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**SYNERGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

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Summary:

The document provides an overview of the progress made on the implementation of both Resolution 11.10 on *Synergies and Partnerships* and Resolution 11.11 on *Enhancing the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society*.

Implementation of the Resolution in Annex 1 will contribute to meeting various targets of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023.

This document highlights the state of activities undertaken as at July 2017.

This document should be read in conjunction with document UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.1.27 concerning resolutions to be repealed in part.

## SYNERGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

### Background

1. The Conference of the Parties to CMS at its 11th meeting (COP11, Quito, November 2014) adopted Resolution 11.10 on *Synergies and Partnerships* and Resolution 11.11 on *Enhancing the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society*. The document provides an overview of the progress made on the implementation of both Resolutions.
2. Following the provisions of Resolution 11.10, the Secretariat coordinated actions and created synergies with key stakeholders including biodiversity-related Conventions and international organizations.
3. In accordance with Resolution 11.11 the Secretariat invited Parties, other Governments, CSO and NGO Partners to review options for furthering the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society. All inputs received were consolidated in recommendations for the consideration of the 45th Standing Committee Meeting in November 2016. These recommendations have been refined and transcribed to the Resolution presented in Annex 1 to this document.

### Promoting CMS Issues in the UN System

#### *Post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*

4. Following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Secretariat has been cooperating with the UN Environment Law Division and providing inputs to an exercise aiming at outlining interlinkages between the targets of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 and the Aichi Targets and those of the SDGs. The results of this mapping exercise are important to understand the contribution of migratory species to delivering the 2030 Agenda and help streamline national strategies and reporting processes. Along with the development of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, this mapping exercise have been further developed to include the linkages at the level of indicators.
5. The High-Level Panel Discussion associated with the forthcoming Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (COP12), which is planned to take place on 22 October 2017, will address the interlinkages between sustainable development and the conservation of wildlife and provide a further opportunity to consider how the conservation of migratory species underpins the attainment of the SDGs.

#### *Processes and initiatives under UN Environment*

6. The Secretariat took part in the Task Team dedicated to reviewing the current state and level of efficiency of the administrative arrangements and programmatic cooperation between UN Environment and the convention secretariats it administers. The Secretariat also contributed to the UN Environment project on *“Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among the biodiversity-related Conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies”* with a view to elaborating concrete options. The outputs of both initiatives were submitted to the Second United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in June 2016 and resulted in two specific Resolutions (2/17 and 2/18).
7. Following UNEA Resolution 2/17 on *Enhancing the work of the United Nations Environment Programme in facilitating cooperation, collaboration and synergies among biodiversity-related conventions*, several consultations took place with the UN Environment on the development of a portfolio of projects to deliver on both its Medium-Term Strategy 2018-2021 and Programme of Work 2018-2019. As a result of these dialogues, the Secretariat strengthened its cooperation with the Regional Seas

Programme and Conventions and the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Illicit Trade in Wildlife and Forest Products.

8. The Secretariat is currently assisting the UN Environment in the organization of a Leadership Dialogue Breakfast, which will be held immediately before COP12 in Manila and will bring together leaders from governments, the private sector and non-governmental entities to discuss the contributions of the CMS COP agenda to the main theme of the forthcoming UNEA Meeting, "*Pollution Free Planet*".
9. The Secretariat is an active member of the UN Environment driven MEA Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) Initiative. The MEA IKM Initiative brings together a wide range of MEAs and other stakeholders with the aim of developing information tools and processes which improve access to data and fosters collaboration amongst the different actors for the benefit of the environment community at large.
10. A flagship project of the initiative is InforMEA ([www.informea.org](http://www.informea.org)), a web-portal which provides central, organized access to a wide array of MEA information such as COP decisions and resolutions, national reports, focal point contact information. Both InforMEA and the IKM Initiative have become well established tools and processes for enhancing synergies and collaboration amongst the different MEAs in the areas of both information and knowledge management. For CMS and the wider CMS Family the initiative has significantly helped to strengthen the Secretariat's capacity in this key area, while also being an excellent forum for exchange and collaboration with other MEAs on other key common MEA topics such as e-learning, common vocabularies (agreed terminologies) and online national reporting.

#### Promoting synergies with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

##### *Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG)*

11. The Secretariat participated in the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the BLG which took place in September 2015 in Geneva while its Eleventh Ordinary Meeting was held on 23 August 2016 in Bonn and was chaired by the CMS Secretariat. Among other topics, the meeting discussed outcomes of synergy-related processes among the biodiversity-related conventions including related UNEA-2 Resolutions; indicators and monitoring under the SDGs; preparations and expectations of upcoming Conferences of the Parties of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); and financial mechanisms. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) were also invited to present issues of common interest and explore opportunities for cooperation with the BLG.
12. Following the meeting, the BLG invited IWC to join the group and become the eighth member. The Contracting Governments of IWC considered and accepted the proposal during the latest Conference of the Parties (IWC 66) held in October 2016 in Slovenia.

##### *Biodiversity-related MEAs*

13. Meanwhile, liaison has continued individually with BLG members and other MEAs through the implementation of joint work plans, and enhancing synergies when possible.
14. CMS took part in a series of Regional Preparatory Meetings for CITES COP17 and CBD COP13 and contributed to sessions covering matters of common interest and promoting synergies.
15. With the support of the Government of Germany, a joint CITES/CMS Programme Officer was recruited and began her work on 1 July 2015 to support and coordinate the implementation of the Joint Work Programme for 2015-2020, with a focus on African

species, in particular elephants and lions. In this context, the CMS and CITES Secretariats convened a joint meeting to discuss broadly the continent-wide conservation of African lion, while at the same time facilitating the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.32 and discuss appropriate listings of the species under CITES and CMS. (All documents relating to the meeting can be found [here](#).) The meeting took place in Entebbe, Uganda on 30-31 May 2016 and issued a [Communiqué](#) which calls for concerted efforts to conserve this species. Based on the joint work relating to *Panthera leo* ([UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.3.1.3](#)), the Secretariats developed a proposal for a Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative, which has been proposed for adoption by CMS COP12 ([UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.3.1.1](#)). Based on the efforts of the joint Programme Officers a number of Resolutions have been submitted that advance cooperation between the two Secretariats on specific species, including elephants and African Carnivores.

16. The Secretariat developed Joint Work Plans for 2016-2018 with both the CBD and Ramsar Secretariats which were presented to and endorsed by the CMS 44<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting.
17. The CMS Secretariat, in its capacity as BLG member, took part in the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) established under CBD COP Decision XII/6 and tasked with elaborating options to enhance synergies and improve efficiency among the biodiversity-related conventions. The CMS Secretariat facilitated the nomination of representatives of its Parties to the dedicated workshop that took place in Geneva in February 2016 and contributed to all consultations. The outcomes of the workshop, which included a set of options and a road map for their implementation, were submitted to the First Meeting of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI1) in May 2016 and subsequently to the CBD COP13 in December 2016.
18. Synergies were established with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) with regard to the development of guidelines on whale watching activities which respond to a request by the Parties to both treaties.
19. Close cooperation with the Bern Convention was furthered on various issues. The Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean, established under CMS, met in Sliema (Malta), on 22 and 23 June 2017 together with the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds. The objective of this joint meeting was the exchange of practices and facilitation of concerted actions of both networks to support each other.

#### Strengthen existing collaboration with other Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) and Civil Society

20. The Secretariat has been renewing its commitments with IGOs and civil society through regular contacts, holding meetings or phone calls, to review progress on ongoing collaborations and exchange information on emerging issues.
21. CMS continued to benefit from the support of numerous nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in the implementation of species Memoranda of Understanding and initiatives as well as in the operation of various processes and scientific working groups as outlined in Document UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.18 *Implementation of the Programme of Work 2015-2017*.
22. The Secretariat entered formal partnerships with two additional NGOs during the triennium. Related agreements were signed during the 45<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting. One agreement was made with the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF) which has already made significant efforts to

promote and assist China's accession to CMS and is planning to work in East Asia with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to stimulate interest in the Convention among other countries from the region such as the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea. The other agreement was stipulated with the Swiss-based NGO, OceanCare, which has been conducting extensive work of interest to the CMS Family relating to ocean noise, and the conservation of cetaceans.

23. With a view to implementing Resolution 11.11 on "*Enhancing the Relationship between the CMS Family and Civil Society*", the Secretariat issued two Notifications (2016/017 on 14 July 2016 and 2015/19 on 16 July 2015) to invite Parties, other Governments, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and NGOs to review options and make recommendations for furthering the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society.
24. By 1 September 2015, the Secretariat received input from Wild Migration in the form of a project proposal entitled "The Firebird Project: Increasing involvement of NGOs in the CMS Family". In response to the second notification, the Secretariat had received responses from the Governments of Australia and Togo. All submissions are posted [here](#), as they were received, with a courtesy translation in the official languages. These inputs were consolidated and translated into recommendations that address both the national and international levels for the consideration of the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee. The meeting preliminarily endorsed the recommendations and requested the Secretariat to further refine them for their submission to COP12. The Standing Committee also underlined that suitability and cost-effectiveness should be essential elements of any proposed recommendation. These recommendations are included in paragraph 5 of the Resolution presented in Annex 1 to this document.

#### Engagement in strategic collaborations

##### *Global Environment Facility (GEF)*

20. Following CMS Resolution 11.10 and CBD Decision XII/30, the CMS Secretariat transmitted to the CBD Secretariat the decision taken by the 44<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting ([in Annex II of the Report](#)) on elements of advice for the GEF concerning the funding of the national priorities for CMS aligned with the Aichi Targets. Such advice was transmitted to the CBD Secretariat in time to their SBI1 and subsequently presented to COP13 for its consideration. The CMS Secretariat issued a notification in October 2016 to remind CMS Parties and stakeholders of such advice and any other provisions related to migratory species conservation to be taken into account during any related negotiations at CBD COP13.

##### *Regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs)*

21. Following endorsement by the CMS 44<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting in 2015, the draft Memorandum of Cooperation between CMS and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) was submitted to IOTC. Although approval by the IOTC is still pending, cooperation between the CMS Family and IOTC continued. A joint capacity-building workshop was organized by both Secretariats and supported by the CMS MOUs on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA) and on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks. It was hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman in Muscat from 18-22 October 2015. It provided expert training to support the creation and implementation of observer schemes in Oman, Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran with a specific focus on gillnet fisheries.

##### *Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)*

22. Also in pursuance of the mandate provided by CMS Resolution 10.8, the Secretariat continued following the IPBES process. On 9 September 2016, the Secretariat issued Notification 2016/023 to its Parties drawing their attention to a call from IPBES to take part in the review of a draft scoping report for the thematic assessment on the sustainable use

of biodiversity, which was produced at a meeting held in Bonn, Germany from 2-4 August 2016. Furthermore, the notification informed about the release of the final versions of the Summaries for Policymakers (SPM) of the IPBES methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services and the thematic assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production, which were approved by the IPBES Plenary in Malaysia in February 2016.

23. Two notifications were issued in 2017 (2017/007 and 2017/012) with a view to encourage CMS Parties, partner organizations and experts to contribute to and facilitate the review of the four Regional Assessments as well as the Global one on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, with special attention to issues of interest to the Convention.

#### *Cooperation between WMBD and IMBD*

24. In January 2017, the Coordinator of the Joint CMS and African Eurasian Waterbirds Agreement (AEWA) Communications Team was invited to Washington D.C. to participate in a Board Meeting of the International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) initiative by "Environment for the Americas", the leading US-based organization behind the campaign. The aim of the meeting was to explore potential areas of collaboration between the CMS and AEWA led World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) and the IMBD campaigns. An agreement was reached to try to develop a white paper and memorandum of understanding and to work towards developing a single global campaign. The growing cooperation between CMS and AEWA (as the main organizations behind WMBD) and Environment for the Americas (as the main organization behind IMBD) and possible other partners is an exciting development which will help to unify global efforts towards the common vision of creating a truly global, United Nations backed event for migratory birds.

#### Strengthen regional collaboration and presence of CMS

25. Although no progress could be made with regard to the establishment of regional coordinators in Africa, the Pacific and Latin America, the Secretariat continued to foster its relationship with various UN Environment Regional Offices and institutions. All UN Environment Regional Offices have been assisting the Secretariat in promoting COP12 specifically with (i) country participation (ii) its outreach and media coverage and (iii) the link between its agenda and UNEA3.
26. The UN Environment Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) located in Bangkok assisted with the preparations of the workshop to promote the accession of South-east Asian countries to CMS, which took place on 27-29 October 2015 in the Philippines, and the regional workshop in preparation of COP12 for Parties in the Oceania region to be held from 28-30 August 2017, in Brisbane, Australia.
27. The UN Environment Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC), provided support to the organization of the workshop to promote the accession of Latin American countries to CMS which took place from 22-24 September 2015 in Panama. ROLAC will also be assisting with the workshop dedicated to National Focal Points (NFPs) of the region in preparation of COP12 planned from 18-20 July 2017, in La Paz, Bolivia.
28. The UN Environment Regional Office for Africa (ROA) in Nairobi as well as the newly established Sub Regional Office for West Africa based in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, helped with the logistical arrangements of the meeting of the CMS African-Eurasian Landbirds Working Group in Abidjan, in late November 2015, and are supporting the COP12 preparatory workshop for NFPs of African Parties to take place from 9-11 August 2017, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
29. The Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) was instrumental in the organization of a workshop to promote the recruitment of new Parties from the region which took place in Barbados from 31 August - 2 September 2016.

Recommended actions

The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:

- a) adopt the proposed amendments to Resolution 11.10 contained in Annex 1.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION 11.10

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

*Recalling* Resolution 7.9 on “Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes”, Resolution 8.11 on “Cooperation with other Conventions”, Resolution 9.6 on “Cooperation with Other Bodies” and Resolution 10.21 on “Synergies and Partnerships”, as well as Resolution 10.25 on “Enhancing Engagement with the Global Environment Facility”;

*Acknowledging* the importance of cooperation and synergies with other bodies, including multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector;

*Recognizing* the instrumental role of partner organizations in the development and implementation of CMS and its related initiatives and outreach campaigns, including the negotiation of the Convention itself;

*Appreciating* the value of such partnerships in reaching a wider audience and raising public awareness of the Convention and the importance of conserving migratory species on a global scale;

*Noting with appreciation* all the individuals and organizations that contributed to the achievements of the Year of the Turtle (2006), Year of the Dolphin (2007/8), Year of the Gorilla (2009) and Year of the Bat (2011/12);

*Expressing* its gratitude to the many partner organizations that have assisted in promoting CMS and its mandate, for example, by facilitating the negotiation and implementation of species agreements under the Convention;

*Welcoming* the report on Synergies and Partnerships (UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.21.1), prepared by the ~~UNEP~~ UN Environment/CMS Secretariat, and the progress made in enhancing cooperation, coordination, synergies as well as partnerships with biodiversity-related Conventions and other relevant institutions;

*Further taking note* of the results of the ~~UNEP~~ UN Environment project on improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies;

*Welcoming* the decisions taken by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions;

*Welcoming also* the continuing and important cooperation among the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions including through Memoranda of Understanding between the CMS Secretariat and the Secretariats of the International Whaling Commission, UNESCO, the Ramsar Convention, the Bern Convention and CITES;

*Further welcoming* the Memoranda of Understanding with the Migratory Wildlife Network<sup>1</sup> and the IUCN Environmental Law Centre;

*Aware* of the ongoing discussions with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) concerning the formalization of a Memorandum of Cooperation, and

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<sup>1</sup> Now known as Wild Migration.

*appreciating* the important efforts made by CMS to enhance relationships with organizations that have different mandates or goals, such as FAO, which provide multidisciplinary solutions aimed at currently achieving food security, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and ecosystem health;

*Recognizing* the importance of ongoing cooperation among secretariats of biodiversity related conventions through the Biodiversity Liaison Group to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in order to reach the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Decision X/2 of CBD);

*Highlighting* the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 as a strategic framework for synergies and partnerships with other MEAs, organizations and stakeholders, which will provide an important contribution to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

*Further recognizing* the outcome of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, *The Future We Want*, which recognizes the significant contributions to sustainable development made by the MEAs and *encouraging* the Parties to MEAs to consider further measures to promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication, and enhance cooperation and coordination amongst MEAs; and

*Convinced* of the significant potential of increasing cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions to enhance coherent national level implementation of each of the conventions;

Recalling Resolution 11.11, which invited the Secretariat, Parties, other Governments, CSO and NGO Partners to review options for furthering the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society; and

Recognizing the recommendations for strengthening the relationship between the CMS Family and civil society submitted to the Conference of Parties;

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

1. *Stresses* the importance of supporting the objectives of biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements to improve national collaboration, communication and coordination with relevant organizations and processes;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to inform biodiversity related agreements, including through the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant partners about the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 and pursue further activities related to synergies and partnerships within that framework;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue developing effective and practical cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including other biodiversity instruments and international organizations;
4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to identify potential strategic partners and engage with them when developing campaigns and other outreach activities and encourages all relevant stakeholders to contribute to these initiatives;
5. *Welcomes* the implementation of the recommendations responding to a request of Parties set out in Resolution 11.11 aimed at enhancing the relationship between the CMS Family and Civil Society both at international and national levels:
  - Explore ways to enable NGOs and CSOs to formally report on their work for the consideration of the decision-making bodies of the CMS Family;
  - Ensure greater NGO and CSO involvement in the CMS Family processes and their participation in related meetings through better use of web and communication

- technologies and through facilitating dedicated dialogues prior to the decision-making bodies of the CMS Family;
- Increase the understanding and capacity of NGOs and CSOs to engage with the CMS Family agenda through the development of specific e-learning materials;
  - Support the creation of national committees and platforms including NGOs and civil society to exchange information and experience and to promote activities in the field that are designed to increase the relevance of CMS.
6. *Further requests* the Secretariat to facilitate non-formalized collaborations with partners such as the FAO, that can help to extend the multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary scope of approaches to collaboration;
  7. *Further requests* the Secretariat to pursue strengthened partnerships with the private sector in accordance with the CMS Code of Conduct;
  8. *Further requests* the Secretariat, its daughter Agreements within the mandates given by their Parties/Signatories and the Scientific Council to enhance their engagement with expert committees and processes initiated by partners, as appropriate;
  9. *Welcomes* the joint work plan between the secretariats of the CMS and CITES and *further requests* the Secretariat to prepare proposals to strengthen cooperation, coordination and synergies, with other biodiversity-related conventions, including through joint work plans with clear targets and timetables aligned with the CMS strategic plan, for consideration at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
  10. *Requests* the Secretariat to take action to strengthen implementation of CMS through the processes on the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including through cooperation with the ~~UNEP~~ UN Environment Regional Offices;
  11. *Also requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Secretariats of other conventions to continue liaising with the ~~UNEP~~ UN Environment regional offices and make best use of their role in assisting the implementation of the biodiversity-related MEAs;
  12. *Further requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Secretariats of CBD and of other relevant MEAs to consider and advise on ways and means of more coherently addressing the conservation and sustainable use of animal species in CBD processes, including in relation to the implementation by biodiversity-related conventions of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets; and *further requests* the Secretariat to report on progress to the Scientific Council and each meeting of the COP;
  13. *Further requests* the Secretariat to enhance cooperation through the Biodiversity Liaison Group and the biodiversity indicators partnership to improve a global set of biodiversity indicators;
  14. *Further requests* the Secretariat to strengthen cooperation, coordination and synergies with the Ramsar Convention to pursue the most effective actions for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their wetland habitats;
  15. *Welcomes* the Gangwon Declaration adopted on the occasion of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity which welcomes the importance given to biodiversity in the outcome document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and calls for the further integration and mainstreaming of biodiversity in the post-2015 development agenda, and *requests* the Secretariat to continue to engage with the process on the establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals in cooperation with the Biodiversity Liaison Group;

16. *Invites* the members of the Biodiversity Liaison Group to strengthen cooperation and coordination with a view to increasing synergies among their respective explorations and developments of online reporting systems as a means to increase synergies on national reporting under the biodiversity-related conventions;
17. *Also invites* the members of the Biodiversity Liaison Group to consider ways and means to increase cooperation on their outreach and communication strategies;
18. *Further invites* the Biodiversity Liaison Group to take into due consideration the need to optimize monitoring efforts and improve effectiveness through the use of coherent monitoring frameworks and indicator systems;
19. *Requests* the Secretariat as far as possible to avoid duplication of work on the same issues among MEAs dedicated to nature protection issues, and *invites* the Biodiversity Liaison Group to address at its future meetings options for enhanced cooperation with regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, bushmeat and invasive alien species, including through exploring the possibility of identifying lead MEAs in a manner consistent with their mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes;
20. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to report to the Standing Committee on progress made including on results of joint activities as discussed and agreed in the Biodiversity Liaison Group;
21. *Recognizes* that adequate resources are required to allow partnerships to be developed, and such resources could be provided in part through voluntary contributions from Parties and *requests* Parties to ensure that adequate resources are provided to the Secretariat to allow partnerships to be developed and strengthened;
22. *Urges* Parties to establish close collaboration at the national level between the focal point of the CMS and the focal points of other relevant conventions in order for Governments to develop coherent and synergistic approaches across the conventions and increase effectiveness of national efforts, for example by developing national biodiversity working groups to coordinate the work of focal points of relevant MEAs and other stakeholders *inter alia* through relevant measures in NBSAPs, harmonized national reporting and adoption of coherent national positions in respect of each MEA;
23. *Also urges* Parties to facilitate cooperation among international organizations, and to promote the integration of biodiversity concerns related to migratory species into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among the various conventions and other international fora in which they are involved;
24. *Encourages* Parties and other governments and organizations to make use of the web-based tools, such as InforMEA, when developing and implementing mutually supportive activities among CMS Agreements and biodiversity-related conventions so as to improve coherence in their implementation;
25. *Urges* partner organizations to continue to promote and publicize the benefits to them, to CMS and to conservation arising from effective collaboration; and
26. *Repeals* Resolution 7.9, Resolution 8.11, Resolution 9.6, and Resolution 10.21.