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**CMS INFORMATION PRIORITIES**

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*Noting* the progress made in the current implementation of the CMS Information Management Plan (IMP), as well as *seeking* to indicate the priorities for further implementation during the forthcoming triennium, part of which are new activities not necessarily included in the original Plan;

*Acknowledging* the primary role of the IMP/IMS (Information Management System) in the analysis and synthesis of Party reports;

*Recognizing* that IMP/IMS work should in future be led by a strengthened Science, Data and Marine Unit, and form part of a wider remit for scientific and conservation data management and be supported by other units with responsibility for website management and liaison with other bodies; and

*Acknowledging* the suggestion contained in the CMS Synopsis of IT Status Review (UNEP/CMS/Inf. 9.18) that the CMS IMS should be maintained as the *de facto* home of information management for CMS without precluding the possibility of integrating it within a common Multilateral Environmental Agreement knowledge management portal;

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

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to make progress in the implementation of the Plan and related initiatives to facilitate the implementation of activities identified in Objective 1 of the Convention's Strategic Plan 2006-2011;
2. *Recommends* that the CMS Secretariat liaise in the first instance with the Secretariats of CMS Agreements and MOUs to develop a common format for outcome-oriented National Reports and a common system for on-line reporting and subsequently with the Secretariats of other Multilateral Environmental Agreements and *encourages* Parties to promote in the appropriate forums of other MEAs such moves towards harmonisation of reporting procedures and methods;

3. *Recommends* the continued implementation of the Knowledge Management project under the leadership of UNEP particularly with regard to the development and interconnection of outcome-oriented online reporting facilities for the CMS family; and
4. *Requests* the Scientific Council to oversee the implementation of this resolution during the next triennium.