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*Designation of a Transboundary Wetland of International Importance
by Austria and Hungary*

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

To fulfill the commitments made by the countries in their national reports submitted to the 10th Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Conventions on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), we undersigned persons in charge of the implementation of the Ramsar Convention in Austria and in Hungary, respectively, in accordance with Article 2 of the text of the Convention on Wetlands, hereby jointly request the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention for inscription of the following transboundary Austrian-Hungarian site to the List of Wetlands of International Importance:


**Transboundary Ramsar Site Neusiedler See-Seewinkel – Fertő-Hanság
"Fertő-Hanság határon átnyúló ramsari terület"
Grenzüberschreitendes Ramsar-Gebiet „Neusiedlersee - Seewinkel – Waasen”
(Austria and Hungary)**

Each country would like to designate the transboundary Ramsar Site by including the present Ramsar Sites, which are Nr. 271 “Neusiedler See-Seewinkel”, Nr. 420 “Lake Fertő” and Nr. 1644 “Nyirkai-Hany” area. The detailed information, Ramsar Information Sheets and maps will be sent to the Ramsar Secretariat separately by the two countries. The present names of the hitherto existing two Ramsar sites in the new RIS will remain unchanged and receive the new bilateral name as attachment, with the very addition “part Austria and part Hungary”.

We also want to inform you that the official opening ceremony for the new transboundary Ramsar Site will be part of the Ramsar Congress in Eisenstadt, which will be held from 11th to 12th November 2009. We kindly ask you to delegate Mr. Tobias Salathé to this conference and invite him to award the new Ramsar Diplomas to the Austrian Landesrat Falb Meixner and the Hungarian State Secretary István Kling. Additional Diplomas should be awarded to the 2 National Park Directors.

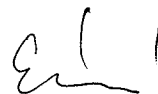
We hope that the long fruitful co-operation between Austria and Hungary in the field of wetland conservation will be appreciated by the international community.

Sincerely yours,



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