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**REPORT OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY
SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS**

INTRODUCTION

1. The first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (ExCOP1) was convened following the written request of 55 Parties, representing over one third of the Parties to the Convention, as notified by the Secretariat on 31 October 2023 ([Notification 2023/034](#)).
2. The postponement of COP14 has significant implications for the CMS budget. Resolution 13.2 on Financial and Administrative matters covering the budget period 2021-2023, adopted by COP13, expires on 31 December 2023. As a result, there was a need to act this year to ensure the continuous operation of CMS.
3. The purpose of ExCOP1 was to consider the adoption of a draft resolution on an interim budget for 2024. A document with the draft resolution was made available on the CMS website on 31 October 2023, following consultations with the Finance and Budget Subcommittee (in line with Resolution 13.2, paragraph 23 (ii) and paragraph 4(a) of Annex 4 to the Resolution) and the Standing Committee.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The extraordinary meeting was opened on Thursday 28 November 2023 at 00:00, with the transmission of a communication from the Chair of ExCOP1, Mr Bivash Ranjan (India) to all registered participants.
5. 42 Parties had registered to the meeting, namely, : Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, European Union, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Madagascar, Maldives, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Paraguay, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe.
6. The opening communication set out the organizational matters and enclosed a document with a draft resolution on the interim budget for 2024 for consideration and adoption ([UNEP/CMS/Ex.COP1/Doc.5](#)).

ITEM 2. OFFICERS

7. Consistent with Rule 12, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, the current COP Presidency, India, acted as Chair for the extraordinary meeting.

ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

8. The provisional agenda ([UNEP/CMS/Ex.COP1/Doc.3.1.Rev.1](#)) was adopted with the circulation of the Chair's opening communication. It consisted of one main agenda item (Item 5 – Proposed interim budget for 2024), as proposed in the request to hold an extraordinary meeting of the COP.
9. The annotated agenda ([UNEP/CMS/Ex.COP1/Doc.3.2.Rev.1](#)) was adopted with the circulation of the ExCOP1 Chair's opening communication.

ITEM 4. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10. Under Rule 3 of the rules of procedure, a Credentials Committee was established through the Chair's opening communication confirming the nominations received from Costa Rica, Seychelles, Spain.
11. In his closing communication, the Chair expressed his thanks to the Credentials Committee for their collaboration and reminded representatives who had not yet done so to submit a hard copy of their credentials as soon as possible and no later than 31 December 2023.

II. BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 5. INTERIM BUDGET FOR 2024

12. The draft resolution on the interim budget for 2024 was submitted to representatives for consideration and adoption and was the outcome of review and consultations between the Secretariat and the members of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee (in line with Resolution 13.2, paragraph 23 (ii) and paragraph 4(a) of Annex 4 to the Resolution) and the Standing Committee.
13. With the transmission of the Chair's opening communication on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 00:00, the draft resolution on the interim budget for 2024 ([UNEP/CMS/Ex.COP1/Doc.5](#)) was placed under a silence procedure, which concluded after 72 hours.
14. After the expiry of the silence procedure, the Chair's closing statement, conveyed by the Secretariat to the delegations on Friday 1 December 2023, declared the end of ExCOP1.
15. In his closing communication, the Chair announced that the silence had not been broken during the preceding 72 hours. Therefore, the following resolution was adopted by the Conference of the Parties:

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

16. The Resolution will be published on the CMS website.
17. The Chair expressed his gratitude to all representatives for their engagement in the extraordinary meeting.

III. CLOSING BUSINESS

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

18. The report reflects the outcome of the extraordinary meeting and was adopted with the circulation of the Chair's closing statement, conveyed by the Secretariat to the delegations on Friday 1 December 2023.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. The Chair expressed gratitude to all representatives for their cooperation in supporting the convening of the extraordinary meeting and contributing to its successful conclusion. He declared the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention closed on Friday 1 December 2023.