



**CONVENTION ON
MIGRATORY
SPECIES**

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PRESIDENCY OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

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Noting the work that has been carried by former hosts of meetings of the Conference of Parties (COP) in facilitating and promoting strong outcomes for meetings of the COP,

Acknowledging the positive role that Presidencies have played in other multilateral environmental agreements and international processes,

Recognizing the need to formalize and designate specific functions to the Presidency of the Conference as an effort to strengthen the overall work of the Convention and support its existing bodies and the need for this work to continue between COPs,

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

1. *Decides* that the host country of the meeting of the COP shall be designated as the Presidency during the intersessional period following the meeting it hosted and be given the following roles and functions:
 - a) Provide political leadership and direction towards achieving the objectives of the Convention;
 - b) Act as facilitator among all parties to the negotiations;
 - c) Steer efforts by the international community towards implementing the Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the COP;
 - d) Promote collaboration amongst Parties and stakeholders with respect to implementing adopted Resolutions and Decisions;
 - e) Assist the Secretariat in elevating the Convention's objectives on the international political agenda;
2. *Urges* the Presidency to provide a report on its activities set out in paragraphs a) to e) above to the subsequent meeting of the COP;
3. *Urges* the Presidency to provide a report on its activities set out in paragraphs a) to e) above to the Standing Committee at its regular subsequent meetings in the relevant intersessional period.