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Dear Mr. Sobyenin

The Spanish Association for the Protection of the 20th Century Architectural Heritage - AEPPAS20, would like to express our concern and opinion about the proposed reconstruction project for the “*Children’s Word Department Store*” or Detsky Mir, built in 1953-1957 by Alexei Dushkin in Moscow, that means loss the value and cultural significance of an important monument that belongs to the 20th Century Architectural Heritage.

It is a building with architectural heritage significance because of its typology and cultural significance, it was the greatest children’s store of mid 20th century in Europe, and its triumphal neo-classical architectural style and great interior space, make it an important value of our 20th Century Architecture Heritage.

The building has been officially recognised as a monument of regional significance by the ICOMOS, DOCOMOMO and UIA on 2006 in order to prevent its degradation and destruction.

The new reconstruction projects have negative effects on its original interiors and decorative elements, which should not continue and must be preserve as heritage. As almost all of the architectural heritage monuments, the Detsky Mir, is important in its self and as a cultural testimony of the 20th Century.

We would like to suggest you to **revaluate the restoration project** for this monument **in order to prevent** Children’s World from further demolition or wrong interventions, **and preserve it as recommend the Madrid Document** that we attached you.

Yours sincerely



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