

Lisbon, February 2015

Prime Minister M. Manuel Valls

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I wish to draw your attention to the future that the **Mirail University Campus** in Toulouse faces in this moment after it has been decided to pursue the next phase of the project to completely renovate its facilities.

According to recent correspondences with Docomomo France, and the information gathered among all international forums, **docomomo** International (the international committee for the Documentation and Conservation of buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the Modern Movement) painfully realizes that the **Mirail University Campus**, belonging to the University of Toulouse (France) and dating back the decade of 1960, is at risk of being completely modified with the demolition of some of the original buildings remaining from the project by Candilis, Josic and Woods.

The **Mirail University Campus** is an example of design and architecture worth preserving for future generations. It is also a milestone in the work of Georges Candilis, architect of universal dimension, and we have a duty to pass and maintain his legacy within the international world of architecture, urbanism and landscape.

docomomo International is aware of the concern that the present situation has produced in architectural and conservation circles worldwide. We fully support our colleagues from Docomomo France and the group of experts involved in their efforts to savage the invaluable complex.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister, I wish to say, as **docomomo** International Chair, that demolishing the **Mirail University Campus** would mean destroying one of the most innovative and intelligent proposals of academic international architecture of the XXth century.

Yours sincerely,



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