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

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September 2016 in Brasov, Romania; the Fifth meeting of the WG Climate Change held on 27 – 28 October 2016 in Vienna, Austria; the Sixth meeting of the WG Forest held on 16 – 18 May 2017 in Sopron, Hungary and the Ninth meeting of WG Tourism held on 12 – 14 September 2017 in Brasov, Romania;

9. *Welcomes* the first joint meeting of the Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity (hereinafter WG Biodiversity) and the Working Group on Spatial Development (hereinafter WG Spatial Development), held on 22 – 24 October 2014 in Kluszkowce, Poland, *appreciates* support given by Ekopsychologia Association and UN Environment/GRID-Warsaw Centre within the project *Carpathians Unite – mechanism of consultation and cooperation for implementation of the Carpathian Convention*, supported by Switzerland through the Swiss Contribution to the enlarged European Union, resulting in project ideas that were further developed and submitted as TRANSGREEN and ConnectGREEN projects and recognizes potential benefits of joint meetings of the Working Groups;
10. *Welcoming* the joint meeting of WG Biodiversity and WG Spatial Development as a good example of enhancing synergies and ensuring the integration of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols, *requests* the Working Groups to liaise and cooperate, as appropriate.

## **DECISION COP5/2 Cooperation with the European Union**

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the European Commission, especially the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) for given support and organization of the Expert Workshop on Macro-regional Strategies and Mountain Dimension, Brussels, 25 November 2015, *notes* the initiative of the Polish Government for the development of the EU Macroregional Strategy for the Carpathian Region, and *requests* the Secretariat to monitor the process;
2. *Welcomes* the ongoing cooperation with the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (hereinafter EUSDR) and signed, in this respect, Memoranda of Cooperation between the Secretariat and EUSDR PA1b “Mobility I Rail-Road-Air” in June 2016, with EUSDR PA4 “Water Quality” in August 2016 and EUSDR PA2 “Sustainable Energy” in November 2016; and *encourages* further common activities;
3. *Welcomes* the “Workshop on balancing bioenergy production and sustainable forest management in Mountain Areas” organized by the EUSDR PA 2 “Sustainable Energy” on 17 May 2017 in Sopron, Hungary, back to back with the WG Forest meeting as a good example of common activities and strengthened cooperation between the EUSDR and the Carpathian Convention and appreciates the support given by the Sopron University and the Secretariat in this respect;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to promote the integration of Carpathian priorities into the related Transnational “European Territorial Cooperation” (ETC) Programmes (in particular the Danube Transnational Programme and the Central Europe Programme, as well as – to