

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, in its capacity as depositary for the Memorandum of Understanding, is at the disposal of potential signatory States to arrange for its signature. Various options are available for signing the Memorandum of Understanding:

- (1) Signature of the Memorandum by the Ambassador (in the United Arab Emirates) of the country concerned, either in the offices of the UNEP/CMS Secretariat, in Abu Dhabi, or at the Embassy of the country concerned (in Abu Dhabi), whichever is most convenient for both parties.
- (2) Signature of the Memorandum by the responsible Minister or other high level official with delegated authority. This may be arranged on the occasion of a meeting in Abu Dhabi or elsewhere, where the Minister and a representative of the Secretariat are both present.
- (3) Signature of the Memorandum at the Meeting of the Signatory States in October 2010, by the Ambassador (in Abu Dhabi) of the country concerned, or by a duly accredited official -- subject to presentation to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting, of a suitable original Instrument of Full Powers (model attached).

Kindly contact the CMS Secretariat in Abu Dhabi by telephone (+971 2 6934 437 or +971 2 6934 523) or e-mail (jrenell@cms.int) to make the necessary arrangements.

*Please note that the Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect for new Signatory States on the first day of the third month after their signature. (In other words, the Memorandum shall take effect on 1 January 2011 for those States that sign during the course of the meeting in October 2010.)*