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DECISION ARISING FROM THE 9TH MEETING OF THE AEWA STANDING COMMITTEE CONCERNING RESOLUTION 10.9 (FUTURE SHAPE)

(prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary

This document is the follow-up of a request by the 9th Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee which invites the CMS Executive Secretary to work with the AEWA Interim Executive Officer to develop further synergies between AEWA and CMS and take actions to merge common services and common areas in an effort to redirect the focus of the Secretariats towards strengthening implementation support. The request is a response by the AEWA Standing Committee that responds to the CMS Future Shape outcome of Resolution 10.9 and the Outcome of Rio+20 regarding further synergies between MEAs paragraph 89 of the Future We Want.

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1. The 9th Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee was held in Trondheim, Norway from the 18-19 September 2013. It considered the CMS Future Shape Process in accordance with AEWA Resolution 5.17 para. 8, which requests the AEWA Standing Committee to contribute, where appropriate, to CMS Resolution 10.9. In discussing this agenda item, the Committee also recognized the importance of developing further synergies among MEAs arising from Rio+20. As a result, the AEWA Standing Committee requested the Interim Executive Officer of AEWA and invited the Executive Secretary of CMS to develop further synergies between AEWA and CMS and take actions to merge common services and common areas in an effort to redirect the focus of the Secretariats towards strengthening implementation support. Please see the decision taken by the AEWA Standing Committee in the box below.

Acknowledging the importance of the Future Shape Process to increase efficiency and enhance synergies in the whole CMS Family, and AEWA Resolution 5.17 that requests the Standing Committee “to contribute, where appropriate, to activities identified in Annex 1 of CMS Resolution 10.9.”

Aware of the greater international picture coming from Rio+20 and other processes stressing the importance of developing further synergies among MEAs.

Cognizant of the need to appoint an Executive Officer as soon as possible, and of the important role that AEWA Resolution 5.21 sets out for the Standing Committee in making the final selection.

Understanding the opportunity in timing that the appointment process of the AEWA Executive Officer presents to developing stronger synergies between AEWA and the CMS in accordance with the Future Shape Process and AEWA Resolution 5.17.

The AEWA Standing Committee

Decides to take a decision to agree with the appointment of the Executive Officer on an interim basis to be reviewed by MOP6 in light of a possible appointment of a Joint Executives Secretary as described below.

Requests the interim Executive Officer of AEWA and invites the Executive Secretary of CMS to develop further synergies between AEWA and CMS and take actions to merge common services and common areas in an effort to redirect the focus of the Secretariats towards strengthening implementation support.

Invites the Executive Secretary of CMS in consultation with the Executive Officer of AEWA to bring a proposal to the AEWA MOP6 on a possible joint Executive Secretary for AEWA and CMS for its consideration. The proposal should include an analysis of the effectiveness of such an arrangement, the task and functions that the proposed Joint Executive Secretary would include, and what resources such an arrangement would redirect towards implementation support priorities.

Invites the Executive Secretary of CMS to bring the proposal of a Joint Executive Secretary for AEWA and CMS to the CMS for its consideration.

2. There exist tremendous opportunities and scope to strengthen and reinforce common areas and common services between the CMS and AEWA Secretariats and in many instances merging some of these areas and services could be mutually beneficial and supportive and could lead to complementarity. The Executive Secretary and the Interim Executive Officer are in the best position to identify these opportunities and act on them collaboratively. In this context, the Executive Secretary brings to the attention of the CMS Standing Committee the invitation by the AEWA Standing Committee and requests the Standing Committee to consider the suggested action below.

Action requested:

The Standing Committee of CMS endorses the decision of the AEWA Standing Committee and instructs the Executive Secretary of CMS to work closely with the interim Executive Officer of AEWA to take actions to merge common services and common areas in an effort to redirect the focus of the Secretariats towards strengthening implementation support.