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**SAHELO-SAHARAN MEGAFUNA**

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*Recognising* that the large mammal fauna of the arid lands of North Africa and Eurasia have many species with threatened populations that are in a profoundly unsatisfactory, and often critical, state of conservation;

*Conscious* that the arid lands, with their exceptional natural and cultural heritage and their unique migration phenomena, are a crucial area for the action of the Convention;

*Recalling* that several species found in that biome are on Appendix I of the Convention;

*Noting* that recommendation 4.5 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fourth Meeting (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994) requested that the Scientific Council, in cooperation with the Secretariat, establish a Concerted Action for Sahelo-Saharan Ungulates;

*Noting* with satisfaction the progress made by this Sahelo-Saharan Ungulates Concerted Action;

*Taking into account* the intersessional process on the future shape of CMS, and *conscious* that the development of new instruments is to be linked to this process; and

*Acknowledging* the recommendation of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Scientific Council that the SAHELO-SAHARAN UNGULATES CONCERTED ACTION be continued and extended to other species of large mammals occurring within the area of the Concerted Action;

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

1. *Requests* the Scientific Council, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and concerned Parties to pursue a SAHELO-SAHARAN MEGAFUNA CONCERTED ACTION that will in due course cover all threatened migratory large mammals of the temperate and cold deserts, semi-deserts, steppes and associated mountains of the Sahelo-Saharan region. The Action will include an Action Plan and status reports for all species concerned, and will be centred on

*Oryx dammah*, *Addax nasomaculatus*, *Gazella dama*, *Gazella leptoceros*, *Gazella cuvieri*, *Gazella dorcas* and *Acinonyx jubatus*;

2. *Encourages* Range States and other interested Parties to prepare, in cooperation with the Scientific Council and the Secretariat, the necessary proposals to include in Appendix I or Appendix II threatened species that would benefit from the Action;
3. *Encourages* the Secretariat to pursue efforts to bring into the Convention, Range States of the Sahelo-Saharan fauna that are not yet Parties, and to liaise with other concerned Conventions to enhance synergies;
4. *Urges* non-Party Range States to support the Action, in recognition of its global significance;
5. *Appeals* to Range States and other interested Parties to support the development of a Memorandum of Understanding or other binding or non binding instruments to complement the SAHELO-SAHARAN CONCERTED ACTION and its Action Plan;
6. *Encourages* the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to envisage, in consultation with the Range States concerned, an extension of the action area to the deserts of the Horn of Africa and associated biomes; and
7. *Requests* the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to report on the progress of the action to the next Conference of the Parties.