FOUNDATION CHARTER OF THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Whereas the countries of Central and Eastern Europe are faced with serious environmental problems;

Whereas solutions to these problems will require the cooperative efforts of governments, non-government organizations and citizens from throughout the region;

Whereas the President of the United States proposed in July of 1989 in a visit to Budapest, Hungary that a regional center be established to address these critical issues;

Be it resolved that the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe is founded in Budapest, Hungary by the signatories of this Charter.

This Charter sets forth the operating structure, functions and purpose of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe located in Budapest, Hungary.

1. Purpose and Activities

1.1. Purpose

The Center is an independent, non-advocacy, not-forprofit organization. The Center is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes.

Recognizing that local and regional actions are essential to resolving global environment problems, and responding to growing private and public concern for the environment in the region, the Center is established to address environmental challenges generally common to Central and Eastern Europe and the