THIRD MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE-EUROPEAN POPULATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD (Otis tarda)

8-12 April 2013, Szarvas, Hungary

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AMENDING PROTOCOL TO THE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE-EUROPEAN POPULATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD

THROUGH

EXTENSION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE FINAL CLAUSE OF THE MOU

AND

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED VERSION OF THE ACTION PLAN ANNEXED TO THE MOU

Amending Protocol

to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard

Pursuant to the 13th operational paragraph of the agreement text, the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard is hereby amended by a consensus of the Signatories at the Third Meeting of the Signatories held on 8-12 April 2013 in Szarvas, Hungary, as follows:

I. Extension of the geographical scope of the MoU

The geographical scope of the Memorandum is extended to cover the following four additional range states: Italy, Montenegro, the Russian Federation and Serbia.

Paragraph 1. b of the MoU is amended to read as follows:

"The Range of the "middle-European population of the Great Bustard" includes Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation (European part only), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine".

II. Adoption of a revised version of the Action Plan annexed to the MoU

The Action Plan concerning the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*) annexed to the Memorandum, is replaced by the version annexed to this protocol.

III. Final clauses

The final clauses of the MoU are amended by deleting the 14th operational paragraph of the MoU text, which refers to the amendment of Part 2 of the Action Plan.

The Signatory States, as certified by the signature of the Chairperson of the Third Meeting of the Signatories and a duly authorised representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, undertake to implement the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard as amended by this Amending Protocol.

This Amending Protocol shall take effect immediately upon signature.

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András Schmidt, Chairperson of the Third Meeting of the Signatories

Melanie Virtue, Agreements Officer, UNEP/CMS Secretariat

Date