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**Presumed threat to Emerald site Tarutino
(UA0000137) from cultivation developments
(Ukraine)**

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**Mrs. Iva OBRETENOVA,
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**Subject: Complaint No. 2017/4: Presumed threat to Emerald site Tarutino (UA0000137)
from cultivation developments (Ukraine)**

Dear Mrs. Iva OBRETENOVA,

Referring to your letter dated on 3rd of June 2019 with regard to complaint submitted by the NGO Vidrodzhennya dated on the 27th September 2017 and letter from the Secretariat dated on the 10th October 2018 the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine informs about state of protection of the Tarutynskyi Steppe, Odessa Region of Ukraine, which is officially adopted Emerald site UA0000137.

During the reporting period (March 2019 – August 2019) information on violations of environmental legislation on the territory of Landscape Reservation of Local Importance Tarutynskyi Steppe was not received by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine.

On 2nd July 2019 the meeting with the participation of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and local authorities was organized. As the result, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine has prepared an appeal to the Ministry of Defense to approve the issue of creating a Landscape Reservation of **National Importance** Tarutynskyi Steppe (hereinafter referred to as the “Reservation”) with an area of about 6,000 hectares and to entrust the subordinates land users to agree to establish this Reservation.

The Main Department of Operational Support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine by letter dated on 19th July 2019 No. 343/5993 agreed to create a Reservation within the borders includes most of the territory adopted Emerald site UA0000137.

On the basis of the received approvals, in accordance with the Law of Ukraine “On the Nature Reserve Fund of Ukraine” the Odessa Regional Administration are preparing documents for the Draft of creation and the draft of the Decree of the President of Ukraine on the establishment of the Landscape Reservation of National Importance Tarutynskyi Steppe.

Sincerely yours,

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*Title: NGO Vidrodzhennya on the
27th September 2017 and letter of
the Secretariat on the 10th October 2018*

Dear Mrs. Iva OBRETENOVA,

Department of EcoNet and Protected Areas of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention and informs about state of protection of the Tarutynskiy Steppe, Odessa Region of Ukraine, which is officially adopted Emerald Network site UA0000137 (complaint submitted by the NGO Vidrodzhennya on the 27th September 2017 and letter of the Secretariat on the 10th October 2018).

During the reporting period (October 2018 – February 2019) information on violations of environmental legislation on the territory of Landscape Zakaznyk of local importance Tarutynskiy Steppe was not received by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine.

During this period, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, and local authorities took measures to prepare materials for the creation of the Landscape Zakaznyk of national importance Tarutynskiy Steppe, as following:

- the meetings with the participation of the Ministry of Defense and local authorities were organized;
- the Regulation of Landscape Zakaznyk of national importance Tarutynskiy Steppe was drafted;
- the borders and mode of use of its territory were developed.
- In addition, the work on general informing of the Ministry of Defense about the territories of the Emerald Network, their boundaries, the need to conserve the species of flora and fauna and types of natural habitats during military training exercises on the territory of Ukraine was conducted.

According to the results of the work:

- on January 22, 2019 documentation was filed for approval to the Ministry of Defense on the creation of the Landscape Zakaznyk of national importance Tarutynskiy Steppe, including a scientific rationale, an updated map and a draft Regulation. The proposed protected area includes

most of the territory of the Emerald Network site UA 0000137 and adjacent areas (the map is attached).

By the end of 2019 it is planned:

- to obtain approval from the Ministry of Defense on the Tarutynskyi Steppe creation, which will include most of the territory adopted Emerald Network site UA0000137;
- on the basis of the received approvals, in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On the Nature Reserve Fund of Ukraine" to prepare the Draft of creation and the draft of Decree of the President of Ukraine on the creation of the Landscape Zakaznyk of national importance Tarutynskyi Steppe;
- in accordance with domestic norms to approve the draft of Decree of the President of Ukraine with the interested authority bodies and file it to the Government for consideration.

The Department of EcoNet and Protected Areas of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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