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ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOSTING THE NINTH & TENTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Ninth Meeting (Rome 1-5 December 2008)

Acknowledging with gratitude the offer which the Government of Italy made to host the 9th Meeting of the Conference of Parties in Rome in December 2008;

Recalling Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention, which states that the Secretariat shall "convene ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Conference decides otherwise";

Desirous of receiving an offer from a Government to host the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (and the Scientific Council); and

Noting that an initial invitation to submit offers to host COP10 was issued by the Secretariat in September 2008;

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

1. *Commends* the Government of the Republic of Italy for having taken the initiative to host the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties and expresses its deep gratitude for the significant resources contributed to the organization of the meeting.
2. *Invites* Parties as well as non-Parties that may have an interest in hosting the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (and the Scientific Council), to inform the Secretariat no later than 31 December 2009.
3. *Instructs* the Standing Committee at its first meeting following the 31 December deadline to review the offers received and, subject to receipt of sufficient information, to decide upon the most suitable venue(s).

