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33rd meeting
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**Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary
(Danube delta)
(Ukraine)**

**REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

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- Update for the Standing Committee meeting (submitted in November 2013) -

Dear Ms. Ivana d'Alessandro

Please be informed that the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Moldova has received an invitation letter from The Ministry of Environment and Climate Changes of Romania to participate at The 2nd meeting of the Moldova-Romania-Ukraine Joint Commission established within the framework on the Agreement between the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Moldova, the Ministry of Waters, Forests and Environmental Protection of Romania and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine on cooperation in the zone of Danube Delta and Lower River Prut nature protected areas, signed in Bucuresti on June 5th, 2000, to be held in Tulcea, on 28th of November 2013.

Regarding the themes of discussion and the decisions adopted at the meeting we will inform you during the 33th Standing Committee meeting due to take place in Strasbourg, on 3-6 December 2013.

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- Update for the meeting of the Bureau (submitted in August 2013) -

On June 13, 2013 Deputy Minister of Environment Mr. Lazar Chirica met with representatives of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Moldova Mr. Victor Lavrinenco, counselor and Mr. Veaceslav Chiuprinschii, Second Secretary of the Embassy.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Mr. Grigore Sadovici, Directorate General bilateral cooperation and Mrs. Olga Bogdan, Directorate General multilateral cooperation.

The meeting was organized at the request of the Ukrainian Embassy in Chisinau who presented the measures taken by Ukraine to close the file opened in the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats in Europe (Bern Convention). File in question refers to the renovation project deep waterway Danube-Black Sea (Bâstroe Chilia and the Danube Delta).

Following discussions representatives from the Ministry of Environment expressed willingness to assemble the Joint Committee for application of the Agreement between the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Waters, Forests and Environmental Protection of Romania and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine.

The last meeting of the Committee was nominated on 11 March 2011.

Under the Agreement by the end of 2011 Romania had to hold a meeting, which did not take place as Ukraine was unable to attend the meeting, and the committee meeting without a party does not make sense given that according to Art. 5 of the Commission decision may be taken by consensus and no decision can be taken only in the presence of three parts.

Article 4. section 3 of the Agreement provides that the Commission Presidency will be provided by one and the order of rotation will be as follows Romania, Ukraine, Moldova.

From December 2011 nor Romanian side, nor the Ukrainian did not take some attempts to organize a meeting of the Joint Commission.

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