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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

Strasbourg, 6-9 December 2010
30th meeting

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Monday 6th December 2010, Room 5

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I – OPENING

- 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Chairman's report and communications from the delegations and from the Secretariat**

PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

- 3. Monitoring of the implementation of the legal aspects of the Convention**
 - 3.1 Introductory report from Georgia and Montenegro
 - 3.2 Biennial reports **2007 - 2008** concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2005 - 2008

*** Items for information:**

- T-PVS/Inf (2010) 18 - Introductory report from Georgia
- T-PVS/Inf (2010) 19 - Introductory report from Montenegro
- T-PVS (2010) 3 and 16 - Bureau Reports
- T-PVS/Inf (2010) 13, 14 and 15 Biennial and General Reports

PART III - INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

4. Interpretation of Article 9.1 of the Bern Convention

- 4.1 Legal analysis of the interpretation of Article 9.1 of the Bern Convention
- 4.2 Guidelines for the reporting system set under article 9.2 of the Bern Convention

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats

- 5.1 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change – Draft Recommendations
- 5.2 Group of Experts on Island Biodiversity in Europe
- 5.3 Large Carnivores and Herbivores:
 - a. Progress report and draft recommendation on Large Carnivores in the Caucasus
 - b. Large Carnivores in Western European countries
- 5.4 Invasive Alien Species:
 - a. Progress report
 - b. Code on Invasive Alien Species and Companion Animals
 - c. European Action Plan on the Ruddy Duck
- 5.5 Draft European Charter on Angling and Biodiversity
- 5.6 Illegal killing of Birds
- 5.7 Habitats
 - a. Group of Experts on Protected areas and Ecological networks: Report
 - b. Setting up of the Emerald Network : strategic development and steps forward
 - c. European Diploma of Protected Areas: review of the draft resolution concerning the renewal of the European Diploma of Protected Areas awarded to the Bílé Karpaty Protected Landscape Area (Czech Republic)

PART V – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6. Specific sites and populations

6.1 Files opened:

- Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta)
- Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- France: Habitats for the survival of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace
- Italy: Eradication and trade of the American Grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

6.2 Possible files

- France: Protection of the European Green Toad (*Bufo viridis*) in Alsace
- Sweden: Natterjack (*Bufo calamita*) population on the coastal island of Smögen
- Italy: Wind farm threat to wildlife in Alta Maremma, Grosseto

6.3 On-the-spot appraisal

- France: Impacts on the Hermann tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*) of a waste management plan and a housing project in the Var region: Draft Recommendation

6.4 Complaints in stand-by

- France: Black Grouse (*Tetrao tetrix*) in Drôme and Isère
- Morocco: Ecological impacts of a tourism centre in Saïdia

6.5 Follow-up of previous Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 66 (1998) on the conservation status of some nesting beaches for marine turtles in Turkey
- Recommendation No. 98 (2002) on the project to build a motorway through the Kresna Gorge (Bulgaria)
- Recommendation No.113 (2004) on military antenna in the Sovereign Base Area of Akrotiri (Cyprus)
- Recommendation No. 110 (2004) on minimising adverse effects of above-ground electricity transmission facilities (power lines) on birds
- Recommendation No. 137 (2008) on population level management of large carnivore populations
- Recommendation No. 144 (2009) of the Standing Committee, on the wind park in Smøla (Norway) and other wind farm developments in Norway

PART VI – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

7. Strategic development of the Convention

- 7.1 European Conference on “Post-2010 vision and targets: The role of Protected Areas and Ecological Networks” (Madrid, 25-27 January 2010)
- 7.2 Implementation of CBD COP-10 decisions: re-enforcing the role of the Convention in implementing 2020 Biodiversity targets in Europe
- 7.3 Presentation of the Council of Europe Declaration “Working together for Biodiversity: protection of natural areas and the fight against climate change”
- 7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2011
- 7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 31st meeting

PART VII - OTHER ITEMS

- 8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and Bureau members**
- 9. Date and place of the 31st meeting, adoption of the report**
- 10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting**
- 11. Other business (items for information only)**

DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.30 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 5.30 pm
MONDAY 6 December	
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TUESDAY 7 December	
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THURSDAY 9 December	
8. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and Bureau members 9. Date and place of the 31st meeting and adoption of report 10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting 11. Any other business	

Note: Room 6 will be free for EU co-ordination meetings (without interpretation).