



CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE FRANCE
À NEW YORK

Le Consul général adjoint

August 14th, 2019

Dear Ms. Stribling,

The French government is immensely grateful for the generous support you have chosen to provide in the wake of the Notre-Dame de Paris fire in April 2019. Ambassador Stanislas de Laboulaye asked me to relay an update on our rebuilding effort.

As of July 29, 2019, a comprehensive legal and administrative framework for the rebuilding of Notre Dame has now been fully put in place. Its aim is to provide our foreign donors with the highest levels of guarantee and transparency on the execution of the rebuilding of the Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral.

The teams working at the Cathedral have been focusing on the safety of the building site, which includes the removal of the scaffolding that was around the spire, securing the buttresses and laying wood flooring above the vaulted ceilings to complete the fire damage assessment. We anticipate that this phase of the work will be completed in June 2020, and that a full estimate of the rebuilding costs will become available at that time. Because of lead-related pollution, some of the work had to be interrupted for a few days to ensure the safety of workers onsite, but we are progressing well with this challenging and dangerous stage of the rebuilding work.

Please feel free to share this information if appropriate.

We will keep providing you with updates in the coming months, and would like to express our deepest gratitude for your commitment to Notre-Dame de Paris.

Sincerely,

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