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Subject: **Report of the ICOMOS Advisory Mission to the World Heritage
property "Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias in Sevilla"
(Spain)**

Dear Ambassador,

Further to my letter of 21 December 2011, I am pleased to herewith transmit the report of the ICOMOS International Advisory Mission to the World Heritage property "Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias in Sevilla" from 7 to 9 November 2011 invited by your authorities.

I wish to draw your attention to the findings of the mission members that the Torre Pelli-Cajasol project in the vicinity of the World Heritage property "has an excessive and undoubtedly negative impact on a transitional territory and in the perception of the three sites that make up the WH property". In particular, I would like to highlight the following recommendations:

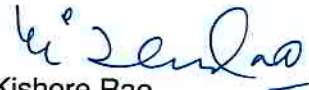
"1. That the local Authority finds ways to stop the construction of the Cajasol tower and revise the project, through the modification of its profile in relation to the perceived impact that it could have in relation to the nearby historic context and to the property.

2. Rapid completion of the Special Protection Plans for the historic areas and their surroundings, considering the new concepts on historic urban landscape and the exploitation of the perception of the socio-cultural and economic values of the historic heritage. In particular it is important to consider how, in relation to the law of Andalusia, which stipulates that protected zones (on urban areas) must have around them buffer zones of 50 meters, the wider setting of the property might be protected to counter the current urban pressures."

Given the World Heritage Committee's request to the State Party "to halt the construction works and reconsider the current high-rise project in order to avoid any possible adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property", and in the light of the above-mentioned recommendations, I would therefore ask the Spanish authorities to immediately halt any ongoing construction works of the Torre Pelli-Cajasol and to inform the World Heritage Centre about the current state of the project.

I would further appreciate it if you could transmit this report to the responsible authorities and inform us about their comments, if any, at your earliest convenience.

Please accept, dear Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kishore Rao', with a horizontal line underneath.

Kishore Rao
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