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Stand-by complaints

**Possible negative impact of a harbor's construction on
the confluence of the Sava into the Danube
(Serbia)**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

*Document prepared by the
Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*

Belgrade, 31st July 2020**The Progress report on the Complaint no. 2017/3 on possible negative influence of building the Port on the area of the confluence of the Sava river into the Danube river (Serbia) in 2020.**

Regarding the request of the Secretariat of the Bern Convention on the Complaint No. 2017/3 on possible negative influence of building the Port on the area of the confluence of the Sava river into the Danube river (Serbia) from June 3rd 2019, on behalf of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, we would like to inform you about the following:

1. The Progress Report on Complaint No. 2017/3 was prepared on the basis of the obtained official reports from the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure and Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia.
2. Elaboration of the Preliminary Feasibility Study with the General Design is still ongoing.
After the adoption of this technical documentation and the determination of the final location for the Port of Belgrade, the procedure prescribed by domestic legislation in terms of environmental impact assessment will continue. Elaboration of this document is financed by the European Commission.
3. In accordance with Article 102 of the Law on Nature Protection, the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia performs expert supervision within the ecologically important area of the "Sava estuary into the Danube" and the ecological corridor of the Danube river within the ecological network of the Republic of Serbia.
4. In case of illegal killing and capturing of wild bird species, the professional nature protection organizations perform supervision in cooperation with the environmental inspection.
5. During the handling of the complaint, the Ministry of Environmental Protection continues activities in this area to undertake measures for the protection and manage of habitats of strictly protected species in order to ensure adequate conditions for nature protection in cooperation with relevant competent authorities, experts organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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