Declaration

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We, the people in the affected heritage communities, regard the Traditional Design and Practices for Building Chinese Wooden Arch Bridges as an inseparable part of our cultural heritage. Despite our efforts to sustain the heritage, it faces imminent danger of extinction. We urgently need the Traditional Design and Practices for Building Chinese Wooden Arch Bridges to be inscribed on the Urgent Protection List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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