

**Joint Declaration of Intent**  
**on**  
**Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection**  
**between**  
**the Romanian Ministry of Environment and Forests**  
**and**  
**the Czech Ministry of the Environment**

**Taking into consideration** the importance of the protection and the improvement of the status of the environment for present and future generations,

**Recalling** the principles adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992, Rio de Janeiro),

**Recognizing** the significance of the successful implementation of international agreements and conventions in the field of environment,

**Believing** that Romania and the Czech Republic can contribute substantially to the international endeavours to create an environment-friendly world,

**Wishing** to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in the field of environment and promote greater sharing of knowledge and experience,

**Convinced** that the environmental cooperation would generate mutual benefits across all sectors of society and will contribute to deepening the friendly relations of both nations,

**Committed** to the implementation of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region

The Romanian Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Czech Ministry of Environment hereinafter referred to as "Ministries ", declare their intention:

To advance bilateral cooperation in the following areas:

- Environmental strategies, programmes and policies;
- Improvement of the water quality within the Danube River Basin in order to reach the objectives of the Water Framework Directive, particularly through the implementation of the Danube River Management Plan;
- Environmental risk management including floods and drought control;
- Waste management, including recycling, prevention of waste generation and of illegal waste traffic;
- Assessment and capacity management of risks posed by hazardous substances and contaminated sites;
- Conservation of non-renewable geological resources and soil and subsoil issues;
- Mitigation and adaptation to climate change; cooperation on national and EU level
- Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management;
- Environmental monitoring;
- Environmental education and training programmes;

- Promotion of environmental technologies, specifically in the fields of water and renewable energies;
- Management of emergency situations;
- Afforestation and prevention of forest fires;
- Combating desertification within the framework of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
- Reduction control and monitoring of air pollution;
- Energy savings;
- Other areas of mutual interest for cooperation related to environmental protection.

The following forms of cooperation will be considered, *inter alia*:

- Exchange of experience, information and publications on environmental policies;
- Meetings to discuss environmental issues;
- Jointly organized seminars and training for experts from both Parties;
- Development of joint projects within the Danube Strategy;
- Bilateral consultations regarding EU and global environmental negotiation processes and regarding Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), including synergies between MEAs.
- Support for international projects to solve global or regional environmental problems;
- Identifying sources of European and international project funding and opportunities of private investments.

The Ministries will initiate negotiations for concluding a bilateral agreement concerning cooperation in the field of environmental protection.

Cooperative activities under this Joint Declaration will be subject to availability of appropriate funds and other resources of each Ministry. Unless otherwise is agreed, each Ministry will bear the costs of its own participation in these activities.

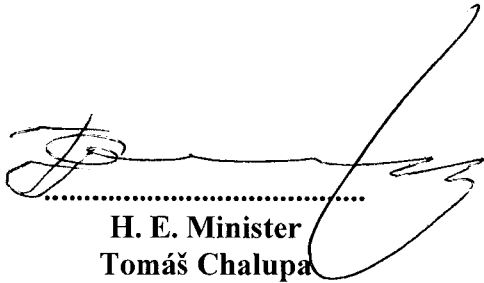
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