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Strasbourg, 8-12 December 2025

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**Bureau of the Standing Committee**  
8-10 April 2025  
Strasbourg

**Complaint on Stand-by: 2016/9**

**Possible threat to “Svaneti 1” Emerald Site (GE0000012)  
from Nenskra Hydro Power Plant development (Georgia)**

**- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -**

*Document prepared by  
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**To:** Mr. Mikaël Poutiers

Secretary of the Bern Convention

**Cc:** Permanent Representation of Georgia to the Council of Europe

**Subject:** Complaint on stand-by No. 2016/9: Georgia: Possible threat to “Svaneti 1” Emerald Site (GE0000012) from Nenskra Hydro Power Plant development

Dear Mr. Poutiers,

On behalf of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, I am writing to provide a formal response regarding Complaint on stand-by No. 2016/9: Georgia: Possible threat to “Svaneti 1” Emerald Site (GE0000012) from Nenskra Hydro Power Plant development.”

First, I would like to reaffirm the Ministry’s commitment to the obligations of the Bern Convention and our dedication to sustainable development and environmental conservation.

In February 2024, we submitted a report that provided a detailed account of the achievements and the implementation of the obligations of the Convention. I am pleased to inform you that the findings in the report have not been followed by any negative developments.


Given that the status of the planned project remains unchanged, that planned project area is outside the Emerald Network, that three compensatory sites covering 387,000 hectares with higher ecological value have been adopted and all obligations under the Bern Convention have been fulfilled, we find that no additional actions or measures are required at this stage.

In light of these considerations, we kindly request the Bureau to dismiss the complaint, as we believe the steps taken demonstrate our commitment to environmental protection and compliance with the Convention.

We appreciate the Secretariat's continued support in resolving this matter and remain at your disposal for any further clarifications or information.

Sincerely,

First Deputy Minister Nino Tandilashvili



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