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RESOLUTIONS TO REPEAL IN PART

**RECOMMENDATION 5.4, PROGRESS ON THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUBARA BUSTARD (*Chlamydotis undulata*)**

(Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee)

Summary:

This document repeals in part [Recommendation 5.4, Progress on the Conservation and Management of the Houbara Bustard \(*Chlamydotis undulata*\)](#).

DRAFT RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION 5.4¹-(REV.COP12)**PROGRESS ON THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUBARA BUSTARD (*Chlamydotis undulata*)**

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

Paragraph	Comments
<i>Considering</i> the unfavourable conservation status of the Houbara Bustard (<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>), over major parts of its range;	Retain
<i>Noting</i> with appreciation the activities exerted by the Government of Saudi Arabia towards the development of the Houbara Bustard Agreement;	Retain
<i>Noting</i> the report of the Seventh meeting of the Scientific Council and the appreciation expressed by the Council in regard to the progress made in the development of the Houbara Bustard Agreement; and	Retain
<i>Further noting</i> the contribution to the session of the Committee of the Whole on its meeting on 11 April 1997, the Secretariat and the Saudi Arabian delegation on reporting on the development of the Agreement;	Retain
The Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals	
<p><i>Requests</i> Parties and non-Parties to the Convention that are Range States for the Asiatic subspecies of the Houbara Bustard to:</p> <p>a. Complete the formal internal consideration of the draft Agreement text officially circulated to those States by the Government of Saudi Arabia and supply their comments expeditiously to the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development of Saudi Arabia;</p> <p>b. a) Monitor Houbara Bustard populations in breeding, staging and wintering areas that lay within their jurisdiction; and</p> <p>c. Take an active part in the further development of the Agreement and the Action Plan.</p>	<p>Repeal paragraph (a); work completed.</p> <p>Repeal paragraph (c); Resolution Conf. 10.16, paragraph 7, provides that if no clear expression of interest or offer to lead an instrument after two intersessional periods, then the instrument will no longer be considered under development. Since COP10, no Party has stepped forward to be the depositary or Secretariat for the Agreement, which was drafted more than 10 years ago. As COP12 will end the second intersessional period since the principle established in Resolution 10.16, this paragraph should be</p>

¹ Previously Recommendation 5.4.

	<p>repealed. This would also be consistent with the new criteria for development of new Agreements under Resolution 11.12.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) remains valid. However, the Secretariat also notes that since the drafting of this Recommendation and the Agreement on the Conservation of the Asian Houbara Bustard, the taxonomy and nomenclature of Houbara Bustards has changed. See UNEP/CMS/COP11/Inf.17, Review of the Global Conservation Status of the Asian Houbara Bustard (Chlamydotis macqueenii). Consequently, the Parties may wish to use this opportunity to reassess and reset their approach to this species with the aim to explore all options for international cooperation for its conservation and management.</p>
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RESOLUTION 5.XX (REV. COP12)¹

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THE HOUBARA BUSTARD (*Chlamydotis undulata*)**

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Noting with appreciation the activities exerted by the Government of Saudi Arabia towards the development of the Houbara Bustard Agreement;

Noting the report of the Seventh meeting of the Scientific Council and the appreciation expressed by the Council in regard to the progress made in the development of the Houbara Bustard Agreement; and

Further noting the contribution to the session of the Committee of the Whole on its meeting on 11 April 1997, the Secretariat and the Saudi Arabian delegation on reporting on the development of the Agreement;

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Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

Requests Parties and non-Parties to the Convention that are Range States for the Asiatic subspecies of the Houbara Bustard to monitor Houbara Bustard populations in breeding, staging and wintering areas that lay within their jurisdiction.

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