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Declaration of the Sookuninga Nature Reserve Ramsar Site and Transboundary Ramsar Site

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Estonia with its Regulation No. 22 of 25 January 2006 has decided to include the Sookuninga Nature Reserve in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (the Ramsar List).

The Sookuninga Nature Reserve is a mosaic wetland complex (with the total area of 5,869 ha) of diverse mire and wet forest habitats including six different raised bog massifs and has its specific significance for breeding and migrating birds.

In the south the Sookuninga Nature Reserve borders on the Northern Bogs (Ziemelu purvi) Ramsar site (No. 1385) in Latvia and in the west on the Nigula Ramsar site (No. 910) in Estonia. All three sites form one ecological and hydrological integrity – the North-Livonian transboundary wetland complex with a total area of 17,575 ha.

On 3 February 2006 the Joint Commission established in accordance with the Agreement Between the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Estonia on Management of Nature Conservation in Transboundary Context decided to establish a transboundary Ramsar site merging the Nigula and Sookuninga Nature Reserves in Estonia and the Northern bogs Nature Reserve (Ziemelu purvi) in Latvia and name this complex the North Livonian Ramsar Site.

Herewith I would request your acceptance to the designation of the Sookuninga Nature Reserve Ramsar site and the inclusion of the Nigula and Sookuninga Nature Reserves into transboundary Ramsar sites as well as to include the North Livonian Ramsar Site into the transboundary Ramsar sites of Europe.

Please find attached the information sheets on the Sookuninga Nature Reserve, the updated information sheet on the Nigula Nature Reserve and the maps of the sites.

Sincerely Yours,


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Minister

Enclosure: Information sheets (17 p.)
Maps (3 p.)

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