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Official visit of H.E. Mr. KASIT PIROMYA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, to the Danube Commission

On June 8, 2011 His Excellency Mr. KASIT PIROMYA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand paid a visit to the Danube Commission (DC). High representative of the Government of Thailand was accompanied by His Excellency Mr. KRIT KRAICHITTI, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand in Budapest and delegation of experts from Bangkok.

On the side of the Danube Commission His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Dimitar IKONOMOV, President of the DC, His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Alexandru CODREANU, Vice-President of the DC, and Mrs. Silvija Malnar, representing His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Gordan GRLIC RADMAN, Secretary of the DC, took part in the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Director General of the Secretariat, Mr. P. Suvorov, as well as Counsellors of the Secretariat: Mr. C. Popa, Mr. A. Stemmer and Mr. A. Toma.

The Thai delegation expressed a desire to become acquainted with the activities of the DC, as well as its long experience in the field of river navigation, and to exchange views on possibilities for cooperation of the DC with the Mekong River Commission.

The Secretariat of the DC introduced a presentation to the delegation on the historical background, structure and activities of the DC.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. PIROMYA expressed great interest in the DC's cooperation with other international river commissions, particularly in view of the development of the concrete cooperation between the DC and the Mekong River Commission.

The President of the DC answered numerous questions concerning, inter alia, scope of application of the Belgrade Convention, work of the DC in ensuring freedom of navigation on the Danube, structure of the DC, contribution of the DC in the EU Strategy for the Danube region, revision of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube and prospects for the adoption of the revised version of the Convention.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. PIROMYA, on behalf of his delegation, expressed his appreciation to the DC for the excellent organization of the meeting and useful and comprehensive information provided during the meeting.