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## Secretariat note on the draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention

### Addendum 1 Submission by the Czech Republic

On 29 November 2006, the interim Secretariat received a letter from the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, referring to the proposals by Poland relating to the Draft Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (attached in the Annex).

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Dear Mr. Egerer,

The Czech Republic would like to express its opinion on the Polish proposals for the Draft of Rules of Procedures as the crucial material for the Carpathian Convention.

The Czech Republic does not agree with the proposed changes made by Poland concerning the *Rule 16.1* "Each party shall be represented in the Bureau. **At the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting, a President, 5 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur are to be elected. They will serve as the Bureau of the meeting**". We would like to stick to the previous wording of the Draft (Second Preparatory Meeting in Vienna, September 2006), where the draft wanted to have only one President, Vice-President and a Rapporteur. The Convention is going to have only seven Parties in the future. We do not think that from the practical point of view it is a wise decision to enlarge the Bureau of the Carpathian Convention. E.g. the Convention on Biological Diversity has 188 Parties and 11 Bureau members or the Bern Convention where 45 Parties has 3 members in Bureau. As a compromise to the Polish proposal we would like to add a new paragraph to Rule 16 which would read as follows:

*Rule 16:*

"5. For each member of the Bureau, the Conference of the Parties shall appoint an alternate member designated by the Bureau member from her/his country delegation to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties"

We consider this paragraph suitable in case of absence of one or more of the Bureau members at their meetings.

The Czech Republic supports Polish proposal to change the word "session" to "meeting" but this exchange must be done in all paragraphs, not only in some of them (Rule 17, 18, 21, 31, 37 and other where this change did not occurred).

We agree with Poland that two months in Rule 5 is not enough and agree to prolong the time for

announcing the date and venue of the Conference of Parties. In light of this change, the Rule 35.3 should read as follows so the observers will have some conditions:

" The Secretariat shall notify the observers of the dates and venue of the ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties at least three months before the meeting is due to commence and of the extraordinary meeting at least two months before it is due to commence."

We will take our comments on the Draft of Financial Rules directly to the First Meeting of the COP.

Yours Sincerely,

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