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Agenda Item 7

CLOSING COMMUNICATION

Excellencies, distinguished representatives,

Further to my communication opening the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (ExCOP1), I am pleased to announce that the extraordinary meeting started on 28 November 2023, has achieved its objective of adopting an interim budget for the year 2024.

I would like to express my deepest thanks to all representatives for their contributions and cooperation during this process. The adoption of the interim budget will ensure the continuous functioning of CMS until the Conference of the Parties adopts a budget for the triennium 2024–2026 at its 14th meeting in February 2024.

In this closing communication, I would like to report on the following items:

Item 4. Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP ROP), a Credentials Committee was established with 3 representatives from 3. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the representatives who served on the Credentials Committee.

Representatives of those Parties that have submitted electronic copies of their credentials but have yet to submit a hard copy are reminded to do so as soon as possible.

Item 5. Proposed interim budget for 2024

I am pleased to announce that no comments with the intent to break the silence were received during the last 72 hours.

Through their silence, Parties have agreed that the following resolution is adopted by the Conference of the Parties:

Res.Ex.1.1. *Financial and Administrative Matters*

The Resolution will be published on the CMS website as soon as possible.

Item 6. Adoption of the report

With this communication, I am circulating the report to ExCOP1 (UNEP/CMS/ExCOP1/Doc.6), which is deemed to have been adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

Item 7. Closure of the meeting

It is my pleasure to officially close, through this communication, the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to all representatives who engaged with us in this extraordinary process for their patience, cooperation and contributions.

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*As Chair of the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference
of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species*