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Kłodzko Valley, 24/06/2019

Reference: Concept paper: "Flood Protection in the Odra and Vistula River basins, Section 2: Flood protection of the Kłodzko Basin".

Dear Ms. Uwimbabazi, Dear World Bank Representatives,

In reference to vocal protests of residents, NGOs and local government officials against potential World Bank investment plans in the Kłodzko valley involving a construction of new flood protection reservoirs in the following 16 locations: reservoirs "Długopole Górne", "Nagodzice", "Bystrzyca Kłodzka", "Wilkanów", "Pławnica", "Nowa Bystrzyca", "Stary Waliszów", "Gorzanów", "Bolesławów", "Orliczka", "Konradka", "Skrzynczana, Radochów, Goszów, Sarny and Ścinawka Górna, we are writing to request a written statement of the World Bank's negative position regarding the aforementioned investments.

At the meeting with the inhabitants of the Kłodzko Valley, the World Bank and the representatives of the Polish Water Authority which took place in the Municipal and Communal Cultural Center in Międzylesie on 2019-05-17, meaningful statements were made both by representatives of the Polish Water Authority and the World Bank.

At the meeting, Mr Krzysztof Woś, the Deputy President of the Polish Water Authority for Flood Prevention and Drought, said: "There are no plans for construction of new reservoirs on the Kłodzko region in any of the investment plans of the Polish waters."

Anna Moskwą, the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation said: "In reference to four reservoirs in Boboszków, Roztoki Bystrzyckie, Szalejów Górny and Krosnowice, I would like to declare that these are the only reservoirs planned for active flood protection. We will carry out passive protection in the form of basic modernization of watercourses flowing into and out of these four specific reservoirs "(https://www.wnp.pl/budownictwo/resort-gospodarki-morskiej-szykuje-rozbudowe-sieci-sztucz-zbiornikow-wodnych,347574_1_0_0 .html)

The Minister of the Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation Marek Gróbarczyk at the press conference 2019-05-21 made the following statement: "Investments for flood protection are to serve the inhabitants and they should not cause divisions."

These statements were published as the official position on the website of the State Water Farm of the Polish Water Authority.

At the meeting in Międzylesie, 2019-05-17, a representative of the World Bank, Ms. Berina Uwimbabazi, made a statement that: "Certainly no new reservoirs will be financed

by the World Bank.", "/ No new polders will be built with the World Bank financing, period. "

The scale of protests against planned investments, the unanimously negative position of the local authorities and the enormous public anxiety caused by the failure to follow proper consultation procedures dictated by the World Bank Safeguard Procedures calls for an unequivocal response from the Bank.

We are therefore writing to request an inambiguous written statement from the World Bank reflecting the statement of Ms Berina Uwimbabazi at the 2019-05-17 meeting that no new dry retention reservoirs are going to be financed by the World Bank in the Klodzko Valley.

We are enclosing documents demonstrating the scale of protests of the inhabitants and local authorities of the region, expressed in the resolutions of rural meetings and positions and resolutions of local government representatives.

We are attaching a document "Memorandum on the destructive effect of hydrotechnical investments planned on the land Klodzko on the social, natural and cultural environment" which is a critical appraisal of the study entitled "Analysis of the increase in flood retention in the Klodzko Basin. [Poznań-Wrocław]: Sweco Consulting sp. O.o., 2018, volume I-III", which is a technical concept paper for a construction project entitled "Flood Protection Program of the Klodzko Basin in the Odra and Vistula Basin. Contract 5.4 Design and Construction Supervision, Project Management, Technical Assistance and Training as well as support and strengthening of the institutional capacity of the Project Implementing Unit for RZGW in Wrocław", prepared at the request of the State Water Facility ("Panstwowe Gospodarstwo Wodne") of Polish Water Authority - Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław as part of the "Protection Project: Flood basin of the Odra and Vistula rivers".

We would also like to inform you of two internet petitions which demonstrate the scale of protests by local community, citizens of Poland and the world.

1. "STOP financing the plans for increasing dry retention in Klodzko region at the expense of population displacement" - 2900 signatures, (https://secure.avaaz.org/en/community_petitions/Bank_STOP_finansowania_planow_zwiekszania_suchej_retencji_na_Ziemi_Klodzkiej_3/)
2. "Call for cancellation of the dry retention construction project on the Biała Łądecka river in Goszów and Stary Gierałtów" - 634 signatures (https://www.petycjeonline.com/wstrzymanie_projektu_budowy_tamy_na_rzeczce_biaej_ldeckiej_w_miejscowosci_goszow_i_stary_gieratow)

Below, we would like to reference some of media reports addressing the conflict and anxiety of the inhabitants of the Klodzko region:

A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD BANK IN MIĘDZYLESIE
<https://www.tvsudecka.pl/wiadomosci/66741,spotkanie-z-przedstawicielami-banku-swiatowego-w-miedzylesiu>

NO FOR RESERVOIRS ON THE KŁODZKO VALLEY
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=284087652537681>

WOLKANÓW AGAINST DRY RETENTION PROJECT
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfNGWI8wz6k>

POLISH WATER AUTHORITY HAS NO CLUE ABOUT RETENTION RESERVOIRS IN KŁODZKO REGION
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kqftdBRpfU>

TURBID WATERS ON KŁODZKO LAND
<https://www.tvsudecka.pl/wiadomosci/66734,metne-wody-na-ziemi-klodzkiej>

THERE WILL BE NO CONSTRUCTION OF FURTHER RESERVOIRS IN KŁODZKO VALLEY
http://24klodzko.pl/nie-bedzie-budowy-kolejnych-zbiornikow-retencyjnych/?fbclid=IwAR3t9POzLFAwybvU8adHoeU_hBCEbayuBhpZ9-8Fw76NQL5IOpWx_AkQ0yQ

IN THE BYSTRZYCA REGION (GMINA) NO LARGE FLOOD RESERVOIRS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED
http://bystrzycaklodzka.naszemiasto.pl/artukul/w-gminie-bystrzyca-klodzka-nie-bedzie-budowy-wielkich,5117475,art,t,id,tm.html?fbclid=IwAR2TIw7nFqGyLwUAJhnEmMuX7mrlA0LwfxpP9O6dRqnvwxW___FR_ar5uHg

"NO" FOR RESERVOIRS ON THE KŁODZKO VALLEY, INVALUABLE ECOSYSTEMS ARE ENDANGERED

https://www.rmf24.pl/fakty/polska/news-nie-dla-zbiornikow-na-ziemi-klodzkiej-niszczone-sa-cenne-eko,NID_2995681_#utm_source=&utm_medium=paste_paste&utm_campaign=firefox

LITTLE RETENTION INSTEAD OF MASSIVE DRY RETENTION RESERVOIRS
<https://wroclaw.tvp.pl/42829140/mala-retencja-zamiast-sieci-olbrzymich-suchych-zbiornikow?fbclid=IwAR39Rxr4PT1IDoOUK1aeiW97hs5jZXLus33jBRBtgiIKIraLR7istFNqX28>

CONSTRUCTION OF RETENTION RESERVOIRS CAUSES POPULATION DISPLACEMENT? A MINISTER REASSURES https://www.wnp.pl/wiadomosci/budowa-zbiornikow-retencyjnych-wymaga-wysiedlen-minister-uspokaja,345946_1_0_0.html?fbclid=IwAR3Rucyv8UJat8aF48XLvwG5nWxQVUwv6ctKbG4iEvy25q2ajnyy1ldwxs

ALMOST 2.5 THOUSAND PEOPLE ENDANGERED WITH DISPLACEMENT? FLOOD RETENTION POLDERS CONSIDERED IN THE LOCATION OF SEVERAL VILLAGES
http://www.tokfm.pl/Tokfm/7,103085,24787597,prawie-2-5-tys-mieszkanow-kotliny-klodzkiej-do-wysiedlenia.html?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=SM&utm_campaign=FB_ToKfM&fbclid=IwAR0r8TBZD8FTaY3-2e_JhYf8HI3eLuod1SWMH3AU8dPJE8MQ3sbrYdQT0Tc

IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL HERE. TOO BAD IT IS NOT GOING TO LAST

https://oko.press/ale-tu-u-was-pieknie-szkoda-ze-to-juz-nie-potrwa-dlugo-mieszkancy-kotliny-klodzkiej-walczą-z-regulacją-rzek/?fbclid=IwAR136SH4G8eNQmsbKIE5wvz_-G4leDwdRkdtvdMUD9e8YHTLvFoNb8UXAY8

TO FLOOD...SORRY TO PLOUGH THE VALLEY OF BIALA LADECKA RIVER
HTTP://MARTINNAGEL.PL/ZATOPIC-PRZEPRASZAM-ZAORAC-DOLINE-BIALEJ-
LADECKIEJ/Mieszkańcy Kotliny Kłodzkiej protestują przeciwko budowie zbiorników

<https://wroclaw.tvp.pl/42481560/mieszkanicy-kotliny-klodzkiej-protestuja-przeciwko-budowie-zbiornikow>

KŁODZKO REGION-THE TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

<https://www.gminapolska.com/ziemia-klodzka-czas-niepewnosci/>

KŁODZKO REGION, NEW OPENING

<https://www.gminapolska.com/ziemia-klodzka-nowe-otwarcie/>

With regards,

In the name of the Forum of the Kłodzko Region

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Ewa Grochowska

Piotr Krajewski

Ryszard Soroko

and

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Helena Gawron Village Leader, the Village of Radochów

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Krzysztof Soboń Village Leader, the Village of Stary Gierałtów

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Mariusz Lis Village Leader, the Village of Wilkanów

Attachments

Memorandum with a list of signatories.

Resolutions of rural meetings and positions and resolutions of local government and non-governmental organizations.

1. Opinion of the Mayor of the Town and Community of Stronie Śląskie dated 04/04/2019.
2. Opinion of the Society of Friends of the Biala Ladecka Valley "Kruszynka" dated 04/06/2019.
3. Opinion of the Mayor of the Town and Community of Międzyzlesie dated 04/17/2019.
4. Opinion of the Mayor of the Town and Community of Bystrzyca Kłodzka of dated 04/24/2019.
5. Resolution of the meeting of the rural village of Gorzanów, community of Bystrzyca Kłodzka, dated 04/24/2019.
6. Resolution of the Town Council No. 1/2019 of Stronie Śląski dated 04/26/2019.
7. Resolution of the Town Council of Łądek Zdrój dated 04/25/2019.
8. Resolution of the meeting of the Radochów village, community of Łądek Zdrój, dated 04/29/2019.
9. Resolution of the meeting of the village of Stara Morawa, community of Stronie Śląskie, dated 04/29/2019.
10. Resolution of the meeting of the Wilanów village, community of Bystrzyca Kłodzka, dated 02.052019.
11. Resolution of the meeting of the village of Nagodzice, community of Międzyzlesie, dated 05/02/2019.
12. Opinion of the Mayor of the Town and Community of Łądek Zdrój dated 05/02/2019.
13. Resolution of the meeting of the rural village of Goszów, community of Stronie Śląskie, dated 05/04/2019.
14. Resolution on the meeting of the village of Stary Gierałtów, Stronie Śląskie commune, dated 05/04/2019.
15. Resolution of the meeting of the village of Nowy Gierałtów, community Stronie Śląskie, dated 05/04/2019.
16. Resolution on the meeting of the village of Długopole Górne, community of Międzyzlesie, dated 05/05/2019.
17. Resolution of the Board of the Society "Róża Kłodzka" dated 05/06/2019.
18. Opinion of the Board of the Kłodzko Region ("Powiat") of 05/07/2019.
19. Resolution of the Board of the Volunteer Fire Brigade in Wilkanów, Bystrzyca Kłodzka community, dated 09/05/2019.
20. Resolution on the meeting of the village councils of Konradów, community of Łądek Zdrój from 10/05/2019.
21. Resolution of the Board of the Country Housewives' Association in Wilkanów, Bystrzyca Kłodzka commune, dated 05/13/2019.
22. Resolution of the Management of the Wilkanów Rural Development Association, community of Bystrzyca Kłodzka, dated 05/16/2019.
23. Resolution of the District Council of Kłodzko dated 05/14/2019.
24. Position of the organizations in Gorzanów, community of Bystrzyca Kłodzka: The Society of the Friends of Gorzanow, Foundation "Pałac Gorzanów", Volunteer Firemen Service Gorzanów, People's Sport Club " ZAMEK", The society of Village Housewives Gorzanów, Local Village Renewal Group Gorzanów, Choir Tereski of 05/24/2019.

25. Resolution of the Board of the Country Housewives' Association in Stara Morawa, community of Stronie Slaskie, dated 02/06/2019.