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Complaint in stand-by

**THREATS TO NATURAL HABITATS AND SPECIES IN
DNIESTER RIVER DELTA
(UKRAINE)**

REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT

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the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine*

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*Reporting on Complain in stand-by:
Development plans in
Lower Dniester National Park (Ukraine)*

Dear Ms. d'Alessandro,

Thank you for your kind suggestion (letter of 18 January, 2012 # DG-IV IdA/vdc) to prepare an intermediary report providing updated information on Complain in stand-by: Development plans in Lower Dniester National Park (Ukraine).

Taking into account that the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention welcomed the information presented by the delegate of Ukraine on this issue during its meeting held on 29 November – 2 December 2011 and Ukraine's representative will be invited to report on this topic at the next Standing Committee meeting, enclosed, please find the brief latter-day information prepared by Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine .

Currently the passports of wetlands of international importance, protected under the Ramsar Convention, are designed ("Northern part of the Dniester Liman" and «Dniester-Turunchuk Crossriver Area").

Most of these wetlands is part of the Nyzhniodnistrovsky National Park.

The first stage of the development of this project was completed in 2011 by the State Institution "State Environmental Academy of Postgraduate Education and Management."

In 2012, it is planned to finish designing of "Development project of Nyzhniodnistrovsky National Park territory" (Management Plan) and "Land Development Project" for the allotment of land for permanent use of Nyzhniodnistrovsky National Park, fixing their boundary markers and to get state act on the right of permanent use of land and the Land Development Project to

organize and making in the kind of land plots that are part of the park without exceptions.

These projects will be the basis for administration of the Nyzhniodnistrovsky National Park territory. In addition, for 2012 it is planned to develop management plans for «Northern part of the Dniester Liman" and "Dniester-Turunchuk Crossriver Area" as wetlands of international importance.

Regarding of development construction works in Nyzhniodnistrovsky National Park, we inform you, that in 2011 the State Ecological Inspectorate sent the inspections materials on the legality of the building process in the water protection zone of the Dniester river to the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine for the actionable prosecutorial response.

By investigation carried out by the prosecutors said that arguments about violations of environmental regulations by enterprises during the construction works in that area have not found their confirmation.

On your request, the electronic version of this information we are pleased to send you as well.

Yours sincerely,

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