

Tillysburg, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

**Request for a Moratorium  
Rheinfelden (Switzerland and Germany): Power station**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On occasion of the Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), held in Dublin from October 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2010, the European National Committees came together for a Europe Group Meeting which served to assess special problems. The delegates discussed with deep concern the developments of the Rheinfelden power station and, due to the following reasons, decided to request the Swiss government, the government of Baden-Württemberg and the Energiedienst AG to accept a **moratorium of two years**. This appeal is also supported by TICCIH (The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage) and the ISC20C (International Scientific Committee for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Heritage).

This request is based on considerations of the above-mentioned persons and institutions

- assessing the outstanding value of the Rheinfelden power station on an international level,
- taking notice of the newly built facility and the plans to demolish the historical power station in order to create better natural conditions for the river and its banks,

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- being aware that a balance between the public interest of maintaining the important historic remains and the public interest of assuring an intact natural environment has not yet been found,
- reminding the high potential of historic industrial constructions for the public awareness and the representation of an enterprise,
- considering that there is no comprehensible urgency to demolish the historical constructions.

During the two year period of the moratorium, a study should be undertaken with the goal of finding harmony between the cultural and the natural heritage. Many projects in Switzerland and Germany have proved that sustainable solutions linking built and natural environment are feasible, and – for both concerns – fruitful on the long term.

Yours sincerely,

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The following persons also receive a copy of this letter

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Hans Kuntzemüller, Präsident des Verwaltungsrates EDH, Zürich

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