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Agenda item 5.0

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS	DOCUMENTS
I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS	
<p>1. Opening of the meeting The High Level Opening Ceremony will be held on 1 December 2008 (10:00). It will include an introduction by the Executive Secretary as well as statements from 6 distinguished guests.</p>	Programme to be distributed to participants.
<p>2. Welcoming addresses The Chairman of the CMS Standing Committee will make an opening statement and will conduct the business of the meeting through to the election of officers (agenda item 4). Written statements will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Adoption of Rules of Procedure The existing Rules of Procedure are unchanged. However, some individual Parties are still in arrears for their subscriptions for the triennium 2006-2008 as well as for previous years. <i>Expected outcome:</i> the Conference to adopt the Rules of Procedure for COP9.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.4/Rev.1
<p>4. Election of officers In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the following officers shall be elected: Chair of the Conference, Chair of the Committee of the Whole (who shall also serve as Vice-Chair of the Conference), and the Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole. <i>Expected outcome:</i> three main conference officers elected .</p>	Possible candidates for these offices will be considered by the Standing Committee at their meeting on 30 November 2008.
<p>5. Adoption of agenda and work schedule The meeting is invited to review the draft provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agenda and work schedule agreed, including any modifications decided by the Conference.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.1/Rev.4 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.2/Rev.3
<p>6. Establishment of Credentials Committee and sessional committees The meeting is invited to formally establish the Committee of the Whole with open-ended membership, in accordance with Rule 23, and to establish a committee of five members, with appropriate linguistic and geographic composition, for the purpose of reviewing the <i>original</i> credentials of official delegations. The meeting may wish to establish further sessional committees (working groups) as the need arises. The bureau of the Conference of the Parties will be established according to Rule 7. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Credentials and other Committees established.</p>	The Secretariat expects that a Resources (Budget) Working Group will be formed. It may also be appropriate to establish separate Working Groups to cover the Agenda Items on Secretariat Manpower & Organisation and on Operational Instruments of CMS. The Secretariat recommends that the credentials committee and Working Groups operate when the Plenary and Committee of the Whole are not in session.

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<p>7. Admission of observers The meeting is invited to admit as observers the eight Scientific Council experts identified by the Conference of the Parties, as well as representatives of IGOs, and international and national NGOs that meet the criteria set out in Article VII, para. 9, of the Convention. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference agrees to the admission of all observers seeking to attend.</p>	<p>List of organizations seeking admission will be read out by the Secretariat</p>
<p>II. REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION (under CMS Strategic Plan 2006-11)</p>	
<p>8. Overview of Implementation (including 2010 Biodiversity Targets) The Secretariat have circulated an overview of their activities since the last Conference of Parties in 2005 to implement the CMS Strategic Plan. UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.5/ Addendum supplements the report by providing detailed information on the execution of the CMS Work Plan 2006-2008 in relation to the Strategic Plan targets. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to take note of the intersessional report and give comments and/or guidance to the Secretariat for the future.</p> <p>9. Reports from Convention and Agreement Bodies</p> <p>(a) <i>Depositary & Host Country</i> The report of the CMS Depositary, the Federal Republic of Germany will be presented. This will outline efforts undertaken in synergy with the Secretariat to recruit new Parties during the period since COP8 in 2005. A report will also be given on the activities of the Host Country (also the Federal Republic of Germany). <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference notes the reports of the Depositary and Host Government.</p> <p>(b) <i>Standing Committee</i> The Chair of the Standing Committee has circulated a written report as required by Paragraph 1(f) of Resolution 6.6 and Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee. The reporting period covers the 3 meetings of the Standing Committee held in period between the last COP and September 2008. The Chairman will supplement and update the report verbally. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to note the report and comment as necessary.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.5 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.5/Add.</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.6</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.7</p>

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<p>(c) <i>Scientific Council</i> The Chair of the Scientific Council will be invited to highlight the main activities of the Council during the previous triennium, including the recommendations of the Council's 15th meeting held in Rome immediately prior to COP9. Expected outcome: Conference to note the oral report made by the Chair of the Scientific Council, and to comment as necessary</p> <p>(d) <i>Article IV Agreements/MoUs</i> Representatives of independent CMS Agreements already concluded will be invited to make a brief oral summary (5 minutes) of their written presentations. The CMS Secretariat will report briefly on developments in respect of Agreements and MoUs for which it provides or oversees Secretariat services. Expected outcome: Conference notes the oral and written reports submitted by Article IV Agreements and gives comments and guidance as necessary for the further implementation of existing agreements, including consecutive reviews of Terrestrial Mammals, Marine and Bird agreements and related projects over the period April 2009-March 2011.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.8 (when available)</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.9 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.2</p>
<p>10. Reports from States</p> <p>(a) <i>Party States (including REIOs)</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Synthesis of Party reports</i> The Secretariat / WCMC preliminary synthesis of national reports is delivered in accordance with Article VI(3) of the Convention, which requires Parties to inform the Conference through the Secretariat, prior to each ordinary meeting of the Conference, about the measures that they are taking to implement the provisions of the Convention. Expected outcomes: the Conference takes note of the synthesis and provides guidance on its conclusion (paragraph 47-70) and 29 recommendations.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Statements by New Parties who have acceded since November 2005</i> Parties that have joined the Convention since the last COP will be invited to deliver a statement to the Conference. (NB these comprise Algeria, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Cook Islands, Angola, Yemen, Madagascar, Honduras, Costa Rica, Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Iran, Palau, Serbia, Gabon and Estonia).</p> <p>(b) <i>Non-Party States</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Announcements of new accessions</i> The Chair will invite representatives of non-party observers to give an indication of their Government's considerations <i>vis-à-vis</i> accession to CMS. Expected outcome: one or more new accessions to the Convention announced.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Others</i> Non-parties wishing to deliver a message to the Conference will take the floor.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.10</p>

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<p>11. Report from UNEP and Partners</p> <p>(a) <i>UNEP</i> The representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will deliver a statement to the Conference. Expected outcome: Role of UNEP in supporting CMS acknowledged.</p> <p>(b) <i>Biodiversity Liaison Group</i> A representative of the Biodiversity Liaison Group will deliver a statement on behalf of the group focusing on cooperation and synergies among the Conventions. Expected outcome: guidance for CMS future activities by the Conference that may wish to recognize the important role of the BLG as requested in the document.</p> <p>(c) <i>Other Intergovernmental Bodies</i> The floor will be open to other IGOs for their statements.</p> <p>(d) <i>Civil Society</i> The floor will be open to NGOs and other partners for their statements.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Inf.9.14</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.12</p>
<p>12. Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix I species</p> <p>(a) <i>Major (concerted action) projects</i> The Secretariat will report on the progress made to implement the Sahelo-Saharan Project and its similar recent major project funded by the European Commission, as well as the Central Eurasian Aridland Concerted Action. The International Crane Foundation will report on the GEF Siberian Crane Wetland project-related activities and progress during a dedicated session for flyways. Expected outcome: the Conference to acknowledge the progress made and to adopt the document's recommendations after discussion and possible amendments.</p> <p>(b) <i>Other measures to promote the conservation of Appendix I species</i> The Secretariat and/or members of the Scientific Council will report on implementation of other Concerted Actions. Recommendations of the Scientific Council concerning further development of ongoing Concerted Actions and possible designation of other Appendix I species for Concerted Actions will be presented. The Conference will be requested to examine the relevant section of draft Resolution UNEP/CMS/Res.9.1 Expected outcome: The conference to take note of progress in the implementation of Concerted Actions. List of Species designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2009-11 are approved by the Conference.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.14/Rev.1</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.1</p>

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<p>13. Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix II species</p> <p>(a) <i>Development of new and future Agreements</i> The Secretariat will report on the development of new Agreements during the period 2006-2008, and comment on perspectives for the development of new Agreements during 2009-2011. Reference will be made to the relevant sections of draft Resolution 9.2. Expected outcome: Conference to take note of progress in the development of new Agreements and provide guidance for the further development and resourcing of Article IV Agreements. Resolution 9.2 reviewed and finalized.</p> <p>(b) <i>Other measures to promote the conservation and sustainable management of Appendix II species</i> The Secretariat and/or members of the Scientific Council will report on implementation of Cooperative Actions for Appendix II species. Recommendations of the Scientific Council concerning further development of ongoing Cooperative Actions and possible designation of other Appendix II species for Concerted Actions will be presented. The Conference will be requested to examine the relevant section of draft Resolution UNEP/CMS/Res.9.1 Expected outcome: The conference to take note of progress in the implementation of Cooperative Actions. List of Species designated for Cooperative Actions for the triennium 2009-11 approved by the Conference.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.2</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.2 UNEP/CMS/Inf.9.9</p>
<p>14. Review of the Operational Instruments of CMS</p> <p>Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.16 on the operational instruments of CMS, prepared by the Vice-Chair of ScC, Dr. Pierre Devillers, will be presented by the author. The Conference will be invited to comment on the document, and give consideration to setting up an intersessional process aimed at further considering the streamlining of CMS operational instruments. It is expected that a revised version of the document will be produced after COP9 and sent to CMS focal points and concerned bodies. Expected outcome: Conference to discuss the paper in a Working Group during COP and to set up an inter-sessional Working Group to follow up on this issue, and consider whether to link this paper to the proposed review of the “Future Shape” of CMS (Agenda Item 21)</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.16</p>

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<p>15. CMS Information Management</p> <p>(a) <i>Information Plan and System (IMS/IMP)</i> The Secretariat, paper reports progress to date and identifies several gaps. It recommends inter alia that IMS/IMP work should in future be led by a strengthened Science, Data and Marine Unit with a wider remit for conservation data. Expected outcome: Conference to decide what additional resources can be made available for IMS/IMP. To this end, the Conference may need to expand the draft Resolution .</p> <p>(b) <i>Party Reports</i> The Secretariat’s paper provides information on progress made since COP8 in improving reporting formats. It includes a specification for a full online reporting system (“SONAR”) which is included in Option 2 of the Budget proposals and recommends its adoption. Expected outcome: Conference to note the progress in amending the national reporting formats and to decide whether to endorse and fund “SONAR”.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.18/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.3</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.20 UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.33 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.4</p>
<p>16. CMS outreach and communications</p> <p>(a) (a) <i>Year of the” Campaigns</i> The Secretariat has circulated a detailed report on the two “Year of...” campaigns so far (Year of the Turtle 2006, Year of the Dolphin 2007-8) and the campaigns planned for gorillas (2009), and bats (2011). Goals and actual achievements are set out. Expected outcome: Conference to note the contribution which “Year of ...” campaigns have made to the attainment of CMS objectives for outreach, education, awareness, partnership-building, fundraising and practical conservation and make appropriate provision in the CMS budget for 2009-11 to pursue further campaigns.</p> <p>(b) <i>Implementation of Outreach and Communication Plan</i> The last COP agreed a detailed plan for Outreach and Communication. The Secretariat’s paper reports on the achievements, using objectives set originally in the CMS Strategic Plan. The draft resolution rolls forward the outreach plan to 2009-11. Expected outcome: Conference to take note of the Report, to adopt a Resolution on the lines of UNEP/CMS/Res.9.5 on the Outreach and Communication Plan in 2009-2011 and to ensure the availability of adequate resources.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.21</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.22/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.5</p>
<p>17. Cooperation with other Conventions and Partners</p> <p>In pursuit of the mandates given by Article IX of the Convention and Resolution 7.9, the Secretariat have prepared the most comprehensive-ever report on activities with its Partners including 24 organisations covered by formal written agreements. The paper contains an inventory of partnerships and assesses progress with each of the organizations, which include MEAs, IGOs and NGOs. Expected outcome: Conference to take note of the Report suggest further partnerships and priorities for existing partnerships, provide adequate resources to service them and to adopt a resolution on the lines of UNEP/CMS/Res.9.6/Rev.1.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.23/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.6/Rev.1</p>

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<p>18. Key Policy Issues</p> <p>(a) <i>Climate Change and Migratory Species</i> Recommendations are expected to be submitted by the Scientific Council. A draft resolution has already been submitted by Australia. Expected outcomes: Resolution incorporating points in Resolution 9.7 to be finalized.</p> <p>(b) <i>Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza</i> Further to Resolution 8.27 the Secretariat has circulated a report on the main developments with HPAI over the last three years including the activities of the CMS/FAO-led Scientific Task Force. The paper includes a scientific summary intended for endorsement by a number of MEAs and other bodies (it has already been agreed by AEWAs and the Ramsar COP). Expected outcome: Conference to acknowledge CMS's successful lead role on the topic, to endorse the scientific summary and a draft Resolution on responding to the challenges of emerging and re-emerging diseases in migratory species, and to provide appropriate funding in the CMS budget for the further work of the Task Force.</p> <p>(c) <i>Migratory Marine Species</i> The Secretariat has presented a discussion paper on strategic considerations for conserving migratory marine species. The paper examines the main threats facing marine species, identifies all the species of major concern to the Convention, looks at the existing deployment of CMS agreements and other instruments, and includes a section on CMS in the High Seas taking into account developments elsewhere in the UN system. It calls <i>inter alia</i> for priority issues, species and habitats in the marine sphere to be identified by the CoP, for a review of the interaction between existing national and international laws affecting the High Seas and for a global assessment of the impact of by-catch on the conservation status of all migratory marine species covered by the Convention. It also seeks a review of CMS marine agreements and projects in 2009-10, and for adequate budget resources for marine work. Resolutions submitted by Parties on by-catch and ocean noise will also be considered under this item. Expected outcome: CoP to endorse General Resolution on CMS Marine Work Programme prepared by working group. Linked or separate Resolutions also agreed on by-catch and anthropogenic ocean noise impacts on cetaceans.</p> <p>(d) <i>Flyways</i> The Secretariat has presented a discussion paper focusing on progress in conserving species and habitats along the 5 main flyways worldwide, including specific policy proposals for CMS role on each flyway. Recommendations for flyways are included in Draft resolution 9.2 Expected outcome: policies discussed and adopted by the Conference, either as specific resolutions or within general Resolution 9.2 on Agreements priorities. A dedicated session for flyways planned for 2 December will include presentations by the International Crane Foundation and by Franz Bairlein on "Scientific knowledge as a basis of international legal instruments for the conservation of migratory birds: an introduction to the Italian Migration Atlas".</p> <p>(e) <i>Migratory Terrestrial Species</i> Parties will consider a discussion paper commissioned by the CMS Secretariat from the Scientific Councillor for Terrestrial Mammals. This covers the status, ecological scion-economic and cultural role of large</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.7</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.25 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.8</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.26/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res. 9.18/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res. 9.19</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.27 UNEP/CMS/Resolution 9.2</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.28</p>

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<p>migratory mammals and their strategic significance for conservation. Both the existing and future role of CMS are examined. As well as reaffirming their support for the two existing CMS initiatives on terrestrial megafauna (Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes and Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals), Parties are invited to agree to a process for COP 10 in 2011 to adopt similar initiatives covering Megafaunas in the Atlantic and North European areas, South America, Sub-Saharan Africa and South/South-East Asia. Expected outcome: Parties to endorse a Resolution on Terrestrial Species which may mandate the Standing Committee and the Scientific Council to bring forward new migratory mammal projects for the CoP in 2011.</p>	
<p>19. Proposals submitted by Parties to amend Appendices of the Convention Proposals submitted by 13 CMS Parties to add thirteen new species to Appendix I and eleven species to Appendix II of the Convention, will be considered in turn by the Conference. The Scientific Council's advice will be presented to the meeting to facilitate consideration of each of the proposals. Expected outcome: Conference to adopt some/all of the proposals for new listings in Appendices I – II by consensus (as at previous CoPs) although the Secretariat will be ready to hold votes if needed (a two-thirds majority of those present and voting is required for new species listings)</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.29</p>
<p>20. CMS Capacity Building Activities CoP will consider the first ever detailed proposal prepared under CMS outlining possible approaches to, and components of, a global capacity building strategy, taking account of the Bali SP. These include national / regional training programmes or centres; computer based learning; regional workshops, and combined activities with other bodies including BLG and UNEP as a whole. Parties are asked to consider the right “mix” for CMS and to provide resources for a stagy to be implemented. A significant % rise in resources for capacity building is included in both options for the CMS budget in 2009-11, although the increased annual sum sought in order to “prime the pump” for CB activities (about €22,000) is still very modest, and would need to be supplemented by additional voluntary contributions or partnerships. Expected outcome: An in-sessional working group may be advisable on this topic. Parties may be able to decide on the various options in the Capacity Building Strategy for 2009-11, including those elements that can be implemented now and others that could be remitted for further consideration as part of an intersessional review of CMS organisation. Resolution UNEP/CMS/Resolution 9.12 may be adopted (as modified)</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.30/Rev.2 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.12</p>
<p>III. RESOURCES AND “FUTURE SHAPE” OF THE CONVENTION</p>	

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<p>21. Secretariat Manpower and Organisation</p> <p>The Executive Secretary and the Chairman of the Standing Committee will explain the background including the original Secretariat proposals to the Committee which can be consulted at CMS/StC32/7 (available on www.cms.int/bodies/StC/32), but which is not submitted for decision at CoP9. The Standing Committee meeting in September 2008 agreed to advocate an intersessional review to develop proposals for decision at CoP10 in 2011: the proposal for the review is contained in draft UNEP/CMS/Resolution 9.13, ("Intersessional Process regarding the Future Shape of CMS) submitted by France on behalf of the EC. An in-session working group may be needed to refine the resolution, although it is expected that the principal debate on CMS organisation will be in the Committee of the Whole/Plenary. <i>Expected outcome:</i> It will be important for as many Parties as possible to express views on this topic for consideration in the review process. The composition of the intersessional working group will need to be decided by the CoP and it is expected that a geographical balance will be needed, together with resources to finance the participation of developing countries. Conference may adopt UNEP/CMS/ Resolution 9.13 with amendments as agreed by Parties.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.13</p>
<p>22. Strategic Plan – roll forward 2012-2017</p> <p>There is no paper for this item. The Secretariat will give a verbal presentation advocating that the current format of the Strategic Plan is retained, as it has proved its worth since being developed with advice from a professional consultancy and a Parties' working group in 2004-5, and remains suitable as a framework for guiding the Convention. Parties will need to decide how the Roll-Forward should be undertaken and in particular whether the Secretariat needs to be supported by a professional consultancy, and/or a working group established by the CoP or Standing Committee. Expected Outcome: Agreed approach for Strategic Plan roll-forward, perhaps linked to the Intersessional Review of CMS Organisation</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.33/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.33/Add/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.34 UNEP/CMS/Resolution 9.14</p>

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<p>23. Budget and Administration</p> <p>(a) <i>Outcome of CMS Budget 2006-8</i> The Deputy Executive Secretary will present the report on this topic supported by the new Finance and Management Officer</p> <p>(b) <i>CMS Manpower, Budget 2009-2011 and Medium Term Plan</i> The Executive Secretary will present a document with two main budget scenarios, one based on the current budget as adjusted for inflation etc that would allow some limited growth in CMS staffing and programmes such as capacity building and conservation projects, and a higher option allowing additional posts (including 1 in the Bangkok office) and the introduction of the online reporting system (“SONAR”). After the expression of initial views in the Plenary/CoW the proposals are expected to be referred to the in-session Resources Working Group. Expected outcome: Conference to decide on the budgetary provision and subscriptions for 2009-2011, to confirm the Medium Term Plan for 2009-2014, and to adopt draft Resolution UNEP/CMS/Resolution 9.14 on budget matters, as amended.</p> <p>(c) <i>Other Administrative issues</i></p> <p>(d) <i>Fundraising</i> Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.34 reports in detail on the largely successful efforts, which the Secretariat has undertaken to increase funds over the last triennium. CMS has raised total resources of €4.7m for projects from public and private sources to complement the core Trust Fund Budget of €6.6m. This compares with less than € 850,000 in the previous triennium 2003-2005. The proportion of earmarked resources compared to regular budget has risen from approximately 17% to over 41%. The Secretariat does however need additional manpower to maintain and consolidate this progress. Expected outcome: Parties to note the major success of the Secretariat’s fundraising campaign during 2006-2008, to agree to a full time P3 level Partnerships and Fundraising Officer, and the establishment of a charitable body in UK to raise awareness of, and funds for, the CMS Group.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.33 Annex 6</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.34</p>

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<p>24. Institutional Issues</p> <p>(a) <i>Elections to Scientific Council and Standing Committee</i> Parties are invited to (i) approve draft Resolution 9.15 which would increase the size of the Standing Committee to a maximum of 14 members, as shown in Table 3 of this paper (ii) endorse elected regional representatives members to Standing Committee & Scientific Council Chair & Vice-Chair(s); and (iii) appoint Scientific Council Experts for the next triennium Expected outcome: New Resolution on composition of Standing Committee passed. Members of Scientific Council and Standing Committee elected.</p> <p>(b) <i>Experimental Merger of CMS & ASCOBANS Secretariat functions</i> As agreed by the Parties to ASCOBANS at their MoP in 2006 and accepted by the CMS Standing Committee in September 2006, the CMS Secretariat is providing provisional secretariat services for the ASCOBANS Agreement for the triennium 2007-9, A UNEP-led review at mid term of the provisional 3-year arrangement has been carried out, in line with the decision of ASCOBANS Parties (MOP 5 Resolution 2d). A final report is not yet available. Expected outcome: Conference to discuss the outcome of the review process based on the advice of the Standing Committee which will consider the issue at its meeting on 30 November 29008. Parties may provide guidance on the next steps.</p> <p>(c) <i>Coordinating Unit for Agreements in Abu Dhabi, UAE</i> The 33rd Standing Committee meeting (Bonn, September 2008) discussed an Offer from Abu Dhabi UAE worth over \$3.5m to provide a Coordinating Unit for CMS MoU Agreements on Raptors, Dugongs and Turtles (IOSEA – in part). The proposals considered by the Committee can be consulted on www.cms.int/bodies/StC/33 (Paper CMS/StC33/2/Rev.2). The Committee welcomed the offer and authorised the CMS Secretariat to participate in negotiations to develop a satisfactory structure for the unit in consultation with the Abu Dhabi authorities, UNEP and other stakeholders. The offer has been accepted in principle by the Parties to the CMS Dugong and Raptors Agreements. The Secretariat will present an update, including implications for the budget of the proposed intersessional process to consider the future organisation of CMS. Expected outcome: Conference to endorse the process and to encourage the Secretariat to pursue implementation. The Conference may wish to thank Abu Dhabi for such a generous initiative and request UNEP to assist CMS in facilitating early and streamlined implementation.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.35/Rev.1</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.36 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.18/Rev.1</p>
<p>IV. FORMAL AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS</p>	
<p>25. Interim and final Reports of the Credentials Committee The Chair of the Credentials Committee will report periodically on the status of the Committee's examination of credentials submitted for its review.</p>	<p>Periodic oral reports</p>

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<p>26. Reports of sessional committees Sections of the main report will be considered in plenary as they become available, usually within two days of the relevant session of the Committee of the Whole. The drafts will be made available in the three working languages, with the exception of the last day's sessions which will only be available in English. Reports of other sessional committees, including working groups, will be presented on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis.</p>	
<p>27. Adoption of Amendments to Appendices The meeting will be invited to adopt the agreed amendments to the Appendices of the Convention.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.29
<p>28. Adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations The meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final session, the texts of Resolutions and Recommendations forwarded to plenary, after having been considered in detail and discussed in the Committee of the Whole. Expected outcome: Conference adopts listed Resolutions as well as in-session Resolutions and Recommendations emanating from the Scientific Council and Working Groups, as deemed appropriate by the Conference.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Res.9.1 – CMS/Res.5 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.6/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.7 + CMS/Res.9.8 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.12 – CMS/Res.9.15 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.17 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.18/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.9.19
<p>29. Date and Venue of 10th COP (2011) It is hoped that one or more CMS Parties will come to Rome prepared to announce their candidacy to host, during the course of 2011, the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat issued initial invitations to submit bids in September 2008.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Res.9.17
<p>30. Any other business Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p>	
<p>31. Adoption of Report of the Meeting A draft report of the meeting will be presented for adoption in the final plenary session, as far as possible in the three working languages, with the understanding that the Secretariat will be entrusted to finalise the text in the weeks following the meeting.</p>	
<p>32. Closure of the Meeting The meeting is expected to be closed on Friday, 5 December 2008, no later than 5:00 PM. Members (only) of the newly elected Standing Committee will be invited to gather for a short meeting immediately after the close of the session.</p>	