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Your Excellency,

In response to the invitation by national authorities and members of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) in Slovakia, we were pleased to visit your country during April 2005 to review the situation of the Tatra National Park following the wind damage of late 2004. We take pleasure to submit the attached report on our findings and recommendations and sincerely hope that our report will be of value in improving the protection of the Tatra National Park, in providing benefits to local communities and in safeguarding the symbolic function of the Tatra mountains for the entire Nation.

On behalf of my IUCN colleagues who participated in the mission may I thank you and the many persons we met in Slovakia for the hospitality shown to us and for the open discussions held.

May I ensure you that the World Conservation Union is at your service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tamás Marghescu". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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