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DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Increasing the capacities of the existing courts and public prosecutor's offices in the area of court proceedings related to environmental pollution;
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3. Establishment of a special "green" court and a special "green" public prosecutor's office competent only for crimes against the environment;
4. Our criminal legislation should be fully aligned with the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law, applying Directive 2008/99/EC, especially in the part that refers to threats. This would mean the introduction of new and appropriately measured penalties for natural and legal persons in accordance with the aforementioned Directive;
5. Harmonization of the Law on Offenses with the Criminal Code;
6. The Ministry of Justice should take initiatives for effective training for public prosecutors and judges on the damage caused by crime in the environment and the profits made by criminals from it, as well as on the effective suppression of environmental corruption;
7. In order to effectively prevent acts against the environment, it is necessary to adopt a code of ethics, as well as norms for regulating the conflict of interests and limiting the discretionary right in making decisions by the governing bodies in the field of the environment;

