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**REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

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To the Members of the Special Commission

for the examination of the technical condition

of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassawi

(according to the list)

*Urgently!*

The work of the special Commission for the examination of the technical condition of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassawi will take place from 23 to 24 August this year in Turkestan city.

Contact numbers: 74-04-41, 74-04-25

Chairman*: /signed/* I. Kozybaev

Approved by the order of the Chairman

of the Culture Committee of the

Ministry of Culture of the

Republic of Kazakhstan

No. 61 dated July 23, 2010

**Composition of the Special Commission**

**for the examination of the technical condition of the**

**Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassawi**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the special Commission for the examination of the technical condition of the mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassawi**

Turkestan city August 23, 2024

**Chaired by I. Kozybaev** – Chairman of Culture Committee of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Present:** Members of the Special Commission approved by the Order of the Culture Committee of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated No. 61 July 23, 2010 (according to the list)

**Invited:** Zhunusov B.- Chairman, A. Zhantemir, Zh. Azretbergenov, Members of “Protection of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassawi” Public Association

Agenda of the day:

Consideration of issues related to the technical condition of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassawi, a monument of history and culture of the XIV century, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List

**The Commission, having heard and discussed the reports of the members of the Commission, specialists and representatives of “Protection of the Mausoleum of K.A. Yassawi” Public Association on the topic under discussion, came to the following conclusions:**

1. The technical condition of the structures, architectural and decorative elements of the facades and dome of Kazandyk, the interiors of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yassavi, requires further examination and expertise.

2. The negative consequences of the restoration of the roof in 1993-2000, carried out by the Turkish company “Vakif Inshaat”, are eliminated in the course of the work of “Kazrestavratsiya” Republican State Enterprise. In particular, after removing the thermal insulation layer, the roof is under a temporary canopy and the slab structures of flat roof sections and single domes are dried. The weakened sections of the restoration cladding of the 1950s are also being re-laid.

3. Measures to restore the original state of natural ventilation of the mausoleum, carried out by “Kazrestavratsiya” Republican State Enterprise in 2007-2008 by opening the ventilation shafts of stalactites and windows in the interior (more than 20), should be continued after the completion of restoration work.

4. The issues set out in the act of the working group established by the order of Akim of South Kazakhstan region (the opening of the door aperture on the western façade and the door and window apertures on the Ilyaskhanov niche, as well as the conformity of the existing glazed coating of the Kazandyk dome with its original appearance) require their scientific and documentary confirmation, since in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On the Protection and Use of Historical and Cultural Heritage Sites” and “Managing Cultural World Heritage” reference manual, new works will only be allowed if there is sound scientific evidence, after agreement with UNESCO.

5. The issue of compliance with the temperature and humidity regime remains unresolved - one of the main problems on which the condition of the monument depends. Outdated temperature and humidity conditions measuring devices do not provide complete information about the condition of building materials and structures, humidification of the walls of the mausoleum.

6. Employees of the State Museum-Reserve “Azret Sultan” do not carry out full-fledged monitoring of the technical condition of the monument (indicators of temperature and humidity conditions, groundwater levels, measurements of deformations by lighthouses, preparation of annual technical inspection reports) due to the lack of appropriate services and specialists.

**The Commission decided:**

1. To recognise as timely the restoration works to eliminate the negative consequences of the previous time, carried out on the Mausoleum by “Kazrestavratsiya” RSE in 2007-2010.

2. RSE "Kazrestavratsiya" when carrying out restoration work on the mausoleum, to consider the proposals of members of the Special Commission, as well as invited specialists, including the proposals of “Protection of the Mausoleum of K.A. Yassawi” Public Association concerning certain areas of work.

3. To recognise the work of the administration of the Reserve-Museum as unsatisfactory in terms of monitoring the technical condition of the mausoleum.

4. Directorates of the State Historical and Cultural Reserve-Museum “Azret-Sultan”:

4.1. to resolve the issues of acquiring modern temperature and humidity measuring devices;

4.2. to recommend, given the high status of the monument, to include in the staff of the Museum-Reserve a special technical service, which will carry out monitoring;

4.3. to develop a long-term plan for research, design and production works at the mausoleum until 2020, broken down by year;

4.4. jointly with “Kazrestavratsiya” RSE:

4.4-1. until October 1 of the current year to develop a plan of actions, to prepare for preserving the mausoleum;

4.4-2. in order to conduct continuous monitoring of the technical condition of the monument the Directorate of the Museum-Reserve until December 1, of the current year should develop its suggestions for controlling the heat and humidity regime of the Mausoleum at the expense of extra-budgetary sources;

4.4-3. until December 15 of the current year to determine by year the required amount of funding for the activities of the Reserve-Museum, related to support activities at the mausoleum and submit them to the Culture Committee. The sources of funding, in addition to the national budget, should include income from the Reserve-Museum’s own activities, received through pilgrimage and tourism;

4.4-5. The Directorate of the Museum-Reserve should conduct a survey of the technical condition of the foundation of the monument and the Kazandyk dome jointly with a specialized organization.

5. “Kazrestavratsiya” RSE should submit copies of the project of strengthening the foundations in 1993, carried out by the company "Vakıf İnşaat", to the Reserve-Museum Directorate within 10 days.

6. to submit periodically to the Culture Committee and “Protection of the Mausoleum of K.A. Yassawi” Public Associationtheinformation on the implementation of this Protocol.

7. “Kazrestavratsiya” RSE should submit its proposals related to the implementation of the project for consideration by the Scientific and Methodological Council of the Culture Committee.

8. In May-June 2011, to hold an offsite meeting in this format in Turkestan city.

9. To entrust control over the implementation of this decision to the Deputy Chairman of the Culture Committee Abeldinov A.S.

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