Carpathian Convention Ministerial Conference – support to Ukraine

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The Carpathian Ministerial Conference marks a milestone in the regional cooperation!

High-level representatives of the 7 Carpathian Convention Parties gathered to discuss the most pressing challenges of the region – biodiversity protection and the crisis in Ukraine.

Declaration adopted at the Conference:

• Carpathian Commitments for the new post 2020 global biodiversity framework implementation

• Declaration on impact of the war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance
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• reaffirm our close cooperation with Ukraine on the further implementation of the Carpathian Convention for the protection and sustainable development of the whole Carpathian region;

• express our will to assist Ukraine in possible measures needed to address the environmental consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, particularly on the natural environment and on the nature protection services;

• emphasize the role of the Carpathian Convention as an important intergovernmental mechanism and in this respect recommend further consultation with relevant actors on providing support to measures needed to address the consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, as appropriate;

• invite stakeholders and partners to contribute to the process of green recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.
STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION IN UKRAINE

CARPATHIAN CONVENTION COOPERATION PROJECT FOR UA
Setting up the “Carpathian Convention cooperation project” in the internal system as a practical tool.

KEEPING UKRAINE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CC ACTIVITIES
Establishing a group of UA representatives directly involved in the CC sectoral activities - mapping relevant stakeholders and actors.

UKRAINE SUPPORT COORDINATION COMMITTEE UNDER CONVENTION
Providing a coordination and enabling platform for bilateral activities, Carpathian Convention support activities, and a forum for projects and partners for Ukraine.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
Building and catalyzing partnerships in a global, regional, bilateral and transboundary context.

STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE
Enabling Ukraine to implement the environmental commitments of various international frameworks, and fostering shifting Ukrainian policy development and implementation towards EU values and standards.

KEEPING THE UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS UNDER REVIEW
Observing the direct and indirect impacts of the war in the Carpathian region.

SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUILDING
Providing trainings, webinars, twinning programmes to support building capacities of the relevant stakeholders in Ukraine for the benefit of Ukraine and the Carpathian region.

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT
Ensuring engagement of CSO and local level in green recovery of Ukraine.

ADDRESSING KEY SECTORS
Areas of cooperation relevant from the environmental and sustainable development perspective: biodiversity, natural resources management, protected areas, forestry, agriculture, rural development, sustainable tourism, circular economy, reducing pollution.

COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE AMONG UNIVERSITIES
Activities supporting Ukrainian scientists and institutions, establishing better cooperation with Ukrainian universities, developing a joint course or a study programme.

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Next steps

• Further consultations with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the Polish Presidency and other key stakeholders

• Consultation with the Carpathian Convention Parties

• Involving interested partners

• Providing platform for exchange and cooperation

• Carpathian Convention COP7, 11-13 October 2023, Belgrade, Serbia, will consider further activities
Thank you for your attention!

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