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**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION
ON THE EUROPEAN 2020 TARGETS
ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**

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Draft Recommendation No. ... (2011) of the Standing Committee, adopted on ... December 2011, on the European 2020 targets on 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 that the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted 20 headline targets for 2020, organised under five strategic goals, taking into account that the goals and targets comprise both: (i) aspirations for achievement at the global level; and (ii) a flexible framework for the establishment of national or regional targets and that, within Strategic Goal B (*Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use*), one target is devoted to Invasive Alien Species: “*Target 9: By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritised, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment*”,

Recommends that Contracting Parties adopt, at the national and European levels the following targets for Invasive Alien Species:

European targets:

1. By 2013, a EU European Strategy for Invasive Alien Species is adopted and its implementation started;
2. By 2015, a dedicated EU legislative instrument on IAS is concluded;
3. By 2015, priority IAS species in Europe are identified, controlled or eradicated;
4. By 2015, pathways for introduction of IAS are identified and prioritised; and measures are put in place to manage them;
5. By 2015, lists of invasive alien species to be excluded from trade are adopted and trade controls, implemented;

6. By 2015, an interpreted European Early warning and Response System on Invasive Alien Species is operative;
7. By 2018, a European Observatory on Invasive Alien Species is operative;
8. By 2014, invasive alien species used as bioenergy products are identified and phased out by 2016;
9. By 2016, European Codes of Conduct on Invasive Alien Species and a number of pathways and activities (horticulture, recreational fishing, hunting, zoological and botanic gardens, pet-trade) have been elaborated, translated as appropriate and their implementation started.