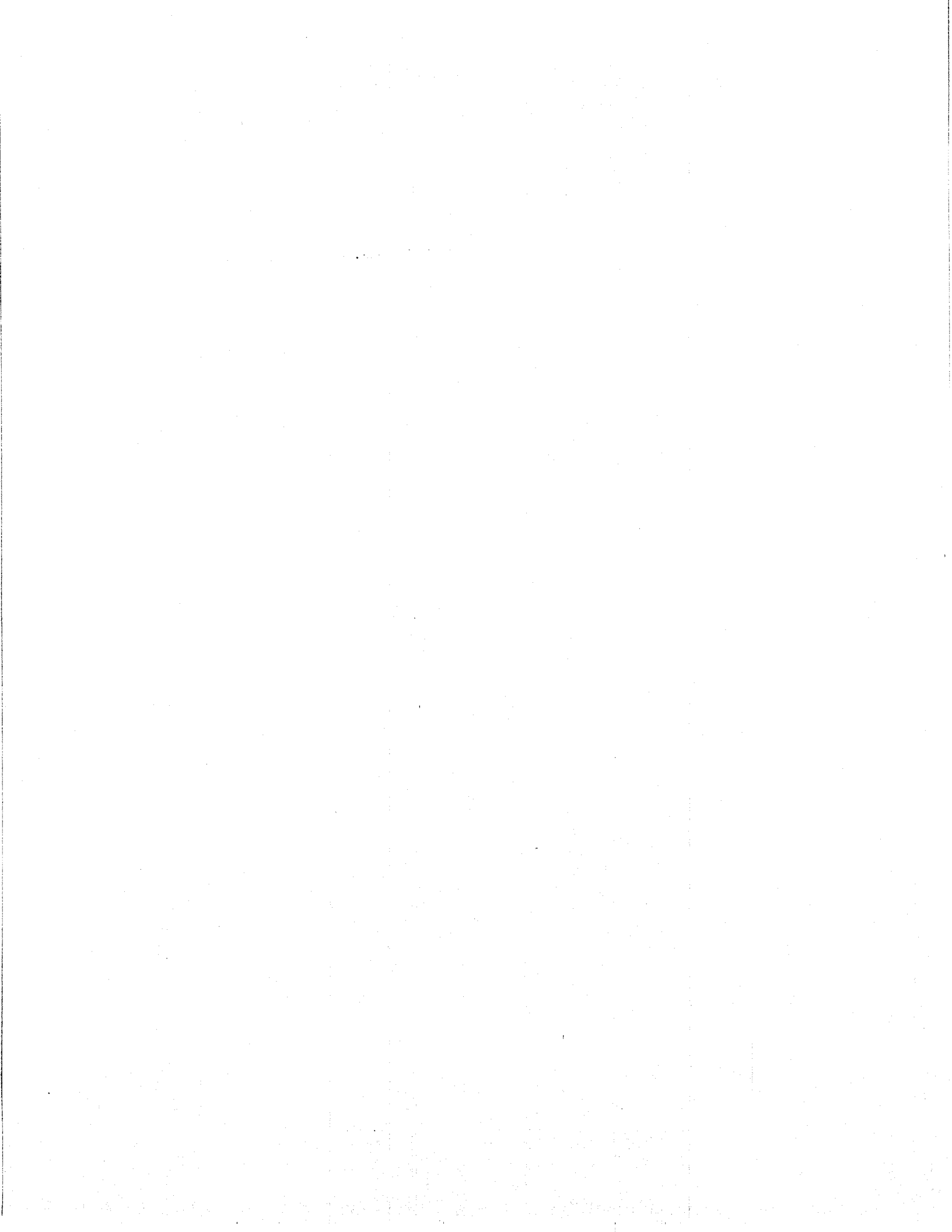


ANNEX 13 Endorsement Letters



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Prague, September 17, 2000
Ref. No. 1694/920/00

Subject: Letter of Endorsement for the Project Proposal:
"Strengthening Implementation of Nutrient Reduction Measures and Transboundary Cooperation in the Danube River Basin"

Dear Mr. Bendow,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your Fax message Ref. No. 02459 of 6, September 2000, advising us on additional explanation in the matter of financial budget items before we will be able to confirm the Project.

Hereby I would like to inform you that Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic is pleased to endorse the above mentioned project. We will be glad to participate in its implementation.

We consider that the project will further support the activities of the International Convention for Protection of the Danube river and all other Danube countries to develop and implement policies and strategies for pollution control and nutrient reduction, which will facilitate our country efforts towards harmonization process with European Union Water Framework Directives and other related environmental legislation.

We are looking forward to our next cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Martina Motlova

Director of Global Relations Department

Mr. Joachim Bendow
Executive Secretary
ICPDR Permanent Secretariat
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MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
Department of Air Protection
Ivan Mojik, Director

August 31st, 2000
No: 794/2000-2.1

Subject: Project proposal "*Strengthening the Implementation Capacities for Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Cooperation*" - GEF focal point endorsement letter

This is to confirm our interest in and support of the project proposal "Strengthening the implementation capacities for nutrient reduction and transboundary cooperation" you have submitted for our endorsement for funding by the Global Environment Facility.

The overall objective of the Project is to complement the activities of the International Convention for Protection of the Danube River required to provide a regional approach and global significance to the development of national policies and legislation and the definition of priority actions for nutrient reduction and pollution control with particular attention to transboundary effects within the Danube River Basin and the Black Sea area.

In line with the immediate objectives, the particular project components of the proposed Regional Project can be grouped as follows :

- development of nutrient reduction policies, legal instrument and measures for exacting compliance
- institutional strengthening and capacity building for transboundary cooperation in nutrient reduction
- awareness raising and reinforcement of NGO participation in nutrient reduction activities
- strengthening the monitoring and information mechanisms related to transboundary pollution control and nutrient reduction

Main benefits of the project are improvement of Danube river basin water quality and water quality of the Black Sea, from point of view of nutrient and toxic pollutants and the strengthening of transboundary cooperation through monitoring and pollution control of water.

Taking this into account, hereby I endorse the project "Strengthening the implementation capacities for nutrient reduction and transboundary cooperation" for funding by the Global Environment Facility.


Ivan Mojik
GEF Operational Focal Point

Permanent Secretariat ICPDR
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Budapest, August 30, 2000

Mr. Christopher Briggs
GEF Regional Coordinator
UNDP-PBEC
New York

Subject: Endorsement of the project brief for the Danube regional project "Strengthening the Implementation Capacities for Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Cooperation in the Danube River Basin" (Submitted by the Secretariat of the Danube River Protection Convention)

Dear Mr. Briggs,

As a designated GEF Focal Point for Hungary hereby I endorse the referred above project proposal expressing our readiness to participate in its implementation.

Sincerely yours


László Becker
Head of Department

C/C
Mr. Joachim Bendow
Executive Secretary
ICPDR Permanent Secretariat
Vienna

31. Aug. 2000

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Reference: 922-00-19/97
Date: 29 August, 2000

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Subject: Letter of Endorsement for the Project Proposal:
"Strengthening Implementation of Nutrient Reduction Measures and Transboundary Cooperation in the Danube River Basin"

Dear Sirs,

hereby I would like to inform you that Slovenia supports the UNDP-GEF initiative for the above mentioned project and we will be glad to participate in its implementation.

As the designated GEF Focal Point for Slovenia, I am pleased to endorse the project proposal: "Strengthening Implementation of Nutrient Reduction Measures and Transboundary Cooperation in the Danube River Basin" as presented in the documents dated August 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Emil Ferjančič
International Relations,
and Operational Focal Point



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Zagreb, 29. August, 2000

Mr. Joachim Bendow
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SUBJECT: Endorsement for the GEF Danube Regional project "Strengthening the Implementation Capacities for Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Cooperation"

Dear Mr Bendow,

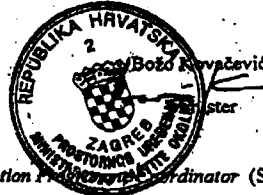
We would like to express our endorsement for the GEF Danube Regional Project "Strengthening the Implementation Capacities for Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Cooperation" whose long-term objective is to contribute to sustainable development in the Danube River Basin through reinforcing its capacities of the participating countries in developing effective mechanisms for regional cooperation and coordination in order to ensure protection of international waters, sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity.

The overall objective of this Project is to help providing a regional approach and global significance to the development of national policies which can contribute Croatia's efforts to join the EU.

The economic transition process in Croatia has caused significant reduction of industrial and agricultural production; thus temporarily reducing production-related pollution loads, which has created an opportunity to establish and integrate environmental objectives into industrial and agricultural policies and legislation in line with EU guidelines.

As well as other countries currently in the process of fulfilling the basic accession criteria, this Project shall assist Croatia to develop adequate policies and legislation for emission control with particular attention to nutrient reduction.

Sincerely yours,



C.c.: - Mr. Željko Ostojić, Danube Convention Coordinator (State Water Directorate)
Ms Mojca Lukšić (State Water Directorate)

**Bosnia and Herzegovina
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment
Titova 9a, Sarajevo**

*Mr. Joachim Bendow
Executive Secretary
ICPDR
fax: 431 26060 5895*

Subject: Endorsement of the proposal for the project "Strengthening the implementation of nutrient reduction measures and transboundary cooperation in Danube river basin"

Dear Mr. Joachim Bendow,

This letter is to acknowledge that the Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is pleased to endorse the above referred project.

We consider that the project will further support the ICPDR and the Danube countries to develop and implement policies and strategies for pollution control and nutrient reduction, which will facilitate our country efforts towards harmonization process with EU Water Framework Directives and other related environmental legislation.

This is in my capacity, acting as the UNDP/GEF focal point, to endorse on behalf of the Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina the above mentioned project.

Sincerely,



**Mladen Rudež
GEF Focal Point of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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September 13, 2000

Mr. Christopher Briggs
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Subject: Danube Regional Project: Strengthening of Implementation Capacities
For Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Cooperation

After consideration of the project brief for the elaboration of the above-mentioned project we would like to inform you that we endorse its realization and our readiness for full participation.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours

Federal Minister

Prof. Dr. Nada Šljapić

Cc.
Mr. Joachim Bendow
Executive secretary ICPDR
VIC Vienna, P.O. Box 500
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REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

September 1, 2000

TO: Mr. Chris Briggs
GEP Regional Coordinator
Europe and CIS UNDP

CC: Mr. Antonio Viligante
Resident Representative
UNDP Bulgaria

ICPDR Secretariat, Vienna, Austria

BSEP - PIU, Istanbul, Turkey

RE: Regional Projects endorsement

Dear Mr. Briggs,

Herewith the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria expresses its support for the PDF B proposals entitled "Strengthening Implementation of Nutrient Reduction Measures and Transboundary Co-operation in the Danube River Basin" and "Control of Eutrophication Hazardous Substances and Related Measures for Rehabilitation of the Black Sea ecosystem". Bulgaria is interested in participating in these initiatives and is very appreciative of the partnership between UNDP, World Bank, UNEP and the International Commission for the protection of the Danube River Basin.

As you will be aware, the final draft proposals will be presented at the forthcoming Steering Group meetings in Vienna, Austria and in Istanbul, Turkey, respectively, where the Bulgarian delegations will confirm the endorsement of the two project proposals.

We are looking forward to our future co-operation.

Yours Sincerely,

Nevo Dimkov
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment and Water
GEP Operational Focal Point

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MINISTERUL APELOR, PADURILOR SI PROTECTIEI MEDIULUI
MINISTRY of WATERS, FORESTS and ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Cabinet Secretar General Adjunct Deputy Secretary General Office

Nr. 15246/VDV 30.08.2000

To: Christopher Briggs
GEF Regional Coordinator
UNDOP-RBEC
New York
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Mr. Joachim Bendow
Executive Secretary
ICPDR
Fax 431 26060 5895

Subject: Endorsement of the proposal for the project " Strengthening the implementation of nutrient reduction measures and transboundary cooperation in the Danube river basin "

Dear Mr. Briggs/Mr. Bendow,

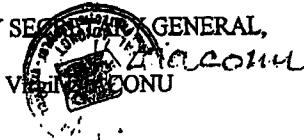
This letter is to acknowledge that the Ministry of Water, Forest and Environmental Protection is pleased to endorse the above referred project.

We consider that the project will further support the ICPDR and the Danube countries to develop and implement policies and strategies for pollution control and nutrient reduction, which will facilitate our country efforts towards harmonization process with EU Water Framework Directives and other related environmental legislation.

This is in my capacity, acting as the UNDP/GEF focal point, to endorse on behalf of the Ministry of Water, Forest and Environmental Protection the aforementioned project.

Yours sincerely,

DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL,



FROM :

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31. Aug. 2000

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORIAL
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OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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Mr. Joachim Bendow
Executive Secretary
Permanent Secretariat
International Commission for the
Protection of the Danube River

Endorsement Letter

Hereby, in my capacity of GEF Operational Focal Point in the Republic of Moldova, I would like to confirm that we support the project proposal "Strengthening of Implementation Capacities for Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Cooperation" submitted by the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River.


Arcadie Capcea
Minister

FROM :

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To: Dr. Mohamed T.EI-Ashry
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
GEF Secretariat

From: Dr. Yaroslav Movchan
GEF

On behalf of the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine Iet me present our compliments to GEF Secretariat and you personally.

I would like to inform you that after thorough studying in pursuant to GEF policies and procedures I confirm my approval of the block A PDF for elaboration of a Danube Regional Project Strengthening of Implementation Capacities for Nutrient Reduction and Transboundary Co-operation

The project is really addressed to the main problems in the eld of Institutional Strengthening field Capacity Building for transboundary co-operation. It rises a lot of issues have to be solved in the near future, in regards to the relevant policies and legal mechanisms development for nutrient control and reducing as well as harmonisation of water quality standards and methodology of water sampling and laboratory analysis.

Please, consider this letter as an official note of the GEF Operational Focal Point.

Yaroslav Movchan

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Regional coordinator, GEF
United Nations Development Programme
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USA

Vienna, 13 September 2000
Ref.no. 02472

Subject: Endorsement of the proposal for the regional project " Strengthening the implementation of nutrient reduction measures and transboundary co-operation in the Danube river basin "

Dear Mr. Briggs,

With reference to the Steering Group Meeting held on 4-5 September 2000 in Vienna, I would like to inform you that the International Commission for the Protection of Danube River is pleased to fully endorse the above-referred regional project.

Through this endorsement, we confirm that each recipient country of the Danube river basin have acknowledged the project goal, which is to contribute to sustainable human development in the Danube river basin through reinforcing the capacities of the participating countries in developing effective mechanism for regional co-operation and co-ordination in order to ensure protection of international waters, sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity.

We consider that the project will further support the ICPDR, its structures and the Danube countries to develop and successfully implement policies and strategies for pollution control and nutrient reduction, with particular attention to achieving sustainable transboundary ecological effects within the DRB and Black Sea region.

This is in my capacity, acting as the president of the ICPDR, to endorse on behalf of the Danube countries, the aforementioned project

Sincerely,

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Emil Marinov
President of the ICPDR

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