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FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON
THE CONSERVATION OF GORILLAS AND THEIR HABITATS
Rome, Italy, 29 November 2008

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1 **Opening of the Meeting**

2 **Rules of procedure**

Article V (6): "...decisions of the Meeting of the Parties shall be adopted by consensus or, if consensus cannot be achieved, by a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting." Draft prepared as Doc. 4 (UNEP/CMS/GOR-MOP1/4)

Expected outcome – Meeting adopts Rules of Procedure

3 **Adoption of the Agenda**

Agenda item 4 may be brought forward to occur before the agenda is adopted

Expected outcome – Meeting adopts an agenda

4 **Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chair and Vice-Chair of the Meeting of Parties elected in accordance with Rules of Procedure, by proposal and seconding.

Expected outcome – Meeting elects Officers

5 **Nomination of credentials committee**

Meeting is invited to establish a committee of five members, with appropriate linguistic and geographic composition, for the purpose of reviewing the original credentials of official delegations

Expected outcome – Meeting establishes Credentials Committee

6 **CMS and GRASP Secretariat and Depositary report**

Summary of activity 2008. Secretariat reports also as Depositary. Report is in writing at Doc.5 (UNEP/CMS/GOR-MOP1/5 Rev. 1)

Expected outcome – Meeting notes Secretariat report.

7 **Establishment of a Secretariat for the Gorilla Agreement**

Expected outcome – Meeting requests CMS Secretariat to continue to service the

Agreement through next triennium. Meeting requests COP to confirm mandate given by CMS Standing Committee in November 2007.

8 **Adoption of the Action Plan**

This item is the main focus of the First Meeting of Parties. The Action Plan is available as Doc.7 a - d (UNEP/CMS/GOR-MOP1/7).

Expected outcome – Meeting discusses and adopts Action Plan

9 **Format for Reporting on Implementation of Action Plan and Agreement**

Report may be included as section of CMS national report. Article IV (c) refers.

Expected outcome – Meeting adopts current or amended section of CMS report format.

10 **Establishment of a Technical Committee**

Expected outcome – Meeting establishes Technical Committee, possibly decides on date/venue of first Technical Committee meeting

11 **Administrative and Financial Matters**

Expected outcome – Meeting notes budget estimates, encourages donations in kind and financial. MOP expresses great appreciation for contributions and support received so far (France, UK, Monaco, Germany, Italy, Spain)

12 **Party contributions**

Expected outcome – Meeting sets minimum amount for annual contribution from each Party, in line with recent Ramsar COP 10 decision or AEWA Resolution 4.8

13 **Status of accession of non-parties**

Non-Parties invited to indicate when accession to be completed or give a brief review of steps towards accession.

Expected outcome – Meeting acknowledges progress towards accession by Angola, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Uganda. Meeting urges non-Parties to complete accession process to become Parties, particularly in regard of Year of the Gorilla 2009.

14 **Any other business**

15 **Closing of the Meeting**

Excerpt from Agreement text, Article V - “Meeting of Parties”:

7. At its first session, the Meeting of the Parties shall:
 - (a) adopt its rules of procedure by consensus;
 - (b) establish an Agreement secretariat within the Convention Secretariat to perform the secretariat functions listed in Article VII of this Agreement;
 - (c) establish the Technical Committee provided for in Article VI of this Agreement;
 - (d) adopt a format for the reports to be prepared according to Article IV, paragraph 1 (c), of this Agreement;
 - (e) adopt criteria to define emergency situations which require urgent conservation measures, and determine the modalities for assigning responsibility for action to be taken; and
 - (f) adopt the Action Plan, as indicated in Article VIII of this Agreement.

8. At each of its ordinary sessions, the Meeting of the Parties shall:
 - (a) consider actual and potential changes in the conservation status of gorillas and the habitats important for their survival, as well as the factors which may affect them;
 - (b) review the progress made and any difficulty encountered in the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (c) adopt a budget and consider any matters relating to the financial arrangements for this Agreement;
 - (d) deal with any matter relating to the Agreement secretariat and the membership of the Technical Committee;
 - (e) adopt a report for communication to the Parties to this Agreement and to the Conference of the Parties of the Convention; and
 - (f) determine the time and venue of the next session.

9. At any of its sessions, the Meeting of the Parties may:
 - (a) make recommendations to the Parties as it deems necessary or appropriate;
 - (b) adopt specific actions to improve the effectiveness of this Agreement and, as the case may be, emergency measures as will be defined by the first Meeting of the Parties, as provided for by Article V, paragraph 7 (e) of this Agreement;
 - (c) consider and decide upon proposals to amend this Agreement;
 - (d) amend the Action Plan in accordance with Article VIII, paragraph 3, of this Agreement;
 - (e) establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary to assist in the implementation of this Agreement, in particular for coordination with bodies established under other international treaties, conventions and agreements with overlapping geographic and taxonomic coverage; and
 - (f) decide on any other matter relating to the implementation of this Agreement.