



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RECOMMENDATION 4.4

PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON THE HOUBARA BUSTARD (*Chlamydotis undulata*)

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fourth Meeting (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994)

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

*Aware that *Chlamydotis undulata* is listed on Appendix II of the Convention (Asian populations) and also on Appendix I of the Convention (Northwest African populations),*

Noting the reference in document UNEP/CMS/Conf.4.8 (Review of Article IV Agreements concluded or under development) to a possible Agreement on this species having been under discussion for several years, with a draft text being under discussion internally by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Noting the Party report of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

Further noting the contributions to the plenary session on 7 June 1994 from the delegations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Tunisia, and the observer from BirdLife International on this matter,

Taking account of the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth meeting of the Scientific Council (document UNEP/CMS/Conf.4.5.4) that a concerted action plan should be developed for the entire population of this species,

1. *Requests* that the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia complete as soon as practicable internal formal approval for its current draft of an Agreement concerning *Chlamydotis undulata*;

2. *Further requests* that this draft Agreement then be forwarded to the Secretariat and the Range States concerned for their consideration and amendment. The Range States will return the modified/accepted text to the Secretariat for collation and the Secretariat will circulate further observations to the Range States;

3. *Urges* all Range States to complete the studies with respect to the population, status and distribution of the species as already requested under item 26 of the report of the fourth meeting of the Scientific Council, held in Bonn in May 1993, and to report on the same to the Secretariat by March 1995;

4. *Suggests* that a meeting of Range States of the species, hosted by one or more of the Range States with the assistance of the Secretariat and appropriate experts, should be convened by the end of March 1995 to develop a conservation action plan for the species.