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**UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other regions of Europe - comprehensive proposal of measures**

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Submitter: The Minister of Environment of the Slovak Republic, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

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## **The Government**

### **A. approves**

- A.1. the document UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other regions of Europe - comprehensive proposal of measures together with the comments adopted at the government meeting;

### **B. obliges**

#### **the Minister of Environment**

- B.1. to prepare a proposal for alteration of the borders of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe (Stužica – Bukovské vrchy, Rožok, Havešová, Vihorlat) including buffer zones in compliance with the recommendations of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and international organization IUCN  
*by 31 December 2017*
- B.2. to prepare the proposal for calculation of compensation for the restriction of common activities as a background for negotiations with the non-state forest owners in relation to the inclusion of their plots to UNESCO site and the levels of forest protection under paragraph B.1 of this resolution  
*by 31 December 2017*

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- B.3. to prepare the conservation program (integrated management plan) for the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe including buffer zones in compliance with the recommendations of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and international organization IUCN

*by 31 August 2019*

**the Minister of Environment  
the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

- B.4. as regards the preparation of conservation program of the Slovak components of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians under paragraph B.3 of this resolution to prepare the proposal for change of the forests conservation programmes under Article 43 par. 2 of Act No. 326/2005 Coll. on Forests as amended

*by 31 August 2019*

- B.5. to increase the awareness about the site and its relevance in terms of environment through informal environmental education and training provided by the organizations within the scope of power of the sector

*continuously*

**the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development  
the Minister of Defence**

- B.6. to closely cooperate with the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic within their territorial scope of power in fulfilment of tasks under paragraph B.1, B.3 and B.4 of this resolution

*continuously*

- B.7. to implement measures aimed at suspension of logging in the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe and the site buffer zone at the plots managed by the organizations within the scope of power of agricultural and defence sector in the designated core zone and carry out only environmentally friendly forest activities until the conservation programs are adopted

*immediately*

- B.8. to harmonize the forest conservation programs with the tasks arising from the proposal of conservation programs of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe prepared in accordance with paragraph B.3 of this resolution, according to the procedure under Article 43 par. 5 of Act No. 326/2005 Coll. on Forests as amended in the organizations within the scope of power of the agricultural and defence sector

*within 6 months from the adoption of conservation programs of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe*

**the Minister of Environment  
the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development  
the Minister of Defence**

- B.9. to determine the financial impacts of restrictions resulting from the protection of newly designated areas of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe and their buffer zones on the non-state forest owners and leaseholders and organizations within the scope of power of agricultural and defence sector including the requested change in the forest conservation programs and consequently to continually update and submit information about these impacts to the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic in accordance with the conservation program

*by 15 January 2018 and within 6 months from the adoption of conservation programs of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe*

**the Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family**

- B.10. to prepare the proposal of measures aimed at mitigation of restrictions resulting from the conservation of newly designated areas of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe and their buffer zones with regard to the affected public in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic

*by 15 March 2018*

**the Minister of Finance**

- B.11. to consider the financial claims to cover the financial impacts evaluated under paragraph B.9 of this resolution based on the international obligations on the conservation of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe not included in the budget of the National Park of Poloniny Conservation Program for 2017 - 2026

*by 31 January 2018 and within 9 months from the adoption of conservation programs of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe*

- B.12. to consider the financial claims of the relevant sectors in relation to the implementation of measures resulting from the international obligations on the conservation of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe when preparing the public administration budget for 2019 - 2021

*by 31 August 2018*

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**the Minister of Environment  
the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs**

- B.13. to submit the proposal for adaptation of the borders of the Slovak components of the site following the negotiation with other partner states of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

*by 31 January 2018*

- B.14. to submit the report on fulfilment of recommendations pursuant to the outcomes of 41st meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Cracow to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

*by 31 January 2018*

**the Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport**

- B.15. to adopt measures aimed at accreditation of programs of continuous environmental education within the framework of further education for teaching staff

*by 31 December 2017*

- B.16. to prepare the call for Environmental Project 2018 focusing also on natural and cultural heritage of Slovakia in order to support environmental education and training at elementary and secondary schools

*by 30 April 2018*

**the Minister of Transport and Construction**

- B.17. to submit the proposed measures aimed at the support of tourism and sustainable tourism in the area of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe and together with stakeholders ensure their implementation and to propose a measure aimed at increasing awareness of the local government, local institutions and entrepreneurs about possible cooperation regarding tourism support and promotion

*by 31 December 2017*

**the Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for the least Developed Districts**

- B.18. to consider the proposals for development of the Slovak components of the site of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and other Regions of Europe in the forthcoming action plans for the least developed districts

*by 31 December 2018*

**the Head of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic**

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- B.19. to consider in the forthcoming National Regional Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic the need to prepare a sustainable regional development model to be applied in order to implement sustainable economy (e. g. agriculture, energy sector, forestry, tourism, services) in the National Park of Poloniny and Vihorlat Protected Landscape Area

*by 31 December 2018*

**To be carried out by:**

- The Minister of Environment
- The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
- The Minister of Defence
- The Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family
- The Minister of Finance
- The Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
- The Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport
- The Minister of Transport and Construction
- The Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for the least developed districts
- The Head of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic