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**Recognising Horbachykha as a protected area
to save it from residential developments
(Ukraine)**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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Dear Ms. STICKER,

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (hereinafter –the Ministry) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention and in response to the letter of December 11, 2020 as to the complaint 2020/01-Other complaint: Recognising Horbachykha as a protected area to save it from residential developments (Ukraine), has the honour to inform of the following.

By the decision of the Kyiv City Council dated 17.02.1994 № 14 «On the creation, reservation and conservation of territories and objects of the nature reserve fund in Kyiv» Gorbachykha area of 78,4 hectares in the Dniproviskyi district of Kyiv was reserved for setting up protected area as scientifically and recreationally valuable natural site with conserved natural landscape that is common for the left bank of the Dnieper River.

To further work toward the protected status of this site, the public may prepare a petition, which must be agreed with the natural resources' users within the areas recommended to be protected. In case of petition being applied, the Ministry will consider it in the prescribed procedure. During the reporting period the Ministry organized meeting with representatives of «SaveHorbachykha activist movement» for alignment of further cooperation in the field of protection of Gorbachykha area.

**Ms. Ursula STICKER,
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In addition, we inform that within the Kyiv City, 208 protected areas with a total area of 21148,79 hectares have been created and are functioning. The percentage of protected areas is 25,30%. In order to conserve valuable natural areas in the capital of Ukraine, new protected areas with an area of 3681.93 hectares were created during 2020, including those within the left bottom land of the Dnieper River.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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for European Integration