

**Ministerial Statement
towards the development and implementation
of a
River Basin Management Plan
for the Tisza River Basin
supporting the sustainable development of the region**

Adopted in Vienna on 16 February 2010

On the occasion of the Ministerial Meeting of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), held in Vienna, on 16 February 2010, we the ministers/ high level representatives of countries sharing the Tisza River Basin: Ukraine, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary and Serbia have reviewed the activities that have been taking place within the framework provided by the Memorandum of Understanding – “Towards a River Basin Management Plan for the Tisza river supporting sustainable development of the region” signed in 2004 and expressed the following:

welcome the achievements of the ICPDR Tisza Group and the first outcomes of the Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan (ITRBM Plan) introduced in the Summary Document of the ITRBM Plan,

declare our intention to finalize and adopt the ITRBM Plan by December 2010 in order to further develop the cooperation on water management in the Tisza River Basin,

acknowledge the role of the ICPDR Tisza Group and its efforts of further coordination and achieving synergy of the water management related activities in the Tisza River Basin,

Express our gratitude for the support provided by the UNDP/GEF via the Tisza Middle Size Project “*Integrating multiple benefits of wetlands and floodplains into improved transboundary management for the Tisza River Basin*”, as well as for the cooperation and support provided by other actors active in the Tisza River Basin and encourage their further involvement,

Support the further development of the water management cooperation between the countries of the Tisza River Basin and the formulation and adoption of an updated Memorandum of Understanding on the occasion of the completion of the ITRBM Plan.

emphasize that the ITRBM Plan should also be integrated into the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.

