

Declaration of the 1st CNPA Protected Areas Conference

23-24 September 2008, Poiana Brasov, Romania

The representatives of Carpathian protected areas gathered in Poiana Brasov, Romania for the 1st Protected Area Conference held within the framework of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) as a thematic network of cooperation of mountain protected areas in the Carpathian Region established under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC),

Hosted by the Government of Romania and organized by the CNPA Steering Committee with the support of the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (ISCC), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme, ALPARC- the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and the MAVA Foundation (Switzerland),

Pursuant to relevant Decisions of the 2nd Conference of Parties (COP2) to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (further referred to as "the Carpathian Convention"), in particular the request of COP2 to provide input of the Conference to the Medium Term Strategy for CNPA and Work Plan for the CNPA [Decision COP2/1 (7)] prepared by the Interim Secretariat in cooperation with CNPA Steering Committee, and the proposal for a permanent arrangement for the CNPA [Decision COP2/1 (6)] prepared by CNPA Steering Committee, to be submitted for further consideration and decision by COP3,

Declare as follows:

We welcome the fruitful cooperation with the international partners (ALPARC, CERI, UNEP, WWF and others) and express our wish to continue and to strengthen this cooperation.

We agree with the presented draft of the CNPA Medium Term Strategy, draft CNPA Work Plan for 2009 and draft CNPA Work Plan for 2010-2015 and ask the CNPA SC and CCIS to integrate the remarks of the CNPA members and other interested parties to it until the end of 2008.

We agree with the elements of draft Proposal for a permanent arrangement for the CNPA, including the CNPA Conference rule, and ask the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and CNPA Steering Committee to incorporate remarks, amendments and additions made at the CNPA Conference.

We ask the CNPA SC to detail and transmit the recommendations and inputs resulting from this Conference to the Implementation Committee of the Carpathian Convention.