance and role of cultural heritage;
- I will advocate for closer integration of cultural heritage protection into urban and spatial planning processes. I would like to focus on heritage management and viewing heritage as a resource for development rather than a burden.

As a researcher and an active member of ICOMOS Ukraine, my work focuses on the complex intersection of historic urban landscapes and contemporary development challenges. In recent years, my attention has shifted to the urgent task of protecting Ukrainian heritage in the context of armed aggression. This tragic experience has given me a unique understanding of the vulnerability of cultural values and the critical importance of international professional networks.

My personal goal is to ensure that ICOMOS remains a resilient organisation capable of withstanding the challenges of the modern world. I represent a region that faces extraordinary threats, particularly of a military nature, and I strive to ensure that heritage preservation policies are based on the realities of today. I plan to promote international research practices and educational projects that support solidarity within the global ICOMOS community.

I hereby confirm my willingness to serve on the ICOMOS Board if elected. I commit to attending all Board meetings, actively contributing to the strategic development of the organisation, and representing the interests of the global heritage community with integrity and dedication.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Liubov APOSTOLOVA-SOSSA is the head of the Department of Urban Economy at the Faculty of Urban and Spatial Planning at Kyiv National University of Construction

and Architecture, Candidate of Technical Sciences, Associate Professor. She has been a member of ICOMOS since 2012 and is the secretary and member of the bureau of the Ukrainian National Committee of ICOMOS. Member of the National Union of Architects of Ukraine, certified architect. Studied urban planning and architecture at Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture. In 2002, she defended her PhD thesis in Kyiv on the topic: 'Determining the prospective structure of employment in the development of master plans for cities.' 2003-2006 - architect at the Centre for Urban Planning and Architecture of the Kyiv City State Administration. 2010-2012 - architect at the Kyiv Scientific and Methodological Centre for the Protection, Restoration and Use of Historical, Cultural and Protected Areas. 2012-2015 - Chief Architect, Deputy Director General for Monument Protection at the National Reserve 'Sofia Kyivska'. 2015 - Deputy Head of the Department of Scientific and Methodological Work and Design and Survey Work, Chief Architect of Projects at the Kyiv General Plan Institute.

She has over 25 years of experience in urban planning and cultural heritage preservation and has participated in the development of urban planning and scientific and design documentation, in particular detailed plans for territories, master plans, historical and architectural reference plans for settlements, monument protection zones, and has experience working with world heritage sites.

For more than 20 years, she has been teaching at the Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture, supervising diploma projects, and curating research practices and educational projects.

Her research interests include improving methods of spatial and strategic planning for settlements, reconstructing urban areas and buildings, and preserving the cultural heritage of cities and the traditional character of the urban environment.

She is the author of more than 40 scientific and educational works and has participated in many international scientific conferences and seminars.

