AGREEMENT

on the Legal Status of The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

The Parties to the present Agreement,

Considering that The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) was established in 1990 and was given the mission to assist in addressing environmental issues mainly in Central and Eastern Europe,

Referring to the 1996 Charter of the REC (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter"),

Recognizing that the REC has developed over time into a de facto international organization pursuing an international mandate, composed of a Head Office and a network of country offices,

Referring to the 'Declaration of the Signatories to the Charter of The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the foundation of the REC' adopted on 18 June 2010, in which the Signatories recommended "to pave the way for harmonization by concluding a new, optional, multilateral instrument for interested Signatories".

Convinced that it is necessary to create the possibility for Signatories to the Charter to become party to an agreement in which international legal personality is explicitly given to the REC, without changing the present function of the Charter as the basic document for the functioning of the REC,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Parties hereby recognize that the REC is an international organisation with a seat in Szentendre, Hungary.
2. The Parties hereby recognize that the REC has international legal personality. It shall also have such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfillment of its purposes, including the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property, and to institute and participate in legal proceedings.

Article 2

The present Agreement shall not affect the objectives, characteristics and institutional structure of the REC as stated in the Charter and shall also not affect the legal status of the REC for the Signatories to the Charter that are not Parties to the present Agreement.

Article 3

The present Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the REC which may derive from agreements or contractual arrangements it may have concluded with any Government or third party.

Article 4

No Party to this Agreement, by reason of any of its provisions, shall be liable for acts, omissions, obligations or debts of the REC.

Article 5

1. The present Agreement shall be open for signature by the Signatories to the Charter.
2. The present Agreement shall be subject to ratification, approval or acceptance. The instruments of ratification, approval or acceptance shall be deposited with the Government of the Republic of Hungary.
3. The present Agreement shall remain open for accession by any Signatory to the Charter. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Government of the Republic of Hungary.
4. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day of deposit of the third instrument of ratification, approval or acceptance. For each Signatory to the Charter ratifying, approving, accepting or acceding to the present Agreement after the deposit of the third instrument of ratification, approval or acceptance, the Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day of deposit by such Signatory to the Charter of its instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance, or accession.

Done at [...] on [...]

Iesniedzējs:

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