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DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNICATION PLATFORM FOR THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

ELEMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

(Prepared by the Task Force Coordinator and the CMS Secretariat)

1. The Terms of Reference for the Multi-stakeholder Task Force on Reconciling Selected Energy Sector Developments with Migratory Species Conservation (*Energy Task Force*), as annexed to CMS Resolution 11.27, foresee the establishment of an Energy Task Force communication platform (website and internal online workspace), to be maintained and moderated by the Task Force Coordinator.

Website

2. As an interim measure, an Energy Task Force Webpage has been created within the CMS website, accessible at the URL <http://www.cms.int/en/taskforce/energy-task-force>

3. The aims initially foreseen for the website include: (i) profiling the Energy Task Force activities for the general public; (ii) making available key documents and publications relevant to the scope of activity of the Energy Task Force. The Web page currently is set up to host the following information:

- Background information on the Energy Task Force
- A List of Members
- A List of Observers
- Key Documents
- Studies/Publications
- Resources
- Useful Links
- Information and documentation for Energy Task Force meetings
- Statements
- Factsheets



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Internal online workspace

4. An additional objective of the communication platform should be to provide an internal communication tool that should facilitate communication and decision making amongst the members of the Energy Task Force.

5. The CMS and AEWA Secretariats have developed in the course of the years several workspaces, and are currently exploring and testing additional options. On the basis of this experience, the secretariats would like to suggest, as an initial proposal for discussion, to develop an internal Work Space, linked to the Energy Task Force website but with access restricted to the members, with the following functionalities:

- A discussion section based on different topics or working groups;
- Information and announcement pages;
- Notification to subscribed members if a new discussion or comment is posted;
- File sharing possibilities.

Action proposed:

In relation to the points illustrated above, the meeting is invited to

- a) Review the current structure of the public part of the website, and make recommendations for its improvement and further development;
- b) Consider whether the current interim arrangement for the hosting of the website should be maintained, or recommend a different option;
- c) Consider the proposal concerning the functionalities of the internal work space and make recommendations on the development of the tool.