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Dear Dr. Nervi,

Presevation of Pier Liugi Nervi Structures in Turin

Last month I went on an architectural pilgrimage to see the work of Pier Liugi Nervi in Turin. I was deeply shocked and distressed to see how these projects had been allowed to fall into a state of serious disrepair. It is an international scandal these iconic buildings are no longer in use and have been abandoned to an uncertain future.

The Torino Esposizioni buildings were locked up but clearly had homeless people and drug addicts living in them. The Palazzo del Lavoro appeared in an even worse state of dereliction with fire damage and water ingress visible. In their current condition they are extremely vulnerable to further damage from vandalism, fire and water ingress and are clearly not adequately protected to ensure their survival. These projects are of significant international architectural and heritage value and urgently need to be protected.

Like many architects around the world we hold these buildings in the highest esteem and regard their design and construction as one of the most significant achievements of post war architecture and engineering. At Hopkins Architects we hold a special reverence for these projects as they have directly inspired our approach to several projects such as the Schlumberger Headquarters in Cambridge.

These structures are especially significant in the portfolio of Nervi's work and continue to inspire generations of architects and engineers with their technical sophistication and efficiency. They are especially relevant today as our professions try to address the issues of climate change with sustainable design.

We encourage the Authorities in Italy and the Administration in Torino to take immediate action to protect their future by whatever means possible.

We are happy to endorse any campaign that can help maintain this heritage asset

Yours sincerely

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