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**CONSERVATION OF GRASSLAND BIRD SPECIES AND THEIR HABITATS IN
SOUTHERN SOUTH AMERICA**

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Aware of international responsibilities with regards to the conservation of threatened grassland migratory bird species, which are particularly relevant to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);

Noting that CMS calls for international cooperation to conserve migratory species, and that CMS Article IV encourages CMS Contracting Parties to conclude Agreements regarding populations of migratory species;

Also aware that three South American grassland bird taxa were added to Appendix II of CMS by the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, namely *Sporophila ruficollis*, *Pseudocolopteryx dinellianus* and *Polystictus pectoralis pectoralis*;

Conscious that seven South American grassland bird species (*Alectrurus risora*, *A. tricolor*, *Sporophila cinnamomea*, *S. hypochroma*, *S. palustris*, *S. zelichi*, and *Agelaius flavus*) are included in Appendix I, that their inclusion in Appendix II has been recommended by the Scientific Council during its 13th meeting, and that urgent action should be taken to achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for these species and their habitats; and

Desiring to see a Memorandum of Understanding adopted as a matter of priority, being an important contribution to the general aims of CMS, and in particular to achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for these species and their habitats;

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

1. *Welcomes* the activities developed for the conservation of grassland bird species and their habitats in southern South America;
2. *Encourages* the Range States involved, whether or not a Party to CMS, to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Grassland Bird Species and their Habitats in southern South America;
3. *Calls* on the Secretariat to support this initiative as appropriate; and
4. *Looks forward to* the adoption and implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding as a key initiative in the conservation of grassland birds and their habitats in southern South America.