NOTIFICATION

of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (COP4)

Date: 23 – 26 September 2014
Venue: Hotel Galant, Mikulov, Czech Republic

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of the Parties, I have the honour to inform you that, at the invitation of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (COP4) will be held in Mikulov, Czech Republic from 23 – 26 September 2014. The High Level Segment will be held on 26 September 2014. According to Article 25 of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, Article 22 of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management and Article 29 of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism, COP4 also serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocols.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agenda based on the provisional organization of work that was agreed by the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee Meeting (CCIC) at its meeting held in Prague on 18 – 20 February 2014.

To: Carpathian Convention National Focal Points
Carpathian Convention Country Representatives

The pre-session documentation of the meeting will be made available as soon as possible and according to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, in any case, no later than six weeks in advance of the meeting. The pre-session documents and information for participants will be accessible at the Convention website: www.carpathianconvention.org.

In accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure for the COP, I would be grateful if your Government could submit to the interim Secretariat, as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting, the credentials of your Head of Delegation, Alternate Head of Delegation and Representatives, as appropriate. Accreditation of delegates to the meeting will not be possible without proper credentials. Any later changes in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Secretariat.

Furthermore, the Protocol on Sustainable Transport is expected to be adopted and opened for signature by the COP at the ministerial segment of the COP4. I kindly ask you to make sure that your delegation is equipped with the necessary Full Powers for signature of the Protocols.

Please find enclosed, for your convenience, a sample format of appropriate credentials and of Full Powers. Further information can be obtained from the interim Secretariat or at www.carpathianconvention.org. Kindly note that submission of credentials and Full Powers prior to the meeting would facilitate the advance clearing process by the interim Secretariat.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Harald Egerer
Head of UNEP Vienna
Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

Enclosures
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARPATHIANS

FOURTH MEETING
Ministry of the Environment
Mikulov, Czech Republic
23 – 26 September 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Organizational matters
   • Election of Officers
   • Review of credentials and full powers
   • Adoption of the Agenda


4. Implementation of the Carpathian Convention – Draft decisions for COP4
   • Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity, Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention,
   • Spatial Development, Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention
   • Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management, Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention
   • Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry, Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention
   • Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure, Industry and energy, Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention
• Sustainable tourism, Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention

• Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge, Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention

• Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning, Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention

• Awareness raising, education and public participation, Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention

• Cooperation with the European Union

• Cooperation with the Alpine Convention

• On Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

• Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention

• Administration and Financial management of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention) and its Protocols

5. Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Carpathian Convention

6. Preparation of the Ministerial Declaration of the Fourth Conference of the Parties

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

8. Other matters
Ministerial Segment

1. Welcome and Opening Statements
   - Welcome by the Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic
   - Message by the Executive Director of UNEP

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

3. Statements by Ministers and High Level Representatives

4. Statements by Observers and Stakeholders

5. Introduction and Adoption of the Protocols on Sustainable Transport (and of the Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge)

6. Signature of the Protocols and Ceremony

7. Adoption of the Carpathian Declaration 2014

8. Adoption of the report of COP4 including the decisions

9. Closure of Meeting
Sample Format for Credentials
for the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (COP4)

Credentials

I, the undersigned [Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs], hereby make known that the following delegation has been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent [Country] at the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians to be held in Mikulov, Czech Republic on 23 – 26 September 2014. According to Article 25 of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, Article 22 of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management and Article 29 of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism, COP4 also serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocols.

Head of Delegation [Name of Head of Delegation]
Alternate Head of Delegation [Name of Alternate of Delegation]
Representatives(s) [Name(s) of representative(s)]

Done in [city] on [date]

Seal and Signature
Sample Format for Full Powers
for the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the
Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (COP4)

FULL POWERS

I, [name and title of Head of State or Government, or Minister of Foreign Affairs], HEREBY AUTHORIZE, [“name and title”, or alternate “name and title”], to sign the Protocol on [name of Protocol(s)] to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the said Convention on 23 – 26 September 2014, on behalf of the Government of [name of State].

Done in [city] on [date]

Seal and Signature