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Dear Mr. Poortman,

We would like to inform you that in the field of transboundary waters, the Republic of Serbia considers nutrient reduction in the Danube river basin a priority action.

In that regard, our republic plans to request grant funding from the GEF for a project under the Strategic Partnership on the Danube and Black Sea Basin. Furthermore, the Republic of Serbia has elected the World Bank as an implementing agency for this project.

Best regards,

GEF operational Goal point for the Republic of Serbia

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