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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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| <p>1. Opening of the meeting There will be a formal opening ceremony on 20 November 2005 (4:00 to 6:00 PM), for which a separate programme will be issued. The opening ceremony will include the Presentation of Award for the Thesis on Migratory Species Conservation sponsored by National Geographic Deutschland and Lufthansa.</p> | <p>Opening Ceremony Programme to be distributed to participants.</p> |
| <p>I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS</p> | |
| <p>2. Welcoming addresses The Chairman of the CMS Standing Committee will make an opening statement and will conduct the business of the meeting through to the election of officers (agenda item 4). Written statements will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting.</p> | <p>Information documents to be circulated.</p> |
| <p>3. Adoption of rules of procedure It is envisaged that the same rules of procedure that applied at COP7 (Bonn, 2002) will be tabled for adoption. Attention is drawn to Rule 14(2), concerning voting rights of Parties whose contributions are in arrears, which the Conference of the Parties agreed would be strictly adhered to at the present meeting. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to adopt unchanged rules of procedure.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.4</p> |
| <p>4. Election of officers In accordance with Rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the following officers shall be elected: Chair of the Conference, Chair of the Committee of the Whole (who shall also serve as Vice-Chair of the Conference); and the Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole. <i>Expected outcome:</i> three main conference officers elected by acclamation.</p> | |
| <p>5. Adoption of agenda and work schedule The meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agenda and work schedule agreed, including any modifications decided by the Conference.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.1 Add 1 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.2</p> |
| <p>6. Establishment of Credentials Committee and sessional committees The meeting is invited to formally establish the Committee of the Whole with open-ended membership, in accordance with Rule 23, and to establish a committee of five members, with appropriate linguistic and geographic composition, for the purpose of reviewing the <i>original</i> credentials of official delegations. The meeting may wish to establish further sessional committees (working groups) as the need arises. The bureau of the Conference of the Parties will be established according to Rule 7. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Credential and other Committees established.</p> | <p>.</p> |
| <p>7. Admission of observers The meeting is invited to admit as observers the six Scientific Council experts identified by the Conference of the Parties, as well as representatives of IGOs, and international and national NGOs that meet the criteria set out in Article VII, para 9 , of the Convention. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference agrees to the admission of observers.</p> | <p>List of organizations seeking admission will be read out by the Secretariat</p> |

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| II. REVIEW OF CMS IMPLEMENTATION | |
| <p>8. Reports from Convention and Agreement Bodies</p> <p>(a) <i>Secretariat</i> The Secretariat will introduce its report utilizing a Power Point presentation summarizing developments that have taken place under the framework of CMS since COP7. Expected outcome: Conference to note the Secretariat report.</p> <p>(b) <i>Standing Committee</i> The Chairperson of the Standing Committee will be invited to report on the activities of the Standing Committee and its members over the previous triennium, as well as the Committee's deliberations at its 27th meeting (April 2005). Expected outcome: Conference to note the oral report made by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>(c) <i>Scientific Council</i> The Chair of the Scientific Council will be invited to highlight the main activities of the Council during the previous triennium, and to report on the outputs of the Council's 13th meeting held immediately prior to COP8, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. Expected outcome: Conference to note the oral report made by the Chair of the Scientific Council.</p> <p>(d) <i>Article IV Agreements/MOUs</i> Representatives of CMS Agreements already concluded – Wadden Sea Seals, EUROBATS, ASCOBANS, AEW, ACCOBAMS, ACAP, and the IOSEA Marine Turtle MoU – will be invited to make a brief oral summary of their written presentations. The Secretariat will report briefly on development in respect of Memoranda of Understanding for which it provides secretariat services (i.e. Siberian Crane, Slender-billed curlew, Great Bustard, African Atlantic Coast Marine Turtles, Bukhara Deer and Aquatic Warbler). Expected outcome: Conference notes the oral and written reports submitted by Article IV Agreements and MoUs.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.3</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Inf. 8.6</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Inf. 8.5</p> <p>Information documents to be circulated.</p> |
| <p>9. Reports from States</p> <p>(a) <i>Depositary/Host Government</i> The representative of the Depositary and Host Government will be invited to report on activities related to the discharge of its functions as depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification and circulation of the official texts of the Convention. Expected outcome: Conference notes the written report of the Depositary and Host Government of the Convention.</p> <p>(b) <i>Party States</i></p> <p>(i) <i>synthesis of Party reports</i> - The synthesis included the reports to CMS and associated Agreements submitted by Parties between 2003-2005. It also directs the Secretariat to compile the information received from Parties and to update it with any new information that may be provided by the Parties. Expected outcome: recommendations on how this work shall continue in the future, so as to maximize the information value of Party reports and to assure a useful contribution to harmonization initiatives for biodiversity-related instruments.</p> <p>(ii) <i>statements by New Parties who have acceded since September 2002</i> - Parties that have recently joined the Convention will deliver a statement to the Conference</p> | <p>Statement to be included in information document.</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.5</p> <p>Written statements to be included in information documents.</p> |

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| <p>(c) <i>Non-Party States</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Announcements of new accessions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair will invite representatives of non-party observers to give an indication of their Government's considerations <i>vis-à-vis</i> accession to CMS <p>(ii) <i>Others</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-parties wishing to deliver a message to the Conference will take the floor. | |
| <p>10. Report from Partners</p> <p>(a) <i>UNEP</i></p> <p>The representative of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver a statement to the Conference.</p> <p>(b) <i>Biodiversity Liaison Group</i></p> <p>A representative of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (consisting of representatives of the secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Ramsar Convention, CITES and the World Heritage Convention) will deliver a statement on behalf of the group focusing on cooperation and synergies among the Conventions.</p> <p>(c) <i>Other Intergovernmental Bodies</i></p> <p>The floor will be open to other IGOs for their statements.</p> <p>(d) <i>Civil Society</i></p> <p>The floor will be open to NGOs and other partners for their statements.</p> | <p>Statement to be distributed as information document</p> |
| <p>11. CMS and the 2010 Biodiversity Targets</p> <p>The Secretariat will report on developments relevant to this item since COP-7. The chair of the Scientific Council will inform the meeting on the results of its consideration of this issue at its 13th meeting. Expected outcome: COP will be requested to express itself on the further consideration of this issue within the Convention, notably on options for the development of indicators to assess the contribution of CMS to the achievement of the 2010 target and synergies with other frameworks and bodies.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.6 UNEP/CMS/Res.8.3</p> |
| <p>12. CMS Strategic Plan</p> <p>(a) <i>Outcome of Strategic Plan 2000-2005</i></p> <p>The Secretariat will present an evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2000-2005. Expected outcome: The Conference will be invited to comment on the report and express consideration of the lessons learned, notably with a view to the finalization and adoption of the Strategic Plan 2006-2011.</p> <p>(b) <i>New Strategic Plan 2006-2011</i></p> <p>The chair of the open-ended working group on the strategic plan will report on the mandate and work undertaken by the aforementioned group. The Secretariat will then introduce the draft Strategic Plan, and provide the Conference with a brief overview of main objective and targets. Expected outcome: The Conference will be asked to adopt the text of the Strategic Plan for the Convention on Migratory Species contained in the annex to the relevant resolution.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.7</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Res. 8.2</p> |

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| <p>(c) <i>Application in CMS of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity</i> The Secretariat will give a short overview of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines (AAPGs) for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, developed under CBD and subsequently adopted by other MEAs, and elaborate on their relevance to the CMS. Expected outcome: the Conference will be asked to adopt the resolution requesting CMS Parties to make use of AAPGs as a relevant framework for the sustainable use of biodiversity components in reviewing the operations of the Convention and ensure that they are fully taken into account as the work of the Convention develops and to invite the CMS Secretariat in collaboration with the Scientific Council to further explore the applicability of the AAPGs in a transboundary context for migratory species moving across national jurisdictions.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.8 UNEP/CMS/Res. 8.1</p> |
| <p>13. Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix I species Under this broad agenda item, the meeting is expected to concentrate on conservation measures for specific Appendix I “Concerted Actions” species.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.9</p> |
| <p>(a) <i>Major (concerted Action) Projects</i></p> <p>i. <i>Sahelo-Saharan antelopes project</i> The Secretariat will present (i) a summary document on the update progress made for the implementation of the Sahelo-saharan project and (ii) a detailed report presented to the ScC on the related concerted action. Expected outcome: the Conference will take note of the reports made, encourage the further implementation of the Concerted Action, in particular by extending the SSA-CMS/FFEM project to the entire range, invite the Secretariat to continue working closely with SSA WG, range States and other interested countries and organizations with a view to developing a WSSD Partnership to support an appropriate Agreement.</p> <p>ii. <i>Siberian Crane Wetland project</i> A report will be presented by the International Crane Foundation on the status of the GEF-supported Siberian Crane Wetland Project that contributes to the CMS Siberian Crane concerted action. Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the report.</p> <p>iii. <i>Potential additional projects</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Other measures to promote the conservation of Appendix I species</i> Under this agenda item the meeting will review initiatives undertaken within the Convention for Appendix I species designated for Concerted Actions, as well as action undertaken towards the implementation of relevant Resolutions and recommendations of the Conference of the Parties, in particular: Res. 7.2 on Impact Assessment; Res. 7.4 on Electrocution of Migratory Species; Res. 7.5 on Wind Turbines; Res. 6.2 and Rec. 7.2 on By-catch. Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to consider possible proposals for the designation of species for Concerted Actions, as well as possible other issues proposed by the Parties related to App. I species conservation. At the time the document is being prepared, a draft Resolution on Climate Change and Migratory Species has been submitted by the government of the United Kingdom.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.21a</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.21b</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.22 Various resolutions</p> |

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| <p>14. Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix II species Under this agenda item the meeting is expected to consider conservation measures for Appendix II “Cooperative Action” species and interventions in cross-cutting thematic areas (e.g. ship-strikes, noise, climate change).</p> <p>(a) <i>Strategic issues on Agreements already in force</i> The meeting is invited to consider selected strategic issues related to existing Agreements including the budgetary implications of on-going MoU servicing and coordination, as well as the relationship of formal Article IV Agreements to CMS. Expected outcome: COP takes note of the issues, takes appropriate budgetary decisions and provides guidance, including clarifying the relationship of formal Article IV Agreements to CMS.</p> <p>(b) <i>Development of new and future Agreements</i> The meeting is invited to review the progress made developing new Agreements since COP7 and to explore the development of possible new Agreements in the new triennium. Expected outcome: COP takes note of progress made developing new Agreements, provides guidance as appropriate, and agrees on future Agreement development priorities/resources.</p> <p>i. <u>Asian Houbara Bustard Agreement:</u> Meeting to Conclude the Agreement and Sign the Final Act: Official Negotiating Meeting of the Range States & Signing Ceremony of Final Act</p> <p>ii. <u>West African Elephants:</u> Plenary signing ceremony and launch</p> <p>iii. <u>Saiga Antelope MoU:</u> Plenary signing ceremony and Launch</p> <p>iv. <u>Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU:</u> Possible Plenary signing ceremony</p> <p>(c) <i>Other measures to promote conservation and sustainable management of Appendix II species</i> The meeting will be presented with a proposal from the Scientific Council on the interpretation and future application of the Concept of Cooperative Actions for Appendix II species.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.9</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ Res. 8. 4</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.10</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.11</p> |
| <p>15. CMS Information Management Plan</p> <p>(a) <i>Review of GROMS (Global Register on Migratory Species)</i> The Meeting will be invited to review progress made towards development of GROMS and to consider a proposal on the continuation of this initiative. Expected outcome: Agreement on the future of the Global Register on Migratory Species, including the finalization phase and any financial consideration.</p> <p>(b) <i>Implementation of the CMS / Information Management System (IMS)</i> Implementation to date of the actions has resulted in the development of the CMS/IMS. This system brings together the information provided by the Parties to CMS through their national reports, the knowledge generated within CMS and other biodiversity agreements. Expected outcome: The Meeting will be invited to review the implementation, to date, of the Information Management System to indicate the priorities for further implementation.</p> <p>(c) <i>Format for Party Reports</i> The Meeting will be invited to comment on, and discuss as appropriate, the format for the preparation of National Reports, which was introduced on a trial basis prior to CoP7. Expected outcome: The Meeting will be invited to provide the reports online and this on an ongoing basis, rather than for a specific deadline, thus further facilitating the reporting process and keeping the information available up-to-date.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.12</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.13 UNEP/CMS/Rec. 8.3</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.14</p> |

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| <p>16. CMS Outreach and Communications</p> <p>(a) <i>CMS Outreach and Communications Plan</i> The Secretariat will present the CMS Outreach and Communication Plan identifying activities to be undertaken in pursuit of objective 3 of the CMS [draft] Strategic Plan 2006-2011 to “broaden awareness and enhance engagement in the conservation of migratory species amongst key actors” and supporting the achievement of related targets of the [draft] Strategic Plan. Expected outcome: The Conference will be invited to endorse the CMS Outreach and Communications Plan, and to request the Secretariat to undertake the activities envisaged in the next triennium.</p> <p>(b) <i>Co-operation with other organizations</i> The Secretariat will introduce a document focusing on options for future collaboration within other biodiversity-related conventions, jointly prepared by the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG) and transmitted to relevant fora within other MEAs, discussing potential complementarities in their monitoring and implementation processes, and providing a rationale for cooperation. Expected outcome: The Conference is expected to encourage the Executive Secretary to support the BLG. Parties may also wish to suggest priority areas where the BLG could add value in a CMS context.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Rec. 8.1</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.15</p> |
| <p>17. Proposals submitted by Parties to amend Appendices of the Convention Proposals submitted by 14 CMS Parties concerning the listing of a total of 25 in Appendices I and/or II to the Convention will be considered. The Scientific Council’s advice will be presented to the meeting to facilitate consideration of each of the proposals. Expected outcome: COP decisions on whether to accept or reject each of the proposals in question.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.16</p> |
| <p>III. RESOURCES</p> | |
| <p>18. Secretariat Manpower and Organisation The Executive Secretary will deliver a short presentation on the subject. Expected outcome: Conference to note and comment on the report and conclusion presented by the Executive Secretary.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.17</p> |
| <p>19. Budget and Administration</p> <p>(a) <i>Outcome of CMS Budget 2003-2005</i> The Executive Secretary will present in detail the report on the subject. Expected outcome: Conference to note and comment on the report and conclusion presented by the Executive Secretary.</p> <p>(b) <i>CMS Budget and Medium Term Plan 2006-2011</i> The chair of the Standing Committee will present introductory document on Budget Scenarios and options for reducing costs to the Conference. The Chair of the Budget Working Group will present the terms of reference of the Group, and the Four Budget Scenarios. The Secretariat will present the main secretariat tasks and Scenario 4 additional tasks. Expected outcome: Conference to decide on the budgetary provision and subscriptions for 2006-2008 and to confirm Mid Term Plan for 2006-11.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.18</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.19 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.19 Add1 and related annexes</p> |

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| <p>(c) <i>Other administrative issues</i></p> <p>(d) <i>Fundraising Project</i> The Secretariat will deliver a short power point presentation on the fundraising project of the CMS. Expected outcome: Conference will be invited to note the report, agree to the recommendations in the Secretariat's document, and offer advice on the future development of the project.</p> | <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.20</p> |
| <p>20. Institutional Issues</p> <p>(a) <i>Elections to Scientific Council and Standing Committee</i> The meeting will have the possibility to appoint (or re-appoint) Conference-appointed members of the Scientific Council.</p> <p>(b) <i>Other Institutional Issues</i></p> | <p>Resolutions to be produced at the Conference</p> |
| <p>IV. FORMAL AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS</p> | |
| <p>21. Reports of the Credentials Committee The Chair of the Credentials Committee will report periodically on the status of the committee's examination of credentials submitted for its review.</p> | <p>Periodic oral reports</p> |
| <p>22. Reports of sessional committees Sections of the main report will be considered in plenary as they become available, usually within two days of the relevant session of the Committee of the Whole. The drafts will be made available in the three working languages, with the exception of the last days' sessions which will only be available in English. Reports of other sessional committees, including working groups, will be presented on an <i>ad hoc basis</i>.</p> | |
| <p>23. Adoption of Amendments to Appendices The meeting will be invited to adopt the amendments agreed to the Appendices of the Convention.</p> | |
| <p>24. Adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations The meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final session, the texts of resolutions and recommendations forwarded to plenary, after having been considered in detail and discussed in the Committee of the Whole.</p> | |
| <p>25. Date and venue of 9th COP (2008) It is expected that one or more CMS Parties will come to Nairobi prepared to announce their candidacy to host, during the course of 2008, the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> | <p>Resolutions to be produced at the Conference</p> |
| <p>26. Any other business Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p> | |

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| <p>27. Adoption of Report of the Meeting A draft report of the meeting will be presented for adoption in the final plenary session, as far as possible in the three working languages, with the understanding that the Secretariat will be entrusted to finalise the text in the weeks following the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>28. Closure of the meeting The meeting is expected to be closed by Friday, 25 November 2005, no later than 5:00 PM. Standing committee members (only) will be invited to gather for a short meeting immediately after the close of the session.</p> | |