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Dear Sir or Madam,

Dear members of the St. Petersburg Association of Scientists and Scholars (SPASS),

The German Society for the Protection of Cultural Property (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kulturgutschutz e. V. DGKS) is a non-profit association that has been committed to the protection of cultural property since 1993. The association members share the view that the protection of cultural property is not an exclusive matter for the state, but requires voluntary commitment. We therefore admire your initiative, which shows that the protection of cultural heritage must and is of fundamental interest.

After all, cultural assets are evidence of human development and an expression of individual and national identity. From the point of view of many urban developers / investors, monument protection is an obstacle that usually makes urban development more expensive, means restrictions or discourages investors. In the opposite direction, however, urban development can jeopardize the quality of life and the quality of living in the form of protected buildings or buildings that are worth of preservation. The latter problem is precisely the case with the three important cultural assets in your city of St. Petersburg, where the decision is about to be made against the monument and in favor of urban development.

There is no question that these monuments are particularly of outstanding overall historical quality. Be it the archaeological site of Nyenskans, whose history goes back to the 3rd century BC. and which, due to its strategic location, was of high importance until recent European history, or the buildings of the Pulkovo Observatory, which is one of the oldest observatories in the world which is still used for scientific purposes.

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We therefore support your efforts to protect the cultural heritage of St. Petersburg in order to preserve it for future generations for what it is, namely not just as part of history, but a part of humanity in the present and in the future.

Kind regards

Irene Pamer-Gatzsche

President