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Copy: Ministry of Natural Resources and
Environmental Protection of the Republic of
Belarus

Dear Sir/Madam

Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus since 1995 closely cooperates in the fields of protected areas, biodiversity and nature protection. Both Countries recognizes establishment of Cepkeliai Ramsar site in Lithuania and Kotra Ramsar site in Belarus, and would like express their willingness for establishment of transboundary Ramsar site in Cepkeliai-Kotra wooded wetland complex.

The above-mentioned sites in both countries have been selected in line with the Criteria for the Identification of Wetlands of International Importance and have been designated as Ramsar sites by national laws.

Eventually we would like to ask you to accept the Cepkeliai-Kotra as the Transboundary Ramsar site and Include Cepkeliai-Kotra Ramsar site into the Transboundary Ramsar site list in Europe.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kalvaitis'.

Ramūnas Kalvaitis
Vice-minister