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CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS: SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

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Summary:

This document consolidates six Resolutions on the various aspects of the Scientific Council.

CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS: SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

1. Since the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Parties have adopted the following seven Resolutions relating to various aspects relating to the operation of the Scientific Committee:
 - a) [Resolution 1.4, Composition and Functions of the Scientific Council](#);
 - b) [Resolution 3.4, Funding and Role of the Scientific Council](#);
 - c) [Resolution 4.5, Arrangements for the Scientific Council](#);
 - d) [Resolution 6.7, Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council](#);
 - e) [Resolution 7.12, Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council](#);
 - f) [Resolution 8.21, Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council](#) (previously repealed by Resolution 11.4); and
 - g) [Resolution 11.4, Restructuring of the Scientific Council](#).
2. Annex 1 presents a draft consolidated resolution that includes, in the left-hand column, the original text and preamble of the Resolutions being consolidated. The right-hand column indicates the source of the text and a comment regarding any proposed change.
3. Annex 2 contains the clean version of the draft consolidated Resolution, taking into account the comments in Annex 1.
4. The Secretariat notes that a separate document, UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.16.2, includes new terms of reference of the Scientific Council. If adopted, they could be included as an Annex to this consolidated resolution. The adoption of those terms of reference would also necessitate the deletion of paragraph 20 of this consolidated resolution.

Recommended Actions:

5. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to
 - a) adopt the consolidated Resolution included in Annex 2; and
 - b) adopt the Decisions included in Annex 3.

ANNEX 1

DRAFT CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION: SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

NB: Proposed new text is underlined. Text to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.

Text from Existing Resolution	Comment
<i>Aware</i> of the provisions of Article VIII of the Convention and <i>recalling</i> the establishment by Resolution 1.4 of the Scientific Council, made up of members appointed by the Conference of the Parties and members appointed by individual Contracting Parties;	Resolution 11.4
<i>Taking into account</i> that article VIII of the Convention calls for the establishment of a Scientific Council at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Resolution 1.4 Repeal; redundant
<i>Noting</i> that Article VIII of the Convention describes the position and tasks of the Scientific Council and that it shall, inter alia: (a) Provide scientific advice to the Conference of the Parties, to the Secretariat, and, if approved by the Conference of the Parties, to any body set up under the Convention or an Agreement or to any Party; (b) Recommend and coordinate research in order to ascertain the conservation status of migratory species, evaluate the results of such research and report to the Conference of the Parties on the conservation status of species and ways to improve it; (c) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on species to be included in Appendices I and II, and recommendations as to specific conservation and management measures to be included in Agreements on migratory species; (d) Recommend solutions to the Conference of the Parties to problems relating to the scientific aspects of the implementation of the Convention, in particular with regard to the habitats of migratory species;	Resolution 6.7 Repeal; redundant
<i>Further noting</i> that the Scientific Council was directed to undertake the following additional tasks by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting, held in Nairobi in 1994: (a) keeping under review the composition of Appendices I and II of the Convention; (b) advising on measures for the conservation of Appendix I species and their priorities; (c) advising on the development of existing Agreements and on priorities for development of new Agreements with its mandate; and (d) advising on selecting and monitoring small-scale pilot projects which will promote the implementation of the Convention;	Resolution 6.7 Repeal; out of date
<i>Bearing in mind</i> that Article VIII, paragraph 5, of the Convention provides that the functions of the Scientific Council may include recommending research and the co-ordination of research on migratory species and evaluating the results of such research;	Resolution 3.4 Repeal; redundant
<i>Recalling</i> that, pursuant to Article VIII of the Convention, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through Resolution 1.4, established a Scientific Council and directed the Council to address a number of questions;	Resolution 3.4 Repeal; out of date

Noting with appreciation that the Council has now responded to the Conference of the Parties on those questions;	Resolution 3.4 Repeal; out of date
Also recalling the provisions of Resolutions 3.4, 4.5, 6.7, 7.12 ,8.21 and 11.4 dealing with various aspects of the composition, functions and operation of the Scientific Council;	Resolution 11.4 Retain
Recalling Resolution 6.7 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (Cape Town, 1999), concerning institutional arrangements for the Scientific Council;	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; redundant
Aware that since 1985 funding has been included in the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties to cover travel expenses for travel undertaken by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on behalf of the Conference of the Parties or on behalf of the Secretariat;	Resolution 3.4 Repeal; issue covered by COP guidance on funding of delegates in budget and finance resolutions.
Further aware that in 1985 the Conference of the Parties directed the Secretariat to provide for payment of travel costs for representatives from least developed countries and in 1988 for representatives from developing countries to attend meetings of the Standing Committee;	Resolution 3.4 Repeal; issue covered by COP guidance on funding of delegates in budget and finance resolutions.
Acknowledging the fundamental contribution to the implementation of the Convention made by the Scientific Council since its establishment;	Resolution 11.4 Retain
Aware that the Scientific Council, as a consequence of the ever-growing number of Parties to CMS, has seen a corresponding growth in its membership, and that a review of its working practice is <u>was</u> desirable to optimise <u>optimize</u> its productivity and capability to deal with the scientific and technical aspects of numerous issues relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species;	Resolution 7.12 Retain; changed to past tense since the review has taken place
Further Recalling that the Future Shape process undertaken during the triennium 2009- 2011 identified the restructuring of the Scientific Council as one of the sixteen target activities for CMS, as outlined in Resolution 10.9 on Future Structure and Strategies for CMS and the CMS Family, and Resolution 10.1 on Financial and Administrative Matters; and	Resolution 11.4 Retain
Noting that the Scientific Council, at its 11th meeting held in Bonn from 14-17 September 2002, recommended the development of a strategy to guide the work of the Council, and has already commenced reflection on its working practices; and	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; superseded
Noting further the recommendation of the 11th meeting of the Scientific Council concerning the appointment of a new expert councillor for birds, as a consequence of the retirement from the Council of Dr. Michael Moser;	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; out of date

<p><i>Welcoming</i> the document prepared by the Secretariat on options for a revision of the operational organization of the Scientific Council (UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.17.1);</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4 Retain</p>
<p><i>The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i></p>	
<p><u>Composition</u></p>	<p>New header</p>
<p>1. Decides to establish a Scientific Council of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>Resolution 1.4 Repeal; superseded by Resolution 11.4</p>
<p>1. <i>Reaffirms</i> that the Scientific Council will continue to be composed of members appointed by individual Parties (Party-appointed Councillors) and members appointed by the Conference of the Parties (COP-appointed Councillors);</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4 Retain</p>
<p>2. <i>Further reaffirms</i> that Parties will continue to appoint qualified experts as members of the Scientific Council and that Party-appointed Councillors will continue to contribute to the work of the Council in their expert capacity and not as representatives of the Parties that appointed them;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4 Retain</p>
<p>2. 3. Recommends that the Parties interpret the first sentence of article VIII, paragraph 2, to mean that their nominees should have scientific expertise relevant to the aims and objectives of the Convention;</p>	<p>Resolution 1.4 Retain</p>
<p>Invites the Parties to nominate a permanent alternate Scientific Councillor authorized to participate in meetings of the Scientific Council if the regular Scientific Councillor cannot attend;</p>	<p>Resolution 4.5 Repeal; superseded by next paragraph</p>
<p>6. Strongly encourages Parties that have not already done so to duly nominate, in accordance with Article VIII of the Convention, a representative to serve on the Scientific Council and to provide all necessary contact details to the Secretariat, and to avail themselves of the possibility to appoint an alternate Councillor to attend Council meetings in the absence of the primary Councillor and/or to bring additional national expertise to the Council's deliberations;</p> <p>7.</p>	<p>Resolution 7.12 Repeal; out of date in light of Resolution 11.4</p>
<p>3. 4. <i>Decides</i> that, for each intersessional period between two consecutive meetings of the Conference of the Parties, a representative selection of the membership of the Scientific Council, to be named the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council, should be identified, composed of COP-appointed Councillors, and Party-appointed Councillors selected regionally, to be appointed at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of a recommendation from the Secretariat in consultation with the Standing Committee;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4 Retain</p>

<p>4. 5. <i>Further decides</i> that, for future triennia, unless otherwise decided by the Conference of the Parties, the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council will be composed of:</p> <p>i) a) Nine COP-appointed members with expertise in taxonomic and thematic issues; and</p> <p>ii) b) Fifteen Party-appointed members selected within the Standing Committee geographic regions, as follows: three from Africa; three from Asia; three from Europe; three from Oceania; three from South and Central America and the Caribbean;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Retain</p>
<p>5. 6. <i>Decides</i> that Sessional Committee members shall normally be nominated for a minimum term of two triennia; half of the first appointees shall be nominated for a single triennium. Each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting from the 12th Meeting (COP12), will decide upon the renewal of half of the membership of the Sessional Committee, in order to balance continuity and renewal;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Retain</p>
<p>6. 7. <i>Decides</i> that, in appointing members to the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council from the pool of Party- and COP-appointed Councillors, the Conference of the Parties shall aim to achieve all of the following goals:</p> <p>i) a) a balanced scientific representation of expertise in taxonomic and cross-cutting thematic areas;</p> <p>ii) b) a selection of individuals with a broad understanding of key scientific issues and concrete experience in translating science into policy in their regions; and</p> <p>iii) c) coverage of the predicted scientific expertise needed by the Convention for the next triennium;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Retain</p>
<p>7. 8. <i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to provide for a consultative process, including Party, scientific and expert advice, in order to elaborate its recommendation in consultation with the Standing Committee to the Conference of the Parties on the composition of the Sessional Committee, observing the goals stated in the previous paragraph;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Retain</p>
<p>8. 9. <i>Encourages</i> Party- and COP-appointed Councillors not included in the Sessional Committee to contribute to the work of the Scientific Council, coordinate with Sessional Committee members and participate in working groups, including through meetings and the interactive tools available to the Scientific Council, as well as to pursue activities at the national level;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Retain</p>
<p>9. Requests the Standing Committee at its 44th Meeting, in order to facilitate the convening of the first meeting of the Sessional Committee before COP12 to intersessionally select and appoint the Sessional Committee members in accordance with the procedure set out in Paragraphs 6 and 7;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Repeal; work completed</p>
<p>10. <i>Decides</i> that, for all the effects and purposes outlined in Article VIII of the Convention and relevant resolutions, the advice, recommendations, and all other outputs of the Sessional Committee shall be considered by the Conference of the Parties and all relevant governing bodies as products of the Scientific Council itself;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Retain</p>

<p>15. 11. Decides to evaluate the results of the present restructuring of the Scientific Council with a view to confirm or review it during COP14.</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4 Retain</p>
<p>3. Further recommends that the special qualifications of members of the Scientific Council should initially cover the following fields of expertise:</p> <p>(a) — (i) migration biology — (ii) population ecology — (iii) habitat conservation</p> <p>(b) — (i) aquatic mammals — (ii) terrestrial mammals — (iii) bats — (iv) aquatic reptiles — (v) birds</p>	<p>Resolution 1.4 Repeal; superseded</p>
<p>6. Notes that Article VIII of the Convention provides also for the appointment by the Conference of the Parties of suitably qualified experts;</p>	<p>Resolution 7.12 Repeal; superseded</p>
<p>7. Notes that Article VIII of the Convention provides for the appointment by the Conference of the Parties of suitably qualified experts; and</p>	<p>Resolution 6.7 Repeal; superseded</p>
<p>4. Determines the following principles for the composition and procedure of the Scientific Council:</p> <p>(a) The number of members of the Scientific Council selected and appointed by the Conference of the Parties in accordance with the second sentence of article VIII, paragraph 2, of the Convention shall be not more than eight;</p> <p>(b) The Scientific Council and its working groups may invite additional experts to take part in their work;</p> <p>(c) The membership of the Scientific Council shall be reviewed at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the meeting;</p> <p>(d) The Secretary for the Scientific Council and its working groups shall be provided by the secretariat of the Convention;</p>	<p>Resolution 1.4 Repeal; superseded or, in the case of paragraph (d), covered by Article IX(4)(a) of the Convention.</p>
<p>5. 12. Determines <u>that</u> the following guidelines for the functioning of the Council:</p> <p>(a) Whilst Parties would be expected to finance the expenses of their own nominees, those of the Conference nominees must be covered by the Convention budget as a high priority;</p> <p>(b) For reasons of economy and efficiency, the Scientific Council should work in small groups dealing with particular problems. The full Council should normally meet only in connection with a meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>Resolution 1.4 Repeal; paragraphs a) and b) superseded by Resolution 3.4</p>

(e) Continuity between the groups and during the intervals between meetings of the Conference should be provided by a scientific member of the secretariat;	
1. Confirms the continued application of all of the arrangements defined by Resolution 6.7, unless otherwise stipulated by this resolution;	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; superseded
<i>Participation in Meetings</i>	New header
2. 13. Decides to formalise formalize the involvement of the advisory bodies to CMS Agreements in the deliberations of the Scientific Council, by inviting them to participate as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Council;	Resolution 7.12 Retain
4. 14. Agrees that Scientific Councillors appointed by the Conference of the Parties shall be entitled to be observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties;	Resolution 3.4 Retain
Directs the Scientific Council to meet at least once mid-term between meetings of the Conference of the Parties;	Resolution 4.5 Repeal; superseded
Takes note of the decision of the fifth meeting of the Scientific Council to create a post of Vice-Chair to assist the Chair in its duties; and	Resolution 4.5 Repeal; superseded
2. 15. Recalls Rule 7 of the rules of procedure approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting (Geneva, 1997) which states that the Chair may invite any person or representative of any Party, non-Party State or organization (including from the advisory bodies to Convention-related Agreements), to participate in meetings of the Council as an observer without the right to vote;	Resolution 6.7 Retain
4. 16. Emphasizes the need to establish close links between the Scientific Council and the network of scientists and experts in equivalent bodies of those conventions with which a memorandum of understanding is in place, namely, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance;	Resolution 6.7 Retain
3. 17. Recognizes and thanks a number of key organizations for their continued involvement in and technical support of the work of the Convention;	Resolution 6.7 Retain
4. Decides to formalize the involvement of a number of key bodies and organizations in the deliberations of the Scientific Council;	Resolution 6.7 Repeal; superseded
5. 18. Invites the following bodies and organizations to participate as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Council and to consider establishing close working cooperative arrangements on matters of common interest: (a) Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity; (b) Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance; (c) Wetlands International; (d) BirdLife International; (e) International Whaling Commission; (f) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species; (g) World Conservation Monitoring Centre;	Resolution 6.7 Retain

<p>(h) IUCN - The World Conservation Union (i) World Wide Fund for Nature; and (j) Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.</p>	
<p>Tasks</p>	<p>New header</p>
<p>6. Directs the Scientific Council to address the following questions and tasks, in order of priority:</p> <p>(a) To assist in the development of indicative and exemplary agreements between Range States according to the Convention;</p> <p>(b) To formulate guidelines for the application of such terms of the Convention as "endangered" and "migratory species";</p> <p>(c) To review, in the light of these guidelines, the existing list of species on the appendices of the Convention;</p> <p>(d) To recommend, in accordance with article VIII, paragraph 5 (c), of the Convention, species to be included in appendices I or II, such additions to be made according to a clear, defined set of principles;</p> <p>(e) To develop a comprehensive and consistent candidate list of species which would benefit by future inclusion in appendices I and II, as they put forward;</p> <p>(f) To provide information, channelled through the secretariat, to all Range States of particular species, with a view to encouraging all non-party Range States to become Parties to the Convention and to participate in its implementation.</p>	<p>Resolution 1.4</p> <p>Repeal; tasks completed or superseded by subsequent resolutions; also superseded by the terms of reference for the Scientific Council, which the Standing Committee has provisionally adopted.</p>
<p>3. Directs the Scientific Council:</p> <p>a) to recommend specific conservation measures for species listed in Appendix I, in order to enhance implementation of Convention Article III, paragraph 4;</p> <p>b) to recommend conservation and management measures to be included in AGREEMENTs for species listed in or recommended for listing in Appendix II;</p> <p>c) in preparing recommendations with regard to subparagraph (b) above, to give priority in the first instance to sirenians, albatrosses and to migratory land-based mammals in the Sahelo-Saharan region, the Arabian peninsula and southern Asia;</p> <p>d) to keep under review, as the necessity arises, the existing list of species in the Appendices;</p> <p>e) to provide advice on further species to be added to the Appendices, giving particular attention to neotropical species;</p>	<p>Resolution 3.4</p> <p>Repeal; superseded by Resolution 4.5 and the terms of reference for the Scientific Council, which the Standing Committee has provisionally adopted</p>

<p>f) to identify and recommend any areas of research required to ascertain the conservation status of migratory species which are listed in the Appendices or are candidates for such listing;</p> <p>g) to undertake a preliminary review, with case studies, of the impact of artificial barriers to migration.</p>	
<p>19. Further d<u>Directs</u> the Scientific Council to undertake the following additional tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a) keeping under review the composition of Appendices I and II of the Convention; - b) advising on measures for the conservation of Appendix I species and their priorities; - c) advising on the development of existing Agreements and on priorities for development of new Agreements with its mandate for the 1995 – 97 triennium; - d) advising on selecting and monitoring small-scale pilot projects which will promote the implementation of the Convention; 	<p>Resolution 4.5</p> <p>Retain; however, this paragraph will be repealed if COP12 adopts the new terms of reference, which the Standing Committee has provisionally adopted.</p>
<p>Notes that Article VIII of the Convention describes the position and tasks of the Scientific Council. It shall, inter alia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provide scientific advice to the Conference of the Parties, to the Secretariat, and, if approved by the Conference of the Parties, to any body set up under the Convention or an Agreement or to any Party; 2. recommend and coordinate research in order to ascertain the conservation status of migratory species, evaluate the results of such research and report to the Conference of the Parties on the conservation status of species and ways to improve it; 3. make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on species to be included in Appendices I and II, and recommendations as to specific conservation and management measures to be included in Agreements on migratory species; and 4. recommend solutions to the Conference of the Parties to problems relating to the scientific aspects of the implementation of the Convention, in particular with regard to the habitats of migratory species; 	<p>Resolution 4.5</p> <p>Repeal; redundant</p>
<p>3. 20. Instructs the Scientific Council to produce a strategy on its scientific and conservation work, taking account of the ecology of species listed in the CMS Appendices as well as the factors which may threaten or endanger migratory species, leading to clear priorities for action and including appropriate consideration of monitoring the implementation of such a strategy;</p>	<p>Resolution 7.12</p> <p>Repeal; task completed</p>
<p>11. Instructs the Secretariat to develop Terms of Reference for the Scientific Council, in consultation with the Council itself, with a view to their submission to the Standing Committee at its 44th Meeting for review and provisional adoption, pending their final adoption by COP12;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Repeal; task completed</p>
<p>12. Requests the Scientific Council, with advice from the Secretariat, to develop and establish a revision of its Rules of Procedure, as well as elements of its <i>modus operandi</i> in accordance with this resolution;</p>	<p>Resolution 11.4</p> <p>Repeal; convert to a Decision if work not completed by COP12</p>

13. Mandates the Standing Committee to approve the revised Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council;	Resolution 11.4 Repeal; convert to a Decision if work not completed by COP12
14. Requests the Scientific Council to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to COP12; and	Resolution 11.4 Repeal; work completed
4. Further instructs the Scientific Council to develop and provide, through the Secretariat, an information pack for Parties providing clear guidance on the modus operandi of the Scientific Council;	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; superseded
Expenses	New header
2- 20. Determines the following guidelines for the funding of the Council: a) the expenses of the members appointed by the Conference of the Parties in relation to attendance at meetings of the Council and its working groups must be met from the Convention budget as a high priority; b) Parties are expected to finance the expenses of their own nominees, except in case of (i) the Chairman, in relation to travel expenses for travel undertaken as requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Scientific Council, or the Secretariat; and (ii) members from developing countries, in relation to travel expenses for travel to meetings of the Scientific Council and, in particular, relevant working groups when, on request, such expenses must be met as far as possible from the Convention budget; and	Resolution 3.4 Retain
8. Determines that expenses for the development of a scientific strategy be covered from the core budget or from voluntary contributions specifically granted to develop the strategy.	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; out of date
6. Determines that the expenses for the attendance of the Chairman of the Scientific Council at meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, cited in paragraph 5(a) and (b) above, shall be met from the Convention budget (when they cannot be met by his or her own country), provided the cost of participation does not exceed US\$1,000;	Resolution 6.7 Repeal; issue covered by paragraph 20 above.
Advises that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be invited to attend the meetings of the Scientific Council as an observer, with expenses paid from the Trust Fund (when they cannot be met by his or her own country), provided the cost of participation does not exceed US\$ 1,000.	Resolution 4.5 Repeal; superseded
Aware that, since 1985, funding has been included in the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties to cover travel expenses for	Resolution 4.5

travel undertaken by the Chair of the Standing Committee on behalf of the Conference of the Parties or on behalf of the Secretariat,	Repeal; superseded
Further aware that in 1985 the Conference of the Parties directed the Secretariat to provide for payment of travel costs for representatives from least developed countries and in 1988 for representatives from developing countries and in 1991 for the expenses of the experts appointed by the Conference of the Parties in relation to attendance at meetings of the Scientific Council,	Resolution 4.5 Repeal; superseded
Determines that the expenses for the attendance of the Chairman of the Scientific Council at meetings of the Standing Committee shall be met from the Convention budget;	Resolution 4.5 Repeal; superseded
<u>Appointments</u>	New title
7. Decides to appoint for the 2003-2005 triennium the following six experts, with a view to providing expertise in specific areas: • Dr. Colin Limpus (Australia) – marine turtles; • Mr. John O’Sullivan (United Kingdom) – birds; • Dr. William Perrin (United States) – marine mammals and large fishes; • Dr. Pierre Pfeffer (France) – large terrestrial mammals; • Dr. Roberto Schlatter (Chile) – Neotropical fauna; and • Mr. Noritaka Ichida (Japan) – Asiatic fauna; and	Resolution 7.12 Repeal; out of date
8. Further decides to appoint for the 2001-2002 biennium the following six experts, with a view to providing expertise in specific areas: • Dr. Colin Limpus (Australia) – marine turtles; • Dr. Michael Moser (United Kingdom) – waterbirds/wetlands; • Dr. William Perrin (United States) cetaceans and fishes; • Dr. Pierre Pfeffer (France) – large terrestrial mammals; • Dr. Roberto Schlatter (Chile) – neotropical fauna. • A Conference appointed Councillor for Asiatic fauna, whose selection shall be confirmed by the Standing Committee at its next meeting, following the Secretariat’s invitation to Parties to nominate appropriate candidates.	Resolution 6.7 Repeal; out of date
<u>Final Provisions</u>	New header
<u>21. Repeals</u> (a) <u>Resolution 1.4, Composition and Functions of the Scientific Council;</u> (b) <u>Resolution 3.4, Funding and Role of the Scientific Council;</u> (c) <u>Resolution 4.5, Arrangements for the Scientific Council;</u> (d) <u>Resolution 6.7, Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council;</u> (e) <u>Resolution 7.12, Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council; and</u> (f) <u>Resolution 11.4, Restructuring of the Scientific Committee.</u>	New text to reflect consolidation

ANNEX 2**DRAFT RESOLUTION****SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL**

Aware of the provisions of Article VIII of the Convention and *recalling* the establishment by Resolution 1.4 of the Scientific Council, made up of members appointed by the Conference of the Parties and members appointed by individual Contracting Parties;

Also, recalling the provisions of Resolutions 3.4, 4.5, 6.7, 7.12, 8.21 and 11.4, dealing with various aspects of the composition, functions and operation of the Scientific Council;

Acknowledging the fundamental contribution to the implementation of the Convention made by the Scientific Council since its establishment;

Aware that the Scientific Council, as a consequence of the ever-growing number of Parties to CMS, has seen a corresponding growth in its membership, and that a review of its working practice was desirable to optimize its productivity and capability to deal with the scientific and technical aspects of numerous issues relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species;

Recalling that the Future Shape process undertaken during the triennium 2009- 2011 identified the restructuring of the Scientific Council as one of the sixteen target activities for CMS, as outlined in Resolution 10.9 on Future Structure and Strategies for CMS and the CMS Family, and Resolution 10.1 on Financial and Administrative Matters; and

Welcoming the document prepared by the Secretariat on options for a revision of the operational organization of the Scientific Council (UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.17.1);

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

Composition

1. *Reaffirms* that the Scientific Council will continue to be composed of members appointed by individual Parties (Party-appointed Councillors) and members appointed by the Conference of the Parties (COP-appointed Councillors);
2. *Further reaffirms* that Parties will continue to appoint qualified experts as members of the Scientific Council and that Party-appointed Councillors will continue to contribute to the work of the Council in their expert capacity and not as representatives of the Parties that appointed them;
3. *Recommends* that the Parties interpret the first sentence of article VIII, paragraph 2, to mean that their nominees should have scientific expertise relevant to the aims and objectives of the Convention;

4. *Decides* that, for each intersessional period between two consecutive meetings of the Conference of the Parties, a representative selection of the membership of the Scientific Council, to be named the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council, should be identified, composed of COP-appointed Councillors, and Party-appointed Councillors selected regionally, to be appointed at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of a recommendation from the Secretariat in consultation with the Standing Committee;
5. *Further decides* that, for future triennia, unless otherwise decided by the Conference of the Parties, the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council will be composed of:
 - a) Nine COP-appointed members with expertise in taxonomic and thematic issues; and
 - b) Fifteen Party-appointed members selected within the Standing Committee geographic regions, as follows: three from Africa; three from Asia; three from Europe; three from Oceania; three from South and Central America and the Caribbean;
6. *Decides* that Sessional Committee members shall normally be nominated for a minimum term of two triennia; half of the first appointees shall be nominated for a single triennium. Each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting from the 12th Meeting (COP12), will decide upon the renewal of half of the membership of the Sessional Committee, in order to balance continuity and renewal;
7. *Decides* that, in appointing members to the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council from the pool of Party- and COP-appointed Councillors, the Conference of the Parties shall aim to achieve all of the following goals:
 - a) a balanced scientific representation of expertise in taxonomic and cross-cutting thematic areas;
 - b) a selection of individuals with a broad understanding of key scientific issues and concrete experience in translating science into policy in their regions; and
 - c) coverage of the predicted scientific expertise needed by the Convention for the next triennium;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide for a consultative process, including Party, scientific and expert advice, in order to elaborate its recommendation in consultation with the Standing Committee to the Conference of the Parties on the composition of the Sessional Committee, observing the goals stated in the previous paragraph;
9. *Encourages* Party- and COP-appointed Councillors not included in the Sessional Committee to contribute to the work of the Scientific Council, coordinate with Sessional Committee members and participate in working groups, including through meetings and the interactive tools available to the Scientific Council, as well as to pursue activities at the national level;
10. *Decides* that, for all the effects and purposes outlined in Article VIII of the Convention and relevant resolutions, the advice, recommendations, and all other outputs of the Sessional Committee shall be considered by the Conference of the Parties and all relevant governing bodies as products of the Scientific Council itself;

11. *Decides* to evaluate the results of the present restructuring of the Scientific Council with a view to confirm or review it during COP14;
12. *Determines* that continuity between the groups and during the intervals between meetings of the Conference should be provided by a scientific member of the secretariat;

Participation in Meetings

13. *Decides* to formalize the involvement of the advisory bodies to CMS Agreements in the deliberations of the Scientific Council, by inviting them to participate as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Council;
14. *Agrees* that Scientific Councillors appointed by the Conference of the Parties shall be entitled to be observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
15. *Recalls* Rule 7 of the rules of procedure approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting (Geneva, 1997) which states that the Chair may invite any person or representative of any Party, non-Party State or organization (including from the advisory bodies to Convention-related Agreements), to participate in meetings of the Council as an observer without the right to vote;
16. *Emphasizes* the need to establish close links between the Scientific Council and the network of scientists and experts in equivalent bodies of those conventions with which a memorandum of understanding is in place, namely, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance;
17. *Recognizes* and thanks a number of key organizations for their continued involvement in and technical support of the work of the Convention;
18. *Invites* the following bodies and organizations to participate as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Council and to consider establishing close working cooperative arrangements on matters of common interest:
 - a) Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
 - b) Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance;
 - c) Wetlands International;
 - d) BirdLife International;
 - e) International Whaling Commission;
 - f) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species;
 - g) World Conservation Monitoring Centre;
 - h) IUCN - The World Conservation Union
 - i) World Wide Fund for Nature; and
 - j) Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

Tasks

19. *Directs* the Scientific Council to undertake the following additional tasks:

- a) keeping under review the composition of Appendices I and II of the Convention;
- b) advising on measures for the conservation of Appendix I species and their priorities;
- c) advising on the development of existing Agreements and on priorities for development of new Agreements;
- d) advising on selecting and monitoring small-scale pilot projects which will promote the implementation of the Convention

Expenses

20. *Determines* the following guidelines for the funding of the Council:

- a) the expenses of the members appointed by the Conference of the Parties in relation to attendance at meetings of the Council and its working groups must be met from the Convention budget as a high priority;
- b) Parties are expected to finance the expenses of their own nominees, except in case of
 - i) the Chair, in relation to travel expenses for travel undertaken as requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Scientific Council, or the Secretariat; and
 - ii) members from developing countries, in relation to travel expenses for travel to meetings of the Scientific Council and, in particular, relevant working groups

when, on request, such expenses must be met as far as possible from the Convention budget.

Final Provisions

21. *Repeals*

- a) Resolution 1.4, *Composition and Functions of the Scientific Council*;
- b) Resolution 3.4, *Funding and Role of the Scientific Council*;
- c) Resolution 4.5, *Arrangements for the Scientific Council*;
- d) Resolution 6.7, *Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council*;
- e) Resolution 7.12, *Institutional Arrangements: Scientific Council*;
- f) Resolution 11.4, *Restructuring of the Scientific Council*.

ANNEX 3

DRAFT DECISIONS

Directed to the Scientific Council

12.AA The Scientific Council, with advice from the Secretariat, shall develop and establish a revision of its Rules of Procedure, as well as elements of its *modus operandi* in accordance with this resolution.

Directed to the Standing Committee

12.BB The Standing Committee shall approve the revised Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council.