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Strasbourg, 8th February 2022

Subject: Complaint No. 2022/1: New Complaint: Serbia: Alleged habitat destruction in the area of Novi Sad due to proposed infrastructure constructions

Dear Ms Prokic,

On 29th December 2021, the Secretariat of the Bern Convention received a new complaint (attached) submitted on behalf of NGO World and the Danube. The complainant alleges that proposed infrastructure constructions in the areas of *Kamenička ada*, *Dunavac* and *Šodroš*, part of the municipality of Novi Sad, will negatively affect the habitats more than 120 species protected under Annex II and III of the Bern Convention.

In light of the above, I would be grateful if you could send me the official position of your authorities on the different elements presented in the attached complaint. When necessary, kindly transfer this information request to the competent authorities in your capacity as Focal Point to the Bern Convention for Serbia.

As the second annual Bureau meeting this year is scheduled to take place on 15-16 September 2022, I would be grateful to receive by the **15th July 2022** a maximum 5-page report in electronic Word format

On behalf of the Bureau, I would like to thank you for your ongoing cooperation with the Bern Convention and for your work in protecting species and habitats.

Yours sincerely,



Ursula Sticker
Secretary of the Bern Convention

Cc: Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe
Ms Daniela Stojković Jovanović (complainant)