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World Heritage Centre
The Secretariat to the World
Heritage Committee
UNESCO
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Snina, 6th April 2017

Dear Madam/ Dear Mr.

I am writing to you on behalf of Slovak NGO WOLF Forest Protection Movement.

THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE OF THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE "PRIMEVAL BEECH FORESTS OF THE CARPATHIANS AND THE ANCIENT BEECH FORESTS OF GERMANY" IS IN DANGER.

A vast majority of Slovak components is not protected even 10 years after it was inscribed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The exact boundaries of the Slovak components have been never identified, nor clearly marked in the field. Logging, hunting and development activities have been conducted in the property. The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is facing serious major threats and it can be irretrievably lost. **Therefore we are convinced that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is endangered. Slovak Republic has been obviously violating the UNESCO rules since 2007, when the property was inscribed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.**

Our organisation officially informed the World Heritage Centre about problems with the protection of the property and requested inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger on October 2012, June 2014 and 15th March 2017 (please, find enclosed copy of our latest request to the WHC). Even recommendations from the 39th session of the WHC (see document WHC-15/39.COM/19 – page 82), that approved our findings, are not being fulfilled. No serious measures have been taken till today.

According to paragraph 177d of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (OG WHC), we kindly ask you, as the Secretariat to the World Heritage Committee, to request assistance for the above mentioned property to be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger on the upcoming 41st session of the Committee in Krakow.

For more details, please contact the WOLF Forest Protection Movement at peto@wolf.sk or by phone on +421 915 133 563.

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes:

Annex I *Request for the inscription of the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site "Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany" on the List of World Heritage in Danger. WOLF Forest Protection Movement, March 2017*