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*Recalling* that with Recommendation 6.1 (Cape Town, 1999) the Conference of the Parties to CMS adopted standard references to be recognized and used as the bases on which the CMS Appendices and amendments thereto, should be prepared;

*Noting* that biological nomenclature is dynamic;

*Acknowledging* that the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (The Hague, June 2007) noted that in order to strengthen the global effort to meet the World Summit on Sustainable Development target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010, it would be sensible to try to ensure greater harmonization between biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements in the field of taxonomy and nomenclature, considering that biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements operate on the basis of some stability in the use of names, notably because implementing legislation which uses these names is often not easily changed;

*Further noting* that the case for such harmonization is made more compelling by the fact that of the 110 CMS Parties, only 4 are not also members of CITES;

*Noting also* that this objective was endorsed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB, Bonn, May 2008) and noted by the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (Bonn, May 2008), and was thereby included in the CITES/CMS List of Joint Activities adopted by the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMS Standing Committee;

*Taking note* of the recommendations of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMS Scientific Council (Rome, 27-28 November 2008) concerning revision of the reference nomenclature for terrestrial and aquatic mammalian species listed in CMS Appendices; and

*Noting* that Schedule 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) takes account of the most recent taxonomic information on species of albatrosses and large petrels;

*The Conference of the Parties to the  
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Adopts* Perrin W.F., Wursig B. and Thewissen J.G.M. (Editors), (2009), Encyclopaedia of Marine Mammals, Second edition. Academic Press as the standard nomenclatural reference for Marine Mammals as recommended by the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Council;
2. *Adopts* Wilson, D. E. & Reeder, D. M. (ed.) (2005): Mammal Species of the World. A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference. Third edition, John Hopkins University Press as the standard nomenclatural reference for terrestrial mammals, as recommended by the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Council;
3. *Requests* the Scientific Council to consider the implications of adopting Dickinson, E.C. (ed.)(2003): The Howard and Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World. Revised and enlarged 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. London (Christopher Helm) together with the author's Corrigenda 4 (02.06.2005) to Howard & Moore Edition 3 (2003), as the Convention's standard nomenclatural reference for birds at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and report to the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Further requests* the Scientific Council to consider the implications of adopting the taxonomic list approved for inclusion on Annex I of ACAP as the Convention's standard nomenclatural reference for albatrosses and large petrels, and consider other relevant CMS Agreements in the process of harmonization of taxonomic and nomenclatural references;
5. *Requests also* the Secretariat to raise, at the next meeting of the Chairs of the scientific advisory bodies of biodiversity-related conventions (CSAB), the feasibility of establishing a nomenclature and taxonomy panel that could be convened periodically to review the relevant technical literature in order to work towards the harmonization of species nomenclature used by the biodiversity-related convention; and
6. *Instructs* the Secretariat to transmit this Resolution to the CITES Secretariat in order for it to be considered by the scientific bodies of that Convention.