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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

Strasbourg, 29 November – 2 December 2011
31st meeting

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday 29th November 2011, 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 Report on the implementation of the Convention in one Contracting Party (Switzerland)
 - 3.2 Biennial reports 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2009-2010 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2005 - 2008

***Items for information:**

- T-PVS (2011) 5 and 15 Bureau Reports
- T-PVS/Inf (2011) 30, 31, 24, 24add Biennial and General Reports

PART III - INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

- 4. Interpretation of Article 9.1 of the 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

* These items will not be discussed, unless Parties request so at the adoption of the Agenda.

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats

- 5.1 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change – Draft Recommendation
- 5.2 Group of Experts on Island Biodiversity in Europe – Draft Recommendation
- 5.3 Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species:
 - a. Codes of Conduct and Draft Recommendations;
 - b. Monitoring of the European Strategy for the eradication of the Ruddy Duck (Side event)
- 5.4 Conservation of Birds
 - a. Illegal taking and trading of Birds in Europe: Larnaca Declaration and Draft Recommendation
 - b. Action Plan for the conservation of the White-tailed Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) along the Danube - Draft Recommendation
- 5.5 Habitats
 - a. Group of Experts on Protected areas and Ecological networks: Progress report
 - b. Setting-up of ecological networks: Progress on the establishment of the Emerald Network
 - c. European Diploma of Protected Areas (Side event on Possible options concerning the future of the European Diploma)

***Items for information:**

T-PVS/Inf (2011) 16 – Monitoring for the Conservation of the Leopard in the Caucasus Ecoregion
 T-PVS/Inf (2011) 21 – Conserving European Biodiversity in a changing climate: the Bern Convention, the EU Bird Habitats Directives and the adaptation of nature to climate change
 T-PVS/Inf (2011) 17 – Planta Europa Krakow Declaration on the conservation of wild plants in Europe

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 file

- France: Protection of the European Green Toad (*Bufo viridis*) in Alsace

6.3 Complaints in stand-by

- Morocco: Ecological impacts of a tourism centre in Saïdia
- Ukraine: threats to natural habitats and species in Dniester River Delta

6.4 Follow-up of previous Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 110 (2004) on minimising adverse effects of above-ground electricity transmission facilities (power lines) on birds
- Recommendation No. 119 (2006), on the conservation of certain endangered species of amphibians and reptiles in Europe

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- Recommendation No. 120 (2006) on the European Strategy for the Conservation of Invertebrates
- Recommendation No. 132 (2007) on the conservation of fungi in Europe
- Recommendation No. 136 (2008) on improving the conservation of the Common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Europe
- Recommendation No. 144 (2009) of the Standing Committee, on the wind park in Smøla (Norway) and other wind farm developments in Norway
- Recommendation No. 151 (2010) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 9 December 2010, on protection of the Hermann tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*) in the Massif des Maures and Plaine des Maures localities (Var) in France

PART VI – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

7. Strategic development of the Convention

- 7.1 Improving the case-file system by proposing mediation
- 7.2 Implementation of CBD COP-10 decisions: setting priorities for the Bern Convention
- 7.3 Financing the Bern Convention: possible options
- 7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2012 – 2013
- 7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 32nd meeting

***Items for information:**

T-PVS (2011) 8 – Comments of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention on Recommendation 1964 (2011) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on “The need to assess progress in the implementation of the Bern Convention”

PART VII - OTHER ITEMS

- 8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and Bureau members**
- 9. Date and place of the 32nd meeting**
- 10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting**
- 11. Other business (items for information only)**

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DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.30 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 5.30 pm
TUESDAY 29 November	
1. Opening, adoption of agenda 2. Report from Chairman & Communications 3. Monitoring of the implementation of the legal aspects of the Convention 3.1 Monitoring of the Implementation of the Bern Convention in Switzerland 3.2 Biennial and quadrennial reports 4. Interpretation of Article 9.1 of the 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	5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats 5.1 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change – Draft Recommendation 5.2 Group of Experts on Island Biodiversity in Europe – Draft Recommendation 5.3 Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species: Codes of conduct and Draft Recommendations 5.4 Conservation of Birds a. Illegal taking and trading of Birds in Europe: Larnaca Declaration and Draft Recommendation b. Action Plan for the conservation of the White-tailed Sea Eagle along the Danube - Draft Recommendation 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Side event on the eradication of the Ruddy Duck
WEDNESDAY 30 November	
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 (<i>Cricetus cricetus</i>) in Alsace ➤ Italy: Eradication and trade of the American Grey squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>) 6.2 Possible file ➤ France: Protection of the European Green Toad (<i>Bufo viridis</i>) in Alsace 6.3 Complaints in stand-by ➤ Morocco: Ecological impacts of a tourism centre in Saïdia ➤ Ukraine: threats to natural habitats and species in Dniester River Delta	6.4 Follow-up of previous Recommendations ➤ Recommendation No. 110 (2004) on minimising adverse effects of above-ground electricity transmission facilities (power lines) on birds ➤ Recommendation No. 119 (2006), on the conservation of certain endangered species of amphibians and reptiles in Europe ➤ Recommendation No. 120 (2006) on the European Strategy for the Conservation of Invertebrates ➤ Recommendation No. 132 (2007) on the conservation of fungi in Europe ➤ Recommendation No. 136 (2008) on improving the conservation of the Common hamster (<i>Cricetus cricetus</i>) in Europe ➤ Recommendation No. 144 (2009) of the Standing Committee, on the wind park in Smøla (Norway) and other wind farm developments in Norway ➤ Recommendation No. 151 (2010) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 9 December 2010, on protection of the Hermann tortoise (<i>Testudo hermanni</i>) in the Massif des Maures and Plaine des Maures localities (Var) in France Side event: Wind energy and wildlife impacts – lessons learned from Smøla
THURSDAY 1 December	
5.5 Habitats: a. Group of Experts on Protected areas and Ecological networks: Progress report b. Setting-up of ecological networks: Progress on the establishment of the Emerald Network and screening of the promotional video c. European Diploma of Protected Areas 7. Strategic development of the Convention 7.1 Improving the case-file system by proposing mediation 7.2 Implementation of CBD COP-10 decisions: setting priorities for the Bern Convention 7.3 Financing the Bern Convention: possible options 7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2012 – 2013 7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 32 nd meeting	Continuation of unfinished work Side event: Brainstorming discussion on possible options for the future of the European Diploma of Protected Areas
FRIDAY 2 December	
8. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and Bureau members 9. Date and place of the 32nd meeting 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).