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REVIEW OF GROMS (GLOBAL REGISTER ON MIGRATORY SPECIES)

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Recalling the progress made by the Scientific Council in the implementation of Resolution 7.8 (Bonn, 2002) concerning the future of GROMS and its integration into the CMS Information Management Plan;

Acknowledging the generous support from the Government of Germany and other cooperating institutions towards the development of GROMS, as well as the support of the institution hosting GROMS (the Zoological Museum Alexander Koenig in Bonn);

Noting with satisfaction the progress made by the Secretariat in the evaluation process of GROMS through an independent consultancy in co-operation with a special Working Group comprising members of the Scientific Council, CMS Agreement Secretariats, and the Government of Germany;

Recognising the quantity and quality of the information already provided by GROMS;

Noting that integration and harmonization between the Information Management Plan to be undertaken by UNEP-WCMC and the CMS Secretariat is needed to fulfill Objective 1 of the Strategic Plan of CMS, i.e. “to ensure that the conservation and management of migratory species is based on the best available information”;

Noting that the CMS Secretariat is now directly responsible for the management of GROMS; and

Having considered the resolutions and recommendations of the evaluation, as contained in document UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.12 Annex B;

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

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the 13th meeting of the Scientific Council concerning harmonization between CMS/IMS and GROMS;
2. *Decides to* improve the quality and user friendliness of GROMS, and to integrate it with the CMS Information Management System so as to form the core of the CMS scientific and conservation information system (integration phase);

3. *Decides also* to establish a GROMS Scientific Board to coordinate the integration phase above;
4. *Instructs* the Secretariat:
 - (a) to continue to collaborate with the Zoological Museum Alexander Koenig with a view to further improving the quality and relevance of information provided by GROMS, in consultation with the Scientific Board;
 - (b) to coordinate a consultation group including Parties and other stakeholders which will identify the information needs, sources and appropriate dissemination mechanisms to facilitate the harmonization of data available through GROMS;
and
5. *Invites* Parties, organizations and funding agencies to contribute to the management and administration of GROMS and the Web-based CMS Information Management System (estimated cost US\$ 85,000 covering an 18 month period between 2006-8).