



## **CARPATHIAN CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (CCIC)**

**THIRD MEETING  
VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 17 – 18 JANUARY 2011**

### **DRAFT REPORT OF THE MEETING**

#### **Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the meeting and summary of the first session**

The meeting considered the draft Report of the first session of the 3rd meeting of the CCIC held in Bratislava, 29 to 30 November 2010. Since the circulation of the draft report further comments have been provided by Slovakia and CWI. Poland presented further comments to the draft report and comments to the Draft ToRs that have been revised on the basis of the discussions held in Bratislava. The draft Meeting Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> session and the amended draft ToRs were approved by the CCIC.

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Administration and financial management of the Carpathian Convention**

The CCIC resumed its discussion on this agenda item and further elaborated the draft text of the ToRs of the Trust Fund.

Furthermore, the CCIC further developed the draft decisions on the administration and financial management of the Convention.

#### **Agenda Item 3 – Update on proposals for the Permanent Secretariat and other permanent arrangements**

No update on proposals for the future location of a permanent Secretariat has been received since the last CCIC meeting. The Slovak Republic proposed that the Ministers could have an informal consultation on the location of the Permanent Secretariat during a

breakfast the preceding the high-level segment, at COP3 on the 27 May, the idea of which was welcomed by the CCIC.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Preparations for COP3 CC**

Mr. Ladislav Ambros, Mr. Miroslav Beriac and Ms. Livia Bertokova, of the Slovakian delegation briefed the participants on the latest logistical information for COP3 meeting venue.

Furthermore, the CCIC reviewed, revised and agreed on the draft agenda and provisional organization of work for COP3.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Review of list of Draft Decisions for COP3**

The CCIC reviewed the compilation of Draft Decisions for COP 3. The CCIC agreed to submit the set of draft decisions to COP3 for consideration and adoption in the amended version.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Scope of application of the Carpathian Convention**

The CCIC agreed that there is no specific need to further discuss the scope of application of the Carpathian Convention at COP3.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Implementation of the Carpathian Convention – Progress Report**

##### **a. Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge: Secretariat Report (Article 11 CC)**

ANPED gave an update on the follow-up activities. The ISCC was requested to update the existing version of the draft ToRs of the WG on Cultural heritage and to bring them in consistency with the other WG ToRs. A cross reference to other WGs, including the WG on Tourism should be made.

##### **b. Awareness raising, education and public participation: Secretariat Report (Article 13 CC)**

Mr. Lubos Halada on behalf of the Science for Carpathians Network (S4C) / Scientific Steering Committee member gave a brief presentation on the recent activities. The S4C is closely linked to the Carpathian Convention process.

**c. Cooperation with the European Union, Carpathian Strategy, cooperation with other conventions and international bodies**

The ISCC was requested to circulate the final version of the SAP after the consultative workshop meeting in Brussels on 25 January 2011. The special role of Hungary as the EU serving as the current EU Presidency, in bringing the Carpathian Convention closer to the EU was explored.

With regard to the Environment for Europe process and the forthcoming Conference in Astana in autumn 2011 it was highlighted that it is very important to mention the process of the Carpathian Convention in this context.

Further comments were made on the section with regard to the cooperation with ICPDR in the progress report. Ms. Diana Heilmann on behalf of ICPDR briefed participants on the recent developments, in particular the draft Tisza MoU which is expected to be finalized end of January, The CCIC highly welcomed the cooperation with ICPDR and its Tisza Group.

**d. Other matters**

Mr. Michael Meyer on behalf of UNWTO further presented small editorial changes to the ToRs of the WG on Tourism. The ISCC was requested to make the necessary changes in the document and to circulate it.

**LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ALPARC .....	Alpine Network of Protected Areas
BD .....	Biodiversity
CASALEN .....	Carpathian Sustainable Education Network
CBD .....	Convention on Biological Diversity
CC .....	Carpathian Convention
CCIC .....	Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
CEI .....	Central European Initiative
CNPA .....	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

COP .....	Conference of the Parties
CPs .....	Contracting Parties
CWI .....	Carpathian Wetlands Initiative
DABEO .....	Dinaric Arc and Balkans Environment Outlook
EEA .....	European Environmental Agency
EIONET .....	Environment Information and Observation Network
ESA .....	European Space Agency
EU .....	European Union
EURAC .....	European Academy Bolzano
FAO .....	Food and Agriculture Organization
ICPDR .....	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
ISCC .....	Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
MCPFE .....	Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe
MEAs.....	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MoU .....	Memorandum of Understanding
MP .....	Mountain Partnership
MTS .....	Medium Term Strategy
PAs .....	Protected Areas
PoWPA .....	Programme of Work on Protected Areas
PSAC .....	Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention
RCE	Regional Centre of Excellence
SAP .....	Strategic Action Plan
SBSTTA .....	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SC .....	Steering Committee
SEE .....	South East Europe
SOER .....	State of Environment Report
TORs .....	Terms of Reference
UNIS .....	United Nations Information Service
UNOOSA .....	United Nations Office on Outer Space Affairs

UNOV ..... United Nations Office at Vienna  
VASICA ..... Visions and Strategies in the Carpathian Area  
WG ..... Working Group