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First meeting

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 December. In the absence of adopted Rules of Procedure and an elected President, the meeting will be declared open by Mr. Frits Schlingemann, the Director of the Regional Office of Europe (ROE) of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), on behalf of the interim Secretariat of the Convention, established in accordance with para's 5 and 6 of the Resolution adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (Kyiv, 20 – 22 May 2003). Mr. Schlingemann will invite the representative of the Government of Ukraine to make an opening statement on behalf of the host Government.

Item 2. Organisational matters

(2.1) Election of officers

2. Under agenda item 2.1 the Conference of the Parties at its opening session is requested to elect its Bureau. As the related provision of the Draft Rules of Procedure, Rule 16, paragraph 1, has not yet been agreed upon, it is proposed to proceed with an interim solution, by electing the President, one Vice-President (to replace the President in his absence) and a Rapporteur. After the adoption of the Rules of Procedure (agenda item 4) the Conference may decide to enlarge the Bureau, if required.
3. Upon election and in accordance with Draft Rules of Procedure, the President will preside at the meeting, ensure the observance of the rules of procedure, accord the right to speak, put questions for decision-making and announce decisions. Following the practice established by the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC), the President may propose and the Conference may decide to request the good services of the Director of UNEP – Regional Office for Europe, to co-chair the meeting.

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(2.2) Review of credentials of representatives to the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention

4. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Draft Rules of Procedure, and as outlined in the document UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.12, the credentials of representatives and the alternate representatives and advisers will have to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. According to Rule 22, the Head of the interim Secretariat shall be the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties and will report on the credentials to the Conference of the Parties.

(2.3) Adoption of the agenda

5. The Conference may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/CC/COP1/1), prepared by the interim Secretariat pursuant to Rule 6 and 7 of the Draft Rules of Procedure.
6. In preparing the provisional agenda, the Interim Secretariat has based itself on the relevant provisions of the Convention and the Resolution adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, and the guidance and decisions of the IGC in preparation of COP I.

(2.4) Organization of work

7. Upon introduction by the Chair, the Conference is requested to consider and agree on the organization of work for the meeting (UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.1). The ministerial segment of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties is proposed to take place on Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 9:30 to 13:00, and will be requested to consider and adopt the Ministerial Declaration and other decisions of the Conference.

Item 3. Status of ratification of the Carpathian Convention

8. The Conference may wish to take a note of the status of signatures and ratification of the Carpathian Convention provided in the information document UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.2.

Item 4. Adoption of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties

9. In accordance with Article 14, paragraph 2 (g) of the Carpathian Convention, the Conference is requested to consider and adopt its Rules of Procedure, as contained in the Annex of document UNEP/CC/COP1/1/2.
10. The ICG, at its first Meeting in preparation of the Conference considered draft rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, prepared by the Interim Secretariat, pursuant to para 5 of the Resolution adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, on the basis of established prevailing international norms and practices relevant to the functioning of the governing bodies of international treaties.
11. The IGC, at its 2nd preparatory meeting, requested the Interim Secretariat to prepare and circulate a revised draft based on the comments received with a reference to disagreements, if any.

Item 5. Adoption of the financial rules for the Carpathian Convention

12. In accordance with article 14, paragraph 2 (f) of the Carpathian Convention, the Conference is requested to consider and adopt its Financial Rules and the budget for its activities, whereas article 17 of the Convention requests the Conference of Parties to

determine the scale of contributions to the regular budget of the Convention. Both issues are addressed in document UNEP/CC/COP1/3.

13. A note containing draft Financial Rules and proposals related to budget and contribution scale was prepared by the interim Secretariat, pursuant to para 5 of the Resolution of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, and considered and reviewed by the IGC at its first and second meetings.
14. The ICG, at its 2nd preparatory meeting agreed to submit to the Conference the revised draft financial rules contained in the Attachment of document UNEP/CC/COP1/3, as the basis for its deliberations on this matter, in the understanding that Annex I (budget) can and should be agreed and filled only at the time that the Conference decides on the arrangements and location of the Permanent Secretariat, and that Annex II (scale of contributions) would be discussed under item 6: Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention.

Item 6. Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention

15. In accordance with Article 14, paragraph 2 (f) of the Carpathian Convention, the Conference is requested to approve the work programme and budget of the Convention, as contained in document UNEP/CC/COP1/4.
16. Pursuant to para 5 of the Resolution of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, the interim Secretariat prepared a work programme and budget of the Carpathian Convention, in consultation with the Carpathian Convention Focal Points and stakeholders, for review by the IGC.
17. At its 2nd preparatory meeting, the IGC agreed to present to the Conference a workprogramme and budget, which in terms of activities and duration is fully harmonized with the EU Interreg-Cades supported 2006-2008 “Carpathian Project”, also since in practice the Carpathian Project co-finances a large part of the workprogramme. The IGC noted that the remaining cost of the workprogramme would have to be born by the Parties/Signatories to the Convention and corresponds approximately with the amount of contributions decided upon by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries (para 9 of the Resolution).
18. The ICG, at its second preparatory meeting agreed that the scale of voluntary contributions (Annex II to the Financial Rules) to support the core cost of the Interim Secretariat would be discussed and decided upon in conjunction with the Program of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention. The meeting agreed with the principle that all Carpathian countries will contribute an equal share of the Secretariat budget, in the understanding that some flexibility can be introduced to help those countries, which are unable to pay their full share. Against that background, and as proposed in document UNEP/CC/COP1/4, the Conference may wish to decide that the collective contribution of the Carpathian countries will amount to at least Euro 138,333 per year.
19. In addition, the Conference will consider several sub-items under this agenda-item:
 - (a) **Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity (Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention)**
20. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on the conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity UNEP/CC/COP1/5. The note, inter alia, addresses the issue of the Draft Protocol on Conservation of Biological and Landscape Diversity (draft text is contained in the Annex I) and Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

(Annexes II, III, IV and V). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(b) Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management (Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention)

21. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on sustainable and integrated water/river basin management UNEP/CC/COP1/6. The note, inter alia, addresses the issue of the Carpathians Wetlands Initiative (contained in Annex I) and presents for information of the Conference a short summary of the UNDP/GEF Project on integrated land and water management in the Tisza River Basin. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document, and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(c) Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge (Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention)

22. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on cultural heritage and traditional knowledge UNEP/CC/COP1/7/Rev.1. The note contains a position paper based on stakeholders' consultations in the Carpathian region carried out by ANPED (see the Annex to UNEP/CC/COP1/7/Rev.1). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(d) Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry (Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention)

23. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry UNEP/CC/COP1/8. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein. The note is accompanied by the information document UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.3, containing the "Brief Summary - Policy Consultations on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in the Carpathians".

(e) Sustainable energy (Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention)

24. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on sustainable energy UNEP/CC/COP1/9. The note contains in its Annex a Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention with regard to energy policy, sustainable energy use and the development of distributed and efficient energy resources. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(f) Sustainable transport and infrastructure (Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention)

25. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on sustainable transport UNEP/CC/COP1/10. The Annex to this note contains a short outline of the CEI-EURAC project on sustainable transport. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(g) Sustainable tourism (Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention)

26. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on sustainable tourism UNEP/CC/COP1/11, accompanied by the information document

UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.4, containing background document on sustainable tourism opportunities in the Carpathians prepared by CEEWEB. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(h) Spatial planning (Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention)

27. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on spatial planning UNEP/CC/COP1/12. The Annex to this note contains the Carpathian Environmental Outlook (KEO) progress report. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

(i) Cross-cutting issues, including awareness raising, education and public participation (Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention)

28. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on cross-cutting issues, including awareness raising, education and public participation UNEP/CC/COP1/13. The note contains a progress report of the EURAC-REC-UNEP umbrella project "Support for the Implementation of the Carpathian Convention", a paper on the REC's vision for the future support to the Carpathian Convention, and a position paper on public participation to support the implementation of the Carpathian Convention prepared by ANPED. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this document and related information documents UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.5, UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.6, UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.7 and UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.8, and consider and approve the action proposed in the document UNEP/CC/COP1/13.

Item 7. Cooperation with the European Union

29. At the Second Preparatory meeting of the IGC, the Interim Secretariat introduced a note on "Agenda and Strategic Approach of the Carpathian Project" focusing on the objectives and expected results of the comprehensive EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project. The interim Secretariat was requested to prepare a separate note on cooperation with the European Union and submit it to the COP1. Accordingly, a note including "Agenda and Strategic Approach of the Carpathian Project" (see Annex IV) is contained in UNEP/CC/COP1/14.

30. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in UNEP/CC/COP1/14, and consider and approve the action proposed therein.

Item 8. Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

31. Article 14, paragraph 2 (i) of the Carpathian Convention stipulates that the Conference of the Parties shall promote and strengthen the relationship with other relevant conventions. Article 15, paragraph 2 (c) of the Carpathian Convention provides that the functions of the Secretariat shall include coordination of its activities with the secretariats of other relevant international bodies and conventions.

32. Accordingly, the Secretariat prepared a note on cooperation with other international bodies and conventions contained in UNEP/CC/COP1/15, containing a Memorandum of Understanding for the cooperation between the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention (see Annex I) and Alpach Declaration (see Annex II)

33. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of information submitted in UNEP/CC/COP1/15 and consider and approve the proposed action.

Item 9. Scope of Application of the Carpathian Convention

34. The Conference has before it a Secretariat a note on the scope of application UNEP/CC/COP1/16 of the Carpathian Convention, prepared by the interim secretariat pursuant to para's 6 and 7 of the Resolution of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries. The Conference may wish to take note of information contained in the note and consider and approve the proposed action.

Item 10. Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Carpathian Convention

35. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on establishing a Permanent Secretariat prepared by the interim Secretariat, pursuant to para 5 of the Resolution of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, including a draft compilation of the proposals for the location of the Permanent Secretariat contained in UNEP/CC/COP1/17.
36. Accordingly, the Conference may wish to consider the document UNEP/CC/COP1/17, and approve the proposed action therein.

Item 11. Mountain Initiatives Input to the Belgrade Conference 2007

37. The Conference has before it a Secretariat note on the preparations for the Sixths Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Belgrade Conference) UNEP/CC/COP1/18. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in this note and consider and approve the proposed action listed therein.

Item 12. Other matters

38. In accordance with Rule 4, para 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the Conference is requested to consider and decide on the date and venue of its second meeting,
39. The Carpathian Project will support the 2nd Intergovernmental Platform of the Carpathian Project, to be held in May 2008. In accordance with the understanding reached by the IGC at its 2nd meeting, the Conference may wish to hold its next ordinary meeting in May 2008 in Brasov, Romania.

Item 13. Preparation of the "Carpathian Declaration"

40. The IGC, at its Second Preparatory Meeting requested the Secretariat to prepare and circulate for comments of the Parties and Observers draft elements for the Carpathian Declaration. Based on those comments the Secretariat prepared a draft document on the Elements for the Carpathian Declaration contained in UNEP/CC/COP1/19.
41. The Conference of the Parties is requested to review and adopt the draft Carpathian Declaration at the high-level segment of the Conference.

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT / INTERGOVERNMENTAL PLATFORM

42. The high-level segment will start at 9:30 with a welcome note of the host Government (Prime Minister /Deputy Prime Minister) holding the Presidency of the Carpathian Convention. The message on behalf of Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, will be delivered by Mr. Frits Schlingemann, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP – Regional Office for Europe.

Item 14 The future of the Carpathian process

43. The high-level representatives of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine are invited to address the agenda item 14 “The future of the Carpathian process – Towards the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians” Further statements will be delivered by the EU Commission, Central European Initiative, the Presidency of the Alpine Convention, and the Director General of the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention (Mr.Bridgewater).

Item 15. Stakeholders’ message – public participation strategy

44. Stakeholders of the Carpathian Convention will share their vision on public participation in the Carpathian Convention process and outline the most crucial aspects of joint activities for the future of the Carpathian Mountains. Speakers: ANPED and Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative (CERI).

Item 16. Decisions and Adoption of the Carpathian Declaration

45. The Conference of the Parties will proceed with approval of the decisions agreed upon during the first two days of the COP1. Memoranda of Cooperation will be signed, with the Alpine Convention (by the President of the Carpathian COP, the representative of the Alpine Conference, UNEP and the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention), with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat (UNEP and Ramsar Secretariat) and with the CEI Executive Secretariat (UNEP and CEI Secretariat).
46. The high-level representatives will be requested to adopt the Carpathian Declaration.

Item 17. Closure of the meeting

47. The President will make a summary of the meeting outcomes and the high-level participants will be invited to deliver the closing remarks. In accordance with Rule 17, paragraph 1 of the Draft Rules of Procedure, the President will announce the closing of the meeting.