



**Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable  
Development of the Carpathians**

**23 – 26 September 2014, Mikulov, Czech Republic**

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**1) ADDENDUM TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
to the Carpathian Convention**

**Technical segment**

***Item 1.*        **Opening of the meeting****

The meeting will be opened at 10:00 am on Wednesday, 24 September 2014 by Mr. Rastislav Rybanič, as the representative of the Slovak Presidency. The outgoing Presidency will invite representatives from the host country to deliver some welcome remarks. The outgoing Slovak Presidency will briefly summarize some of the main achievements of its Presidency.

***Item 2.*        **Organizational matter****

**2.1. Election of Officers**

In compliance with Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Carpathian Convention, the President will invite each Party to nominate a member of the Bureau and after that propose and seek endorsement for the election of the President, one Vice-President and a Rapporteur.

The President may address the Conference and request the new President to take the Chair.

The new President may thank the outgoing President and Bureau members and make a welcome speech.

Upon election and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the COP, 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.



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## **2.2. Review of credentials and full powers**

Pursuant to the Rule 15 the Rules of Procedure of the COP, and as outlined in the document UNEP/CC/COP4/INF2, the credentials of representatives and the alternate representatives and advisers will have to be submitted to the Head of the interim Secretariat not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting.

The Head of the interim Secretariat, Mr. Harald Egerer, will report on the credentials to the Conference of the Parties.

## **2.3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The President invites the Conference, in accordance with the Rules 9 to 11 of the Rules of Procedure, to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/CC/COP4/DOC1), prepared by the interim Secretariat pursuant to the Rule 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of Procedure.

In preparing the provisional agenda, the interim Secretariat has based itself on the relevant provisions of the Convention and the guidance and decisions of the Third Meeting of Conference of the Parties and the Fifth Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (accordingly, 25 -27 May 2011, Bratislava and 18 – 20 February 2014, Prague)

## **2.4. Organization of work**

Upon introduction by the Chair, the Conference is requested to consider and agree on the organization of work for the meeting (UNEP/CC/COP4/DOC1/ADD2). The Ministerial Segment of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties is proposed to take place on Friday, 26 September 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, and will, inter alia, be requested to consider, to adopt and allow for the signing of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport to the Carpathian Convention, and consider and adopt the Ministerial Declaration on Cultural Heritage, the Joint Alpine – Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change and other decisions of the Conference.



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***Item 3.*        Status of contributions, Status of ratification of Biodiversity Protocol,  
Forest Protocol, Tourism Protocol**

The President requests the Head of the interim Secretariat to present document UNEP/CC/COP4/INF6 on the status of contributions and status of ratification of the Protocol on Biodiversity, the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management and the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism to the Carpathian Convention, and invites comments and updates from the delegations.

***Item 4.*        Implementation of the Carpathian Convention – Draft decisions for  
COP4**

The Chair invites the Head of the interim Secretariat to present the progress report on the implementation of the Carpathian Convention (UNEP/CC/COP4/DOC9) prepared by the interim Secretariat as well as the report and recommendations of the CCIC at its fifth meeting, Prague, 18-20 February 2014 (UNEP/CC/COP4/INF1).

The meeting will be invited to consider the progress report and in doing so focus on the preparation and finalization of the draft COP4 decisions and related documents for adoption by the Ministerial Segment of the Conference (UNEP/CC/COP4/DOC10).

***Item 5.*        Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Carpathian Convention  
– Update on offers and positions**

The Chair invites the Head of the interim Secretariat to introduce the item and report on the discussions and recommendation of the CCIC regarding the location and arrangements for the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention.

The meeting will be invited to consider, discuss and finalize the text of decision COP4/16 for adoption by the Ministerial segment.



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***Item 6.*        **Preparation of the Ministerial Declaration and Statement of the  
Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP4)****

The Chair invites the Head of the interim Secretariat to introduce the Ministerial Declaration on Cultural Heritage (UNEP/CC/COP4/DOC3) and the Joint Alpine – Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change (UNEP/CC/DOC4).

The meeting will be invited to consider the documents and finalize the text of decisions COP4/7 and 11 for adoption by the Ministerial Segment.

***Item 7.*        **Date and venue of the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
(COP5)****

Pursuit to the Rule 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure, the meeting will be invited to consider the date and venue for its fifth meeting, and finalize decision COP4/18 for adoption by the Ministerial Segment.

***Item 8.*        **Other matters****

The Conference will discuss all relevant matters which were not specified under any other Agenda item.

**Ministerial Segment**

***Item 1.*        **Welcome and Opening Statements****

**1.1    **Welcome by the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic****

The President will welcome the high-level Participants and Observers of the Ministerial Segment of the Meeting, and will give an opening statement on behalf of the host Government. The President will also thank UNEP for its long term support to the



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Carpathian Convention, for administering the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention in Vienna, and for its active contributions to the different topic areas as an observer to the Carpathian Convention.

**1.2 Message by the Executive Director of UNEP**

Mr. Jan Dusik, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP-Regional Office for Europe will address the meeting as the highest representative of UNEP in Europe.

***Item 2. Achievements and future of the Carpathian process  
(Presentation by the Secretariat including S4C inputs, Rapporteur )***

A presentation of achievements, ongoing activities and future perspectives of the Carpathian Convention process will be delivered by the Head of the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, Mr. Harald Egerer.

The Rapporteur will present a brief report on the working sessions of the COP technical segment on 24-25 September 2014.

***Item 3. Statements by Ministers and High Level Representatives***

The President will invite the Ministers and other high level representatives to give their statements. The statements will follow in alphabetical order, closed by the Czech Presidency/Republic.

***Item 4. Statements by Observers and Stakeholders***

The President will invite Observers and other stakeholders to give their statements. A list of Observers requesting to make a statement will be provided to the President.

***Item 5. Introduction and Adoption of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport***

The President invites the Secretariat to make a short presentation of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport and its process of elaboration. The Parties will be invited to adopt the Protocol by acclamation (clapping).



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***Item 6.           Signature of the Protocol and Ceremony***

The President will invite Parties to proceed with the signature of the Protocol (protocollary aspects / seating and signing arrangements will be confirmed by the host country).

***Item 7.           Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Cultural Heritage and the  
Joint Alpine – Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change.***

The President will invite the Secretariat to introduce the documents. He will then invite the Conference to consider and adopt the Ministerial Declaration on Cultural Heritage and the Joint Alpine – Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change by acclamation.

***Item 8.           Adoption of the report of COP4 including the decisions***

The President will propose that the finalization of the report will be entrusted to the Secretariat, working in consultation with the President and the Rapporteur to be circulated in due course. He will then invite the Conference to adopt the Decisions of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention.

***Item 9.           Closure of Meeting***

After a final round of remarks by Head of Delegations (if they so request) and by UNEP (Mr. Jan Dusik, Director and Regional Representative), the President will thank all the participants and will declare the meeting closed.