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THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL REPORTS

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Noting the progress made by the CMS Secretariat since COP8 in amending the national reporting format;

Pursuant to Article VI (3) of the Convention which obliges Parties to submit national reports on the measures they are taking to implement the provisions of the Convention;

Also noting that 58 reports had been submitted to the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

Further noting that 60 reports were submitted to the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties out of 102 that were due, as detailed in Conference Document 9.10; of the current total of 110 Parties, 8 were not yet required to submit reports;

Emphasising the important role of national reports as vital indicators of the implementation of the Convention;

Underlining that reporting should be kept concise and focused, avoid duplication and be outcome orientated so that there is more time for the implementation of conservation measures; and

Welcoming the development of the specifications for online reporting which would make significant advances both in the reporting process and harmonization of reports within the CMS Family;

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

1. *Urges* all Contracting Parties that have not yet done so to submit at the earliest date, but no later than 31 December 2008, national reports for the triennium 2005-2008;
2. *Instructs* the Secretariat to perform an analysis of the reports received by 31 December 2008 and to make the results available to the Parties, the members of the Standing Committee meeting and

the Scientific Council by the end of April 2009, so that the findings can help inform their activities and decision-making;

3. *Urges* all Contracting Parties, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Convention, to submit national reports for the triennium 2009-2011 to the Secretariat at least six months before the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to advise Contracting Parties of the date for submission of their national reports for the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to issue reminders if the reports are not received by the said date;
5. *Further requests* the Secretariat to advance harmonization of reporting with other international biodiversity agreements through the development of common reporting modules, via the framework of the Biodiversity Liaison Group and in consultation with UNEP-WCMC;
6. *Requests* the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation;
7. *Also requests* UNEP to continue to seek opportunities to support the Convention through the Knowledge Management and related projects;
8. *Requests*, for the triennium 2009-2011, the Secretariat to provide to the Parties, the format of the report, oriented to the collection of the results obtained, at least 18 months before COP10; and
9. *Requests* the CMS Secretariat to continue to liaise with the CBD Secretariat and the other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant institutions with a view to adopting suitable indicators to measure the achievement of the 2010 target.