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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

Strasbourg, 24-27 November 2008
28th meeting

Palais de l'Europe, Room 9

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Monday 24th November 2008

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 reports: Serbia and Armenia
 - 3.2 Implementation of the Convention in Bulgaria
 - 3.3 Biennial reports **2005-2006** concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2001 2004

*** Items for information:**

- T-PVS/Inf (2008) ... and ... Implementation of the Bern Convention in Serbia and Armenia
- T-PVS/Inf (2008) ... Implementation of the Bern Convention in Bulgaria
- T-PVS (2008) 4 and ... Bureau Reports
- T-PVS/Inf (2008) ..., ... Biennial Reports

PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4. **Monitoring of Species and Habitats**
 - 4.1 Invasive plant species: Draft Code of Conduct on Horticulture and Invasive Alien Plants; and EPPO/CoE Workshop “How to manage invasive alien plants? The case studies of *Eichhornia crassipes* and *Eichhornia azurea*” (2-4 June 2008, Mérida, Spain) – Draft Recommendations
 - 4.2 Group of Experts on the Conservation on Invertebrates – Progress report

- 4.3 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change – Draft Recommendation
- 4.4 Draft action plan for the conservation of the Common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Europe – Draft Recommendation
- 4.5 Large carnivores/herbivores: Report from the Balkan Lynx Conservation Strategy Workshop (Peshtani, FYROM, 3-4 June 2008) and Report from the Pan European Conference on Population-level Management Plans for Large Carnivores (Postojna, Slovenia, 10-12 June 2008) – Draft Recommendation
- 4.6 New European Strategy for Plant Conservation 2008-2014: Draft Recommendation
- 4.7 Wind energy and nature conservation: Progress report

4.8 Habitats

- Setting up of ecological networks: Emerald Network progress
- European Diploma of Protected Areas: Progress report

* Items for information:

- T-PVS/Inf (2008) ... Report of the 3rd meeting of the ad hoc Working Group on Wind Energy and Nature Conservation (Brussels, 10 July 2008)
- PE-S-DE (2008) 18, Report of the annual meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma of Protected Areas (Strasbourg, 17-18 March 2008)

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5. Specific sites and populations

- 5.1 Files opened:
 - Ukraine: Building of a navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta) On-the-spot appraisal
 - Cyprus: Akamas Peninsula
 - Bulgaria: Project to build a motorway through the Kresna Gorge
 - Bulgaria: Windfarm in the Balchik and Kaliakra areas (Via Pontica)
 - France: Habitats necessary for the survival of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*)
- 5.2 Possible File:
 - Italy: Implementation of Recommendation No. 123 (2007) of the Standing Committee, on limiting the dispersal of the Grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) in Italy and other Contracting Parties – On the spot appraisal and draft decision
 - Norway: Windfarms in Smøla Archipelago
- 5.3 Complaints on stand-by:
 - France: Conservation of the European Green Toad (*Bufo viridis*) in Alsace
 - Sweden: Natterjack toad (*Bufo calamita*) population on the coastal island of Smögen
- 5.4 Follow-up of selected recommendations from previous meetings:
 - Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Turkey)
 - Recommendation No. 96 (2002) on conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland (Iceland)
 - Recommendation no. 108 (2003) on the proposed construction of the “Via Baltica” (Poland)

- Recommendation No. 113 (2004) on military antenna in the Sovereign Base Area (Akrotiri, Cyprus)
- Recommendation No. No. 118 (2005) on the protection of the Hermann tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*) in the Massif des Maures and Plaine des Maures localities (Var, France)
- Recommendation No. 129 (2007) on the construction of a dam and hydro-electric power station in Lesce on the Dobra River (Croatia)
- Recommendation No. 131 (2007) on the Planned Motorway Vc across the Drava Marshlands in Slavonia (Croatia)

Illegal killing of birds in Mediterranean Parties

- Recommendation No. 5 (1986) on the prosecution of persons illegally catching, killing or trading in protected birds

5.5 The case file system: Reminder on the processing of complaints and new on-line form

PART V – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

6. Strategic development of the Convention

- 6.1 Strengthened co-ordination and co-operation with the CBD: Implications for the future work of the Convention. Follow-up to CBD COP-9
- 6.2 Two new Memoranda of Co-operation: CMS and IUCN
- 6.3 Draft Programme of Activities for 2009
- 6.4 States to be invited as observers to the 29th meeting
- 6.5 Amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee: Proposal from Norway

*** Items for information:**

Signature of the enhanced Memorandum of Co-operation with the Secretariat of the CBD, at COP-9

PART VI- OTHER ITEMS

- 7. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
- 8. Date and place of the 29th meeting**
- 9. Adoption of the report**
- 10. Any other business (items for information only)**

* These items are presented only for information. They will not be subject to oral presentations or discussion unless on the request of a Party at the adoption of the agenda.

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.30 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 5.30 pm
MONDAY 24 November	
<p>1. Opening, adoption of agenda 2. Report from Chairman & Communications 3. Monitoring of the implementation of the legal aspects of the Convention 3.1 Introductory reports: Serbia and Armenia 3.2 Implementation of the Convention in Bulgaria 3.3 Biennial and quadrennial reports 4. Monitoring of species and habitats 4.1 Invasive Alien Species: Code of Conduct on Horticulture and Invasive Alien Plants – Draft Recommendation; EPPO/CoE Workshop ‘How to manage invasive alien plants? The case studies of <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> and <i>Eichhornia azurea</i>’ (2-4 June 2008, Mérida, Spain) – Draft Recommendation 4.2 Group of Experts on the Conservation on Invertebrates – Progress report.</p>	<p>4.3 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change – Draft Recommendation 4.4 Draft action plan for the conservation of the Common hamster (<i>Cricetus cricetus</i>) in Europe – Draft Recommendation 4.5 Large carnivores/herbivores: Report from the Balkan Lynx Conservation Strategy Workshop (Peshtani, FYROM, 3-4 June 2008) and Report from the Pan-European Conference on Population-level Management Plans for Large Carnivores (Postojna, Slovenia, 10-12 June 2008 – Draft Recommendation 4.6 New European Strategy for Plant Conservation (2008-2014) – Draft Recommendation 4.7 Wind energy and nature conservation: Progress report</p>
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THURSDAY 27 November	
<p>7. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman 8. Date and place of the 29th meeting 9. Adoption of report 10. Any other business</p>	

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