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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

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**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION
ON THE EUROPEAN CODE OF CONDUCT ON HUNTING
AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**

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of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

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Draft Recommendation No. ... (2011) of the Standing Committee, adopted on ... December 2011, on the European Code of Conduct on Hunting and Invasive Alien Species

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention;

Having regard to the aim of the Convention which is notably to ensure the conservation of wild flora and fauna, by giving particular attention to species, including migratory species, which are threatened with extinction and vulnerable;

Recalling that under Article 11, paragraph 2.b of the Convention, each Contracting Party undertakes to strictly control the introduction of non-native species;

Recalling Decision VI/23 of the 6th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species, and the definitions used in that text;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 99 (2003) on the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species,

Recalling its Recommendation No. 128 (2007) on the European Charter on Hunting and Biodiversity;

Noting the need to co-operate with all the actors involved in hunting in the prevention of the entry, release and dispersal of invasive alien species into the territory of the Convention,

Referring to the European Code of Conduct on Hunting and Invasive Alien Species [document T-PVS/Inf (2011) 5],

Recommends that Contracting Parties:

1. draw up national codes of conduct on hunting and invasive alien species taking into account the European Code of Conduct mentioned above;
2. collaborate as appropriate with the private sector involved in breeding, import and trade of species used in hunting, as well as with hunters and hunters associations in implementing and helping disseminate good practices and codes of conducts aimed at preventing entry, release and dispersal of invasive alien species;
3. keep the Standing Committee informed of measures taken to implement this recommendation;

Invites Observer States to take note of this recommendation and implement it as appropriate.