



## CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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### NATIONAL REPORTS FOR THE EIGHT AND NINTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Eighth Meeting (Nairobi, 20-25 November 2005)

*Pursuant* to Article VI (3) of the Convention which obligates Parties to submit national reports on the measures they are taking to implement the provisions of the Convention;

*Noting* that 51 reports were submitted to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties out of 79 that were due;

*Noting* that by 31 August 2005, 50 reports had been submitted to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as detailed in Conference Document 8.5;

*Emphasising* the important role of national reports as vital indicators of the implementation of the Convention; and

*Underlining* that reporting should be kept concise, focused, avoid duplication and be out-come orientated so that there is more time for the implementation of conservation measures;

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

1. *Urges* all Contracting Parties that have not yet done so to submit at the earliest date, but no later than 31 December 2005, national reports for the triennium 2003-5;
2. *Instructs* the Secretariat to perform an analysis of the reports received by 31 December 2005 and to make the results available to the Parties, the members of the Standing Committee meeting and the Scientific Council by the end of March 2006, so that the findings can help inform their activities and decision-making;
3. *Urges* all Contracting Parties, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Convention, to submit national reports for the triennium 2006-8 to the Secretariat at least six months before the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to advise Contracting Parties of the date for submission of their national reports for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to issue reminders if the reports are not received by the said date; and

5. *Further* requests the Secretariat to adapt the national report format for reports to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to ensure Contracting Parties are able to report on-line on the outcomes of taking forward the measures set out in the Strategic Plan for 2006-11. This format, to be agreed by the Standing Committee in consultation with the Scientific Council, should also seek, via the framework of the Biodiversity Liaison Group and in consultation with UNEP-WCMC, to advance harmonization of reporting with other international biodiversity agreements through the development of common reporting modules.