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THE SAKER FALCON (*Falco cherrug*)

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Welcoming the coming into effect of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia;

Concerned about the conservation status of the Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*) across its range;

Recalling the proposal made by the Government of Croatia to list the entire population of *Falco cherrug* on Appendix I of the Convention (Proposal I / 9 of COP9);

Aware of the cultural value of the species including for falconry to many Parties across its range; and

Further aware of the possibilities sustainable use may provide for the conservation of the species in important range states such as Mongolia;

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

Urges Parties to take action to improve the conservation status of the Saker Falcon across its range and to support a workshop to consider the status and conservation needs of the species, to be held in the United Arab Emirates as soon as possible in 2009;

Further urges Parties to assist in the delivery of a research programme, initially supported by Saudi Arabia, designed to re-evaluate vigorously the conservation status of the species across its range;

Requests the Scientific Council at its 16th meeting to review progress taking account of the decision reached at its 15th meeting on the basis of the proposal to list the entire population of *Falco cherrug* on Appendix I of the Convention; and

Strongly recommends that a Party proposes the species for listing on Appendix I of the Convention at the next Conference of Parties unless there is a transparent and significant improvement in the conservation status of the species across its full range by that time, in particular it is no longer being considered by IUCN as Vulnerable, Endangered or Critically Endangered.

