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Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians on its second meeting.

1. Opening of the meeting

The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention was held at the Athenee Palace Hilton Hotel in Bucharest, Romania from 17 to 19 June 2008.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Sergiy Gubar, Deputy Director, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine (Presidency COP1). Ms. Lucia Ana Varga, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Romania made a welcome statement in which she stressed the need for cooperation of all Carpathian countries in promoting sustainable development, improving lives and at the same time preserving the nature. Ms. Varga reiterated Romania's offer to host the permanent Secretariat of the Convention.

2. Organizational matters

In line with the Rules of Procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention, the meeting elected the following Bureau:

Czech Republic – Ms. Jana Vavrinova
Hungary – Mr. Tibor Farago
Poland – Ms. Bozena Haczek
Romania – Mr. Attila Korodi
Serbia – Ms. Olga Vlahovic
Slovak Republic – Ms. Slavka Turecekova
Ukraine – Mr. Sergiy Gubar

Furthermore, from the Bureau members: Mr. Attila Korodi, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Romania, was elected as the President; Mr. Tibor Farago, Director-General, Ministry of Environment and Water of Hungary, as the Vice-President and Ms. Bozena Haczek, National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment of Poland, as the Rapporteur.

On behalf of Mr. Attila Korodi, the working sessions of the Conference were chaired by Mr. Zoltan Levente Nagy, President, National Agency for Environmental Protection of Romania. The meeting requested Mr. Frits Schlingemann, Senior Adviser, UNEP ROE to act as a co-chair.

The meeting adopted the provisional Agenda as proposed by the interim Secretariat.

3. Status of ratification of the Carpathian Convention

Under the Agenda item 3 the Status of Ratification of the Carpathian Convention, Mr. Harald Egerer, Executive Secretary, interim Secretariat, informed and the meeting welcomed that all Carpathian states have ratified the Convention.

4. Implementation of the Carpathian Convention and of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties – Progress Report by the Secretariat, Report of the Implementation Committee

Following a comprehensive discussion of Agenda item 4 on Article 4 (Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity), the Meeting adopted Decision COP2/1. Parties agreed on the text of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, for submission to the Ministerial segment for adoption and signature. The Protocol is being viewed as an example for other possible future protocols under the Carpathian Convention.

Appreciating the contributions by CERI, REC and WWF, the Parties discussed and urged the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) to prepare a consensus proposal for the permanent institutional arrangements and recognized the need for additional human, institutional and financial resources related to the servicing of the Protocol and the management of the CNPA.

In the discussion on Article 5 (Spatial planning), the Meeting received a presentation by RTI Polska and adopted Decision COP2/2 which inter alia calls for the development and implementation of a Carpathian Space programme.

The Meeting adopted Decision COP2/3 on Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management (Article 6). The meeting stressed the need for cooperation with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).

In the discussion on Article 7 (Sustainable agriculture and forestry) the Decision COP2/4 was adopted. Further, the Meeting welcomed the National Policy Assessments and the Regional Assessment as a basis for the establishment of a regional platform for policy exchange and development. Parties underlined their readiness to develop a Protocol on Sustainable Forestry.

In the discussion on Article 8 (Sustainable transport and infrastructure), the Meeting adopted the Decision COP2/5. Parties expressed their support for the development of a Protocol on Sustainable Transport. New Europe Railway Heritage Trust and EURAC reiterated their support for activities related to the Article 8.

The Meeting adopted the Decision COP2/6 on Sustainable tourism (Article 9), CEEweb/ETE provided an update on the work undertaken so far and Parties agreed to continue to support the development of a Protocol and a Strategy.

In the discussion on Article 10 (Industry and energy), FAO-SEUR informed the Meeting of a proposed project on Renewable Energies for Sustainable Development of the Carpathian Region (RENEC). Furthermore, UNIDO reported on the outcomes of the Regional Workshop on Renewable Energy held in May 2008 in Lviv, Ukraine. The Meeting adopted the Decision COP2/7 encouraging Parties and other stakeholders to pay special attention to the issue of sustainability in the production, distribution and use of renewable energy, as well as issue of energy efficiency and in the development and implementation of projects.

In the discussion on Article 11 (Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge), ANPED reported on the work done so far. Decision COP2/8 was adopted establishing a “Carpathian Heritage Inventory” as a tool for identification, protection and promotion of Carpathian Heritage. The Meeting called upon National Focal Points to continue to inform and cooperate with the relevant ministries and sectors particularly the Ministry of Culture and UNESCO National Focal Points.

The Meeting, furthermore, adopted the Decision COP2/9 on Article 12 (Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning) welcoming the “Science for the Carpathians” initiative and the intention of the European Environment Agency to make an assessment of ecosystem services rendered by the Alpine and Carpathian Mountain regions.

The Meeting adopted the Decision COP2/10 on Awareness raising, education and public participation (Article 13) which invites Parties and other stakeholders to carry out regional consultations and to continue to raise public awareness in order to promote the Carpathian Convention implementation process. The Meeting acknowledged and appreciated the support of OMV (private sector) in the area of awareness raising and education, in particular to the sustainability and environmental education network, to be funded through the Move and Help corporate social responsibility programme.

5. Cooperation with the European Union

On the Agenda item 5, Cooperation with European Union, the Meeting received an update by the Czech Delegation of their efforts to engage the European Union in the work of the Carpathian Convention and the Decision COP2/11 recognizes the importance of strengthening the working relations between the European Community and the Carpathian Convention on various thematic and other areas. The Decision also recalls the invitation to the European Community to support the Carpathian Convention process through accession or otherwise.

6. Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

In the discussion on the Agenda item 6 the Decision COP2/12 on Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies was adopted. The Decision welcomes the recent signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention. It also requested the interim Secretariat to further prepare and conclude Memoranda of Cooperation with other interested international organizations, countries or Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

7. Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention

Under Agenda item 7, the Meeting discussed in comprehensive manner and approved the proposed Programme of Work 2009-2011 under Decision COP2/13. The Meeting reviewed the proposal to strengthen the interim Secretariat through contributions in cash and in kind, agreeing on the need to review the scale of contributions and provide the interim Secretariat with additional resources, in the order of 8,500 EUR or more.

8. Scope of application of the Carpathian Convention

In the discussion on the Agenda item 8 (Scope of application of the Carpathian Convention), some countries proposed solutions of self determination of the scope of application. At the same time, others felt that progress in the implementation of the Convention is best guaranteed by a pragmatic, issue-oriented approach. Other delegates sincerely regretted that no decisions could be taken and insisted that a decision on the scope has to be taken soon (Decision COP2/14). It is the understanding that the interim Secretariat will explore ways and means to facilitate the consensus on the scope of application of the Carpathian Convention.

9. Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Carpathian Convention

Discussing the Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Convention, the representatives of Romania, Slovak Republic and Ukraine briefly reiterated their offers to host the Secretariat and the Meeting urged Parties to expedite the discussion and reach an early agreement on the matter (Decision COP2/15).

10. Date and venue of the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP3)

The Delegation of Slovak Republic offered and the Meeting welcomed and accepted the offer to host the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP3) in 2011 either in Banska Bystrica or Bratislava.

11. Ministerial segment, the adoption and signature of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity and the Ministerial Declaration

Ministers from Romania and Ukraine; Deputy Ministers from Czech Republic and Ukraine, Under-Secretary of State from Poland; Directors General from Hungary and Slovak Republic; and Assistant to the Minister from Serbia participated in the ministerial segment of the Conference on 19 June 2008.

Statements were made by Mr. Frantisek Pelc, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic; Mr. Tibor Farago, Director General, Ministry of Environment and Water Management of Hungary; Mr. Maciej Trzeciak, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment of Poland; HE Mr. Attila Korodi, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Romania; Mr. Dusan Pajkic, Assistant to the Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia, Mr. Kamil Vilinovic, Director General, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic; HE Mr. Heorhiy Philipchuk, Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine.

The following observers also made statements: HE Mr. Martin Eichtinger, Ambassador of Austria in Romania; Mr. Paolo Angelini, Italian Focal Point Alpine Convention, Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea of Italy; Ms. Solomiya Omelyan, Field Operation Officer, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); Ms. Marie-Joelle Couturier, representing the Presidency of the Alpine Convention, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development of France; Ms. Rosa Laura Romeo, Programme Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Ms. Marta Bonifert, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center (REC).

The stakeholders' messages were delivered by: Mr. Mike Baltzer, Director, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme; Ms. Jana Urbancikova, CERI board Member, CNPA Steering Committee, ANPED representative for the Carpathian Heritage consultations, Bile Karpaty VIS; Mr. Radu Ray, Romanian Mountain Forum.

Further, the Rapporteur, Ms. Bozena Haczek, presented a brief report on the expert sessions (17-18 June 2008). The finalization of the report was entrusted to the Secretariat, working in consultation with the President and the Rapporteur to be submitted in due course.

The Conference of the Parties adopted the draft Decisions prepared by the working sessions (17-18 June 2008) on a number of issues relevant to the items on the Agenda of the meeting. The decisions as adopted are set out in Annex A to the present report.

The Ministers and Heads of Delegations furthermore adopted and signed the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity. Due to technical difficulties, Hungary and Slovak Republic will sign the Protocol at a later stage. The signature ceremony was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

The draft Carpathian Declaration expressing a vision for the future of the Carpathian Convention and highlighting achievements, challenges and cooperation and partnerships was adopted by the high-level segment (Annex B).

The interim Secretariat confirmed that the credentials, as well as the full powers necessary for the signature of the Protocol, of all participating representatives of Parties were found to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure for COP and recognized their validity. The originals of the credentials/full powers will be kept by the interim Secretariat.

The President declared the meeting closed at 12h30 on Thursday, 19 June 2009. A press conference and a cultural event followed.

ANNEX A – DECISIONS BY THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

ANNEX B – MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

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of the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention

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Decision COP2/1

Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity – Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the work of the Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, takes note of its report as contained in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2, and appreciates the valid contributions by CERI, REC and WWF;
2. urges Parties within the framework of the Working Group and invites other stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up and implementation of the present decision, and takes into account the recommendations produced by the Working Group;
3. adopts the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity and invites governments to sign and ratify the Protocol;
4. encourages Parties, pending the ratification and entry into force of the Protocol, whenever possible to start its implementation;
5. requests the interim Secretariat to coordinate the preparation of a Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, taking into account the work done under the auspices of the Working Group;
6. takes note of the proposal for a permanent arrangement for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) established under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) and submitted for further consideration and decision by COP3, and requests the CNPA Steering Committee to further discuss and elaborate that proposal taking into account results of the Protected Areas Conference to be held on 23-24 September 2008 (in Brasov, Romania);
7. requests the interim Secretariat in cooperation with CNPA Steering Committee, with the support of the ALPARC and Task Force of Protected Areas of the Alpine Convention Secretariat and in collaboration with the other CNPA partners, to prepare a Work Plan and Medium Term Strategy for CNPA, and invites the Protected Areas Conference to consider and provide inputs to the documents;
8. recognizes the need for additional human, institutional and financial resources to service the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity and manage the CNPA arrangements, approves the related arrangement and budget implications proposed by the interim Secretariat, contained in decision COP2/13;
9. welcomes the establishment of the Carpathian Wetlands Initiative (CWI) as an effective partnership for advancing the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Carpathian and Ramsar Conventions and appreciates the voluntary contributions by the governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia for further development of the CWI;
10. takes note of the Framework for Project Development and Work plan of the CWI and encourages relevant partners to ensure proper implementation and funding.

Decision COP2/2

Spatial planning – Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. thanks the Carpathian Space Strategic Stakeholders Workshop on Spatial Planning for its work, takes note of the report contained in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2, and invites Parties and other stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up;
2. recommends the continuation of the activity of the Working Group on Spatial Planning;
3. welcomes the results of the Carpathian Project, in particular its contributions to integrate European spatial development policies with the management of the Carpathians' fragile ecosystem in a transnational context;
4. notes and welcomes the VASICA and its background documents as a strategic basis for the future sustainable development of the Carpathian region, including international, regional and transboundary cooperation;
5. calls upon spatial planning/development authorities of the Carpathian countries to continue the cooperation on issues relevant for spatial planning to achieve the territorial cohesion of the Carpathian region, including inputs and support to the development and implementation of relevant projects and the possible future establishment of a Carpathian Space Programme;
6. welcomes the Follow-up Platform established by the interim Secretariat as a useful tool for information-sharing and coordination of projects developed for application to European programmes or other relevant funding sources.

Decision COP2/3

Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management – Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. reiterates the importance of the implementation of the provisions on Article 6 of the Convention on sustainable and integrated water/river basin management;
2. welcomes the “Report on water resources and natural disasters (climate change) and flood risk mapping” produced by the INTERREG IIIB Carpathian Project;
3. recalls paragraph 6 of decision COP1/5 on Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management and reiterates the desirability of and requests the interim Secretariat to develop and sign a Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR);
4. requests the interim Secretariat to continue its cooperation with the Tisza River Group established under the ICPDR and within the UNDP GEF Tisza River Project on behalf of the Conference of the Parties;
5. requests the interim Secretariat to consider in consultation with the Parties the further development and joint programming in the area of integration of water resources and land use planning, in particular concerning wetlands, natural water resources, springs, lakes and ground water resources, as well as biodiversity conservation and adaptation to climate change, taking

into account experiences made in sustainable and integrated water/river basin management and land use planning of the relevant river basins of the Black Sea and Baltic Sea catchment areas in the Carpathians.

Decision COP2/4

Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry – Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the work of the Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Forestry, takes note of its report as contained in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2, and invites Parties and other stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up;
2. welcomes the Adelboden Group Declaration and appreciates that the SARD-M project was presented by Switzerland as a successful example of cooperation between FAO and the Carpathian Convention at the UN Commission on Sustainable Development on its 16th session;
3. welcomes the National Policy Assessments conducted by Parties, as well as the Regional Assessment prepared by the interim Secretariat, as a basis for the establishment of a regional platform for policy exchange and development, in collaboration with and with the support of FAO;
4. invites the Parties to continue to take part in the preparatory work towards the development of a Protocol on Sustainable Forestry, and requests the interim Secretariat to further coordinate and service the Parties in the process;
5. calls upon Parties and invites relevant institutions, including the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests (MCPFE) as well as the Padua University, to support the development of the Protocol, and/or future projects/programmes (European Platform of Mountain Forests).

Decision COP2/5

Sustainable transport and infrastructure – Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the work and takes note of the report of the Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Energy and Industry and the recommendations of the Study on the Transport System in the Carpathians elaborated under the lead of the European Academy (EURAC, Bolzano, Italy) contained in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2, and invites Parties and other stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up;
2. appreciates the ongoing cooperation with and technical support from EURAC and the Central European Initiative (CEI);
3. invites the Parties to continue to take part in the preparatory work towards the development of a Protocol on Sustainable Transport, and requests the interim Secretariat to further

coordinate and service the Parties in the process;

4. calls upon countries and relevant institutions, including EURAC, to support the development of the Protocol and relevant projects.

Decision COP2/6

Sustainable tourism – Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the work and takes note of the report and the recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Tourism, as contained in UNEP/CC/COP2/2, and support by CEEweb/ETE and invites Parties and stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up;
2. invites Parties and other stakeholders to continue to take part in the preparatory work towards the development of a Protocol and Strategy on Sustainable Tourism, and requests the interim Secretariat to further coordinate and service them in the process;
3. calls upon Parties and invites relevant institutions to support the development of future projects/programmes (including the “Via Carpatica”);
4. urges Parties and invites other stakeholders to plan, develop and manage tourism in the Carpathians according to the principles of sustainable development;
5. invites the interim Secretariat to take into account the experience of the Alpine Convention in the field of sustainable tourism.

Decision COP2/7

Industry and energy – Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the work of the Working Group on Sustainable Industry, Energy, Transport and Infrastructure and takes note of its report as contained in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2, and invites Parties and other stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up;
2. welcomes and encourages further cooperation between the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) on the issue of renewable energy;
3. welcomes the results of the “Regional Workshop on Renewable Energy in the Carpathians” (Lviv, May 2008) as a contribution to the Carpathian Convention implementation process;
4. requests Parties and other stakeholders to pay special attention to the issue of sustainability in the production, distribution and use of renewable energy, as well as the issue of energy

efficiency, in the development and implementation of projects and report back to the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC);

5. welcomes the regional project on renewable energy developed jointly by UNIDO, FAO and UNEP, being submitted to the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme, and requests the interim Secretariat, in cooperation with UNIDO, to assist, through the National Focal Points, the Carpathian countries in the development of additional proposals for the submission to the GEF and/or other funding mechanisms.

Decision COP2/8

Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge – Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the work of the Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge and takes note of its report as contained in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2, appreciates the valid contributions by ANPED, and invites Parties and other stakeholder to ensure the proper follow-up;

2. welcomes the definition of Carpathian Heritage as “the diversity of natural and cultural and mixed tangible and intangible assets, and their interaction, which serve for maintaining Carpathian Unity and Identity” developed by the Working Group, as a useful instrument for delineating the work and responsibilities in protecting and managing the Carpathian heritage;

3. welcomes the recommendations as contained in the Annex to the report in the document UNEP/CC/COP2/2 based on consultations carried out in the Carpathian Region by ANPED, and decides to develop and establish a “Carpathian Heritage Inventory”, as a tool for the identification, protection and promotion of Carpathian Heritage;

4. welcomes the ANPED’s proposal to develop a programme of practical activities to support the Carpathian Heritage Inventory, and encourages Parties to collaborate and support the development of the Carpathian Heritage Inventory as well as a programme of practical activities in support of Carpathian heritage, as proposed in the report;

5. urges Parties and invites relevant stakeholders to continue to support the preservation of local breeds and cultivated plants in the Framework of the Carpathian Convention;

6. invites National Focal Points to continue actions to inform and cooperate with the relevant ministries and sectors (particularly Ministries of Culture and UNESCO National Focal Points) and calls upon them to be involved in this work.

Decision COP2/9

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

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the establishment of the “Science for the Carpathians” initiative as a platform of researchers for and in the Carpathians for the implementation of Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention;

2. thanks the European Academy, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, the Joanneum Insitute and the Mountain Research Initiative for having supported the process since the very beginning;

3. welcomes the intention of the European Environment Agency (EEA) to undertake, as part of its overall efforts to improve the knowledge base regarding ecosystem functioning and services in Europe, a comparative analysis of ecosystem services rendered by the Alpine and Carpathian mountain regions, as a basis for a systematic valuation of these services for policy setting and decision making in these regions;

4. invites Parties and other stakeholders to actively participate and support the above mentioned processes and requests the interim Secretariat to report back to the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee.

Decision COP2/10

Cross-cutting issues, including awareness raising, education and public participation – Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. recalls the decision COP1/12 “Cross-cutting issues, including awareness raising, education and public participation”;

2. welcomes the important contributions by ANPED, REC, ENSI and EURAC to awareness raising, education and public participation in the Carpathian Convention implementation process, and expresses its gratitude to the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea for its support;

3. supports and appreciates the Carpathian Sustainable Education Network (CASALEN) initiative and requests the interim Secretariat to assist its further development and implementation, and appreciates the related financial support provided by the private sector;

4. welcomes and supports the development of the Public Participation Strategy prepared by ANPED;

5. reiterates its recommendation to establish and develop national mechanisms to foster the implementation of the Carpathian Convention, including information, involvement and capacity building of relevant stakeholders and civil society related to the process and the future development of the Carpathian Convention;

6. invites Parties and other stakeholders to carry out regional consultations and to continue to raise public awareness in order to promote the Carpathian Convention implementation process;

7. urges Parties and invites other stakeholders to ensure the proper follow-up and implementation of the present decision.

Decision COP2/11

Cooperation with the European Union

The Conference of the Parties

1. recognizes the important support provided by the EU INTERREG III B CADSES “Carpathian Project” for the achievement of significant progress in the implementation of the Convention’s goals;
2. underlines the importance of continuing the structural support for the Carpathian region from the relevant European Union programmes, in particular the European Regional Development Fund, to support the follow-up projects prioritized in the framework of the Carpathian Convention;
3. invites the relevant national, regional and local authorities to make full use of the available programmes ((i.e. European Territorial Cooperation funds, SDC Cohesion Funds, Norwegian Fund, LIFE+, ENPI and IPA) to achieve the goals of the Carpathian Convention;
4. takes note of the important role of the Carpathian Convention as a coherent framework for transnational and cross-sectoral cooperation for the implementation of activities throughout the Carpathian region;
5. invites Parties participating in the decision-making bodies of the above mentioned programmes to ensure the due consideration of the Carpathian Convention priorities in project selection and approval;
6. requests the interim Secretariat to ensure the necessary coordination in development and implementation of projects within the framework of the Carpathian Convention;
7. stresses the need for the establishment of a full-fledged Carpathian Space programme, and requests the interim Secretariat to continue to promote and support this process in cooperation with the EU Member States that are Parties to the Carpathian Convention;
8. calls upon Parties participating in the decision-making bodies of the relevant programmes of the European Territorial Cooperation to start up cooperation with the relevant EU bodies in the preparation of the “Carpathian Space” programme of European Territorial Cooperation for the 2014-2020 budget period;
9. invites the European Union within the context of the implementation of its Neighbourhood Policy and the Pre-Accession Programme to address the needs of the non-EU Parties to the Carpathian Convention;
10. expresses its gratefulness to Switzerland for including the Carpathian Convention in the areas eligible for support through the Swiss contribution to EU enlargement, and encourages relevant Parties to expedite the development and approval of coordinated projects in support of the Carpathian Convention;
11. invites the Presidency of the Carpathian Convention to inform other European Union members of the outcomes of the COP2;
12. recognizing the importance of strengthening the working relations between the European Community and the Carpathian Convention on various thematic and other areas, recalls in particular the invitation to the European Community to support the Carpathian Convention process through accession or otherwise.

Decision COP2/12

Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

The Conference of the Parties

1. welcomes the fruitful cooperation between the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention, inter alia in the fields of biodiversity, forestry, sustainable transport, sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and environmental information, and recommends to enhance cooperation in the fields of public relations and joint approaches to the European Commission, to invite the full participation of the European Community in both Convention frameworks;
2. welcomes the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention signed on 29 May Bonn 2008, and recommends to make enhanced efforts for implementation of the CBD programmes of work on mountain biodiversity and on protected areas and other relevant CBD thematic programmes of work and cross-cutting issues;
3. welcomes the fruitful cooperation between the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, in particular on the Carpathian Wetlands Initiative, and calls for increased cooperation in particular concerning implementation of pilot activities for integrating land and water use in the Tisza River Basin;
4. encourages cooperation with the Aarhus Convention, in particular concerning the implementation of the Алматы Guidelines on Promoting the Application of the Principles of the Aarhus Convention in International Forums;
5. requests the interim Secretariat to approach the Division for Cultural Heritage, landscape and spatial planning of the Council of Europe to prepare and conclude a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Carpathian Convention and the European Landscape Convention;
6. welcomes the fruitful cooperation with UNESCO on natural, and cultural heritage and traditional knowledge, with FAO on sustainable agriculture and rural development as well as on sustainable forest management, with UNDP and ICPDR on the Tisza river GEF project, and with UNIDO on renewable energy in the Carpathians;
7. requests the Presidency to notify the Mountain Partnership of the wish of the Parties to enlist the Convention as a member of the Partnership, and invites Parties to the Convention, which have not yet done so, to join the Mountain Partnership;
8. appreciates the fruitful cooperation between the Executive Secretariat of the Central European Initiative (CEI) and the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, and recommends to further enhance cooperation in development of joint projects, inter alia in the field of sustainable transport;
9. welcomes the fruitful cooperation between the Carpathian EcoRegion Initiative (CERI) and the interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, and recommends enhanced cooperation in supporting the future implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol;
10. welcomes the fruitful cooperation with other relevant international and national organizations, entities and institutions active in the Carpathian region on sustainable development promotion, awareness raising, capacity building and assisting the Parties in implementation of the Carpathian Convention including the REC for CEE, ANPED, CEEWeb, EURAC, ETE, WWF-DCP, MRI;

11. requests the interim Secretariat to continue to prepare and conclude Memoranda of Cooperation with other interested international organizations, MEAs, interested countries and other entities active in the areas of focus of the Carpathian Convention.

Decision COP2/13

Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. recalls its decision COP1/3 on the Programme of Work and budget of the Carpathian Convention;
2. recalls furthermore its decisions COP1/4 to COP1/12 on the implementation of Articles 4 to 13 of the Carpathian Convention;
3. having considered the report of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee on the implementation of the Programme of Work (Annexes I, II and III of UNEP/CC/COP1/4), as contained in document UNEP/CC/COP2/2;
4. takes note of the certified the Financial Report of UNEP- Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention presented at the CCIC meeting and request the interim Secretariat to continue financial reporting on an annual basis, with an explanatory note;
5. endorses the terms of reference of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee, as approved by the Bureau and annexed to the present decision (Annex I);
6. welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Work, through the Working Groups, in particular the results achieved by the Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, and activities of individual countries, organizations and non-governmental organisations;
7. requests the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee to review and decide on the continuation of the Working Groups, as appropriate;
8. appreciates the support provided by the EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project to the development of the work programme and the implementation of the Carpathian Convention;
9. adopts the programme of work of the Carpathian Convention (Annex II to this decision) and welcomes the list of potential projects in support of the work programme (Annex III to this decision);
10. calls upon the Parties to undertake the necessary action to promote and ensure full implementation of the Programme of Work, in consultation with and with the support of relevant institutions, international organizations and non-governmental organisations;
11. invites Parties and other stakeholders to share information about future projects targeting the Carpathians during the early stages of their development and requests the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee to develop a mechanism for ensuring that they are in line with the articles of the Convention;
12. commends the interim Secretariat for its role and work in promoting and servicing the implementation of the Programme of Work;

13. recognizes the need to further strengthen the interim Secretariat given its additional tasks and responsibilities related to the implementation of the Protocol on the Protection of Biological and Landscape Diversity, the servicing of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee, and the development of the other protocols proposed in its decisions;

14. furthermore, confirming the wish of the Parties to reinforce the (international) significance of the Convention and its operation, considers the opportunity to make the Convention a UNEP administrated Convention, taking into account the Final Act signed in Kyiv in 2003, and invites UNEP to analyse such an opportunity and submit a proposal to that effect to the Parties for their consideration;

15. noting the financial implications of strengthening the interim Secretariat related to the enhanced implementation of the Carpathian Convention, invites Parties to consider seconding staff to the (interim) Secretariat and/or increasing for the period 2009-2011 their contribution with an indicative scale of Euro 8 500 or more per year, with a view to assist in meeting the core cost and ensuring full and proper implementation of the Programme of Work;

16. requests the Parties to continue to provide their voluntary contribution to the Secretariat budget as early as possible in the budget year.

Decision COP2/14

Agenda item 8

Scope of application of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. invites the Parties to further discuss on the scope of application of the Carpathian Convention with the view to reach a common understanding.

Decision COP2/15

Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. noting the updated compilation of the proposals for the arrangements for the permanent secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, as included in document UNEP/CC/COP2/7/Rev1, urges Parties to pursue further consultations with the view to reach an early agreement on this issue.

Decision COP2/16

Date and venue of the Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. decides to accept the generous offer of the Government of the Slovak Republic to convene the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP3) in the Slovak Republic in 2011, and requests the interim Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements, in consultation with the host Government and the Bureau of the COP;
2. requests the interim Secretariat to undertake the necessary preparation in consultation with all interested partners and stakeholders;
3. invites all interested partners to make a financial contribution to the organization of the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP3).

TERMS OF REFERENCE for the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

Background

The First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP1) decided to establish the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) in accordance with Article 14 (e) of the Carpathian Convention, as its subsidiary body, and requested the interim Secretariat to prepare the related terms of reference for approval by the Bureau.

COP1 also requested the interim Secretariat to prepare the first meeting and, furthermore, to service and support the work of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee, in particular, as it relates to overseeing the establishment and convening of the Working Groups, their terms of reference and their activities.

The following Working Groups have been established under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee and are currently being supported by the Carpathian Convention:

- 1) WG on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity (established pursuant to the decision COP1/4 para 1)
- 2) WG on cultural heritage and traditional knowledge (decision COP1/6, para 2)
- 3) WG on agriculture, rural development and forestry (decision COP1/7, para 3)
- 4) WG on sustainable industry, energy, transport and infrastructure (decision COP1/9, para 3)
- 5) WG on sustainable tourism (decision COP1/10, para 2)
- 6) WG on spatial planning (decision COP1/11, para 4)

Decision COP1/3 paragraph 6 requests the interim Secretariat to ensure a continuous exchange and inter-linkage between the work and activities under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee and the work and activities contained in the EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project.

Decision COP 1/4, paragraph 17 requests the interim Secretariat to submit through the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee a report highlighting experiences made in the interim phase of the CNPA and a compilation of proposals for a permanent arrangement for the CNPA, to the COP2. Decision COP 1/15 paragraph 5 requests the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee to review the issue of the scope of application of the Carpathian Convention, based upon the outcome of consultations referred to in paragraph 4 and other relevant inputs, including proposals from countries, and to submit a report to the COP2 for its consideration and decision.

Terms of Reference

The Rules of Procedure for the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (adopted by the decision COP1/1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee, as a subsidiary body of the Convention, except that the Chairperson of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee may represent the Party in the meeting (Rule 21 para 5).

The Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee consisting of representatives of the Contracting Parties has been set up as a subsidiary body of the Carpathian Convention according to Articles 14 para 2 (e) and 16 of the Carpathian Convention.

Serviced by the Secretariat, the Committee shall carry out the following functions:

- a) To collect, assess and analyze information submitted by the Parties and observers relevant to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols;
- b) To monitor the compliance by the contracting Parties with the provisions of the Convention and its Protocols;

- c) To organize its work as Working Groups to support formulation and/or implementation of Protocols, strategies or other measures and recommendations relevant to the implementation of the Convention as appropriate;
- d) Ensure an integrated strategic approach through coordination, harmonization and examination of mutual consistency of draft Protocols, strategies or other measures and recommendations, developed under the Convention;
- e) To consider, develop and recommend new and additional Protocols, strategies, or other measures and recommendations for the achievement of the objectives of the Convention;
- f) To report on its work and prepare the meetings of the COP.

The Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee shall meet at least once every year.

ANNEX II

Programme of work the Carpathian Convention, 1 September 2008 – 31 December 2011

No	Month of start	Month of end	Title	Description of activities, components, means	Expected output / deliverables	Budget (€)	Resources (cash and in-kind)
1	09/2008	12/2011	Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)	3 meetings. Preparation of comprehensive information for the meetings of the Intergovernmental Platform (3rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention), organization of the meetings and stakeholders events, PR and outreach, preparing of meeting reports	Documentation on sectoral issues, integrated reports, Protocols / strategies for priority issues, meetings and reports	60.000	Secretariat , all partners
2	09/2008	12/2011	Thematic Meetings /Sub Working Groups / workshops under the CCIC	<i>Background documentation, meetings of the transnational experts working group</i>	<i>Background documentation, meetings, reports, recommendations</i>		
			a. Biodiversity	2-3 meetings on implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol Background documentation, meetings, reports, recommendations	Draft Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the Protocol	25.000	Secretariat, UNEP, CERI, WWF, projects (Annex II)
			b. Steering Committee Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)	3-4 meetings of the CNPA SC	Work Plan and Medium Tern Strategy of the CNPA	20.000	Secretariat, ANPA, WWF, CWI, UNDP/GEF, CERI, projects (AnnexII)
			c. Sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountains (SARD-M)	1 workshop Joint meeting / workshop with FAO SARD-M project / Adelboden Group	SARD-M "platform" (partnership declaration)	10.000	Secretariat, FAO, SARD-M project
			d. Sustainable forest management	2-3 meetings Working Group meetings. Further development of a Protocol	Finalization of the Draft Protocol on Forestry	25.000	Secretariat, UNEP, FAO, Network of Mountain Forests project (Annex II)
			e. Sustainable transport and infrastructure	2-3 meetings Background documentation on sustainable transport and on renewable energy in the Carpathians, meetings of the transnational working group	Finalization of the Draft Protocol on Sustainable Transport	25.000	Secretariat, European Academy (EURAC), projects (Annex II)
			f. Industry and energy	2 Regional Workshops of the transnational Partnership for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Carpathians. 1 Workshop on cleaner production i.p. of the mining	Regional project on renewable energy implemented Capacity building "Mining for Closure"	30.000	Secretariat, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO, projects (AnnexII)

industry

g. Sustainable tourism	2-3 meetings Working Group meetings. Further development of a Protocol.	Background documentation, meetings, reports, Finalization of the Draft Protocol on Sustainable Tourism	25.000	Secretariat, UNEP, CEEWEB, projects (Annex II)
h. Spatial planning	2-3 meetings. Information-sharing and coordination of projects developed for application to European programmes	Carpathian Space programme	25.000	Secretariat, projects (Annex II)
i. Cultural Heritage	2 workshops	Inventory of Carpathian Heritage, concept of support programme for Carpathian Heritage	20.000	Secretariat, ANPED, UNESCO, projects (Annex II)
j. Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management	1 workshop Participation in Tisza UNDP/GEF	Experience-sharing Black Sea / Baltic / Danube catchments, Tisza River Basin Management Plan, MoU ICPDR	50.000	Secretariat, UNEP, ICPDR, Black Sea Commission, Baltic Sea Commission, Tisza Group, UNDP-GEF, CWI
k. Awareness raising, education	2 Workshops	Carpathian Sustainability Education Network	20.000	Secretariat, REC, ANPED, projects (Annex II)
l. Standing follow-up platform for regions, local authorities and NGOs	2 Workshops for local, regional stakeholders	Platform for the co-ordination of follow-up projects.	20.000	Secretariat, REC, ANPED
3	2010/11 3rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention	COP3	30.000	Secretariat, all partners

TOTAL 09/2008//
12/2011

385.000

Information summary of potential projects in support of the work programme “Follow-up Platform”, 1 September 2008 – 31 December 2011

Working Group Topics/ Other Activity Topics	Name of Project idea	Possible funding
Process of the implementation of a mountain convention	European Mountain ABC – Alpine Experience, Balkan Future, Carpathian Opportunity –	Multi-Level Governance and Conservation Economy NTERREG IVC
Education and dissemination	Move4Nature	Company funded (OMV)
Science for the Carpathian Space	Science for the Carpathians (S4C)	COST
Sustainable industry, energy, transport and infrastructure	RENEC Soft Tourism and Sustainable Mobility – Accessibility in the Alps and the Carpathians Development of transportation infrastructure and conservation of nature heritage in Carpathians Alpine-Carpathian “Green-bridge” – eco-corridor connecting Alps and Carpathians	CIP – SubProgramme “Intelligent Energy Europe Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE EU-Cross-border cooperation Austria – Slovak Republic
Spatial planning	Identifying future potential in European mountain Areas	ESPON

**Sustainable agriculture,
rural development and
forestry**

Network Mountain Forest II

INTERREG IVC

**Cultural heritage and
traditional knowledge**

Carpathian Heritage Inventory

INTERREG, Objective 1, others

Sustainable tourism

VIA CARPATICA

Territorial Cooperation
CENTRAL EUROPE
and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE

**Conservation and
sustainable use of
biological and landscape
diversity**

Ecological Continuum for the
Carpathians

Territorial cooperation – CENTRAL EUROPE

Carpathian Wetland Initiative – 4
platforms for the Future

Objective 3 Territorial Cooperation, Life+, others

Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

We, the Ministers and other Heads of Delegations responsible for environment of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine, attending the high-level segment of the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (hereafter Carpathian Convention), held in Bucharest, Romania on 19 June 2008;

Recalling Resolution 62/196 of the General Assembly of the United Nations of 30 November 2007, which “notes with appreciation the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, adopted and signed by the seven countries of the region to provide a framework for cooperation and multisectoral policy coordination, a platform for joint strategies for sustainable development and a forum for dialogue between all involved stakeholders”;

Recalling also the Ministerial Declaration of the Belgrade Conference held in October 2007, which welcomed “the mountain partnerships within and between the Alps, the Carpathians, the South-Eastern European mountain region, the Caucasus and the mountain regions of Central Asia”, recognized “the benefits from the existing legally binding instruments for the protection and sustainable development of the mountain regions like the Alpine and the Carpathian Convention”, welcomed “the initiative of South-Eastern European and Caucasian countries to develop such instruments”, and encouraged the Mountain Partnership “to promote and foster exchanges of experience and expertise with other mountain regions in the world”;

Reaffirming the commitments made in the Carpathian Declaration and the decisions adopted at the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on 13 December 2006, in Kyiv, Ukraine;

Have declared the following:

We express our satisfaction with the ratification of the Carpathian Convention by all its seven Signatories;

We welcome the progress achieved in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention;

We take note of the important role of the Carpathian Convention as a coherent framework for transnational and cross-sectoral cooperation for the implementation of activities through out the Carpathian region;

We acknowledge the role and contribution of the Carpathian Convention in the implementation of the relevant global and regional programmes;

We stress the importance of participation and further involvement of the regional and local authorities as well as other stakeholders in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention;

We highly welcome the adoption of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity to the Carpathian Convention (hereinafter as the Biodiversity Protocol) and *call for* its ratification;

We look forward to developing the Strategic Action Plan as an implementation tool for the Biodiversity Protocol;

We appreciate the ongoing work on following protocols such as Protocol on Sustainable Forestry, Protocol on Sustainable Tourism and Protocol on Sustainable Transport and *look forward* to the finalization of these documents in order to enable more efficient implementation of the Convention and achieve its main objectives;

We welcome the development of a “Vision and Strategy for the Carpathian Area” as a strategic basis for the future sustainable development of the Carpathian region and other implementation strategies;

We welcome the successful work of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative as a partnership established in the framework of the Carpathian and Ramsar Conventions;

We note with appreciation the establishment of a regional platform for sustainable agriculture and rural development in the Carpathian region resulting of the fruitful cooperation with the FAO;

We support the development of an Inventory of Carpathian Heritage as well as other practical activities in support of cultural heritage and traditional knowledge of the local people;

We welcome the Carpathian renewable energy partnership and programme for a regional competence network established in cooperation with UNIDO and the FAO, which should promote sustainable use and production of renewable energy while ensuring environmental sustainability;

We recognize the important support provided by the EU INTERREG III B CADSES “Carpathian Project” for the achievement of this progress in the implementation of the convention’s goals;

We underline the importance of continuing the structural support for the Carpathian region from the relevant European Union programmes, in particular the European Regional Development Fund, to support the follow-up projects prioritized in the framework of the Carpathian Convention;

We reiterate our call for the creation of a stand-alone “Carpathian Space” Programme of the European Regional Development Funds, following the successful example of the Alpine Space programme, supporting the general objectives of the Carpathian Convention, and request the interim Secretariat in cooperation with the EU Member States that are Parties to the Convention to undertake all necessary steps;

We appreciate the activities of the interim Secretariat provided by UNEP in Vienna in servicing the Carpathian Convention and leading the Carpathian Project, and we call upon the interim Secretariat to further support the Convention’s implementation by coordinating follow-up activities and projects;

We express our gratitude to the Government of Austria for its support to the Carpathian Convention, notably by continuing to host and co-finance the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention on an interim basis;

We appreciate the continued support of the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, and the efficient cooperation and partnership with UNEP, the European Academy EURAC in Bolzano, Italy, and the Regional Environmental Centre (REC);

We express our gratitude to Switzerland for its commitment to support the Carpathian Convention implementation as part of the Swiss Contribution for EU enlargement;

We express our gratitude to ALPARC and the Task Force Protected Areas of the Alpine Convention for their support to the cooperation activities of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas;

We reiterate our invitation to the European Community to accede to the Carpathian Convention;

We appreciate the signature of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Alpine and Carpathian Conventions and the Convention on Biological Diversity, supporting the implementation of the CBD in the Carpathian region;

We take note with concern of the impacts of climate change on mountainous areas and emphasize the need of a coordinated approach for coping with this global challenge within the Carpathian region;

We express our satisfaction with the Carpathian Convention joining the Mountain Partnership and emphasize our readiness to experience-sharing with other mountains regions;

We reaffirm our commitment to faithfully implement the Carpathian Convention;

We express our gratitude to the Government of Romania for having hosted the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention.

Done in Bucharest, Romania, 19 June 2008