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## **Report of the depositary (Germany) / BMU Supplement:**

### **100<sup>th</sup> accession to CMS by Yemen**

17.1.2007 Germany financed a 100<sup>th</sup> party party within CMS to the honour of the Convention and its 100<sup>th</sup> party Yemen. The Yemenite Environment Minister himself took part and approximately 100 invited guests from Germany and from CMS secretariat and other CMS bodies and the respective agreements. In order to increase the public awareness for CMS this event was accompanied by respective media information.

### **Russia**

Germany still is engaged in promoting a Russian accession to CMS and respective agreements in close and good cooperation with the CMS secretariat.

30.9.-2.10.2007 a German delegation under the auspices of the German Director General for Nature protection Jochen Flasbarth undertook a Mission to Russia and prepared this issue further in talks with the Russian Resource Ministry, Rosprirodnazor and other authorities.

As a result the item CMS accession was on the agenda of the German-Russian summit talks in Wiesbaden only one week later and there agreed that the German-Russian Environment talks at deputy minister level foreseen for 6.-7.12.07 in Berlin should come with an Agenda for a working group in order to reach at least a Russian signature/paraphe of the government under CMS before COP 9 CMS. However, for a valid accession ratification will be furthermore necessary. Due to elections and change of parliament in spring 2008 this ratification process will be not possible before the new legislative period.

### **China**

To promote the CMS accession of China two missions of Jochen Flasbarth to China and talks there with the Director of the SEPA-Department of Nature and ecological conservation Wan Bentai (Beijing) confirmed the intention of China to accede.

In the Raptors Meeting at Loch Lomond only a few days ago already an official 4 person delegation of China participated and in informal talks the intention to accede if possible in 2008 was confirmed.

### **Turkey**

In an informal talk at Loch Lomond the Turkish delegate informed the German delegate, that Turkey too intends an accession if possible in 2008.

## **Mexico**

Under a trainee program financed by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation (BMZ) the possibility of working several weeks in CMS and BMU was offered to an already for this program designated representative of the relevant Mexican Ministry in order to facilitate closer contacts with Mexico. Unfortunately the designated candidate finally decided to choose another option.

## **COP 9 CBD: May 2008 in Bonn**

CBD COP 9 in Bonn will be seized for further talks with relevant delegations to reach further accessions to CMS and agreements.

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