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*Designation of a Trans-boundary Wetland of International Importance
by Austria, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic*

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

To fulfill the conclusions of the 5th Meeting of Trilateral Ramsar Platform (21st May 2003, Bratislava, Slovakia) and the commitments made by the countries in their national reports submitted to the 8th Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Conventions on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), we undersigned persons in charge of nature conservation of Austria, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, in accordance with Article 2 of the text of the Convention on Wetlands, hereby jointly request the Ramsar Bureau for designation of the following trans-boundary Austrian-Czech-Slovak site to the List of Wetlands of International Importance:

**Trilateral Ramsar Site Floodplains of the Morava-Dyje-Danube Confluence
(Austria, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic)**

Each country would like to designate the Trilateral Ramsar Site by including the present Ramsar Site, or, if a country wishes so, on an extended area. The detailed information, Ramsar Information Sheets and maps will be sent to the Ramsar Bureau separately by the three countries. The present names of the hitherto existing three Ramsar sites in the new RIS will either remain unchanged and receive the new trilateral name as attachment, with the very addition "part Austria, part Slovak Republic and part Czech Republic" or get only the new trilateral name with the mentioned additions.

We also want to inform you on a new trilateral draft guidance called "Common objectives and principles for establishment of the management plans for the trilateral region – Floodplains of the Morava-Dyje-Danube Confluence" which is foreseen to be endorsed at the next Trilateral Ramsar Platform.

We hope that the long fruitful co-operation between Austria, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic in the field of wetland conservation will be appreciated by the international community as it was in Valencia 2002 (Ramsar Wetlands Award).

Sincerely yours,



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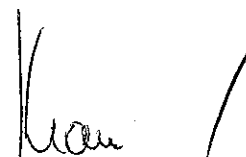


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