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Bonn, 18-24 September 2002

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p>1. <b>Opening of the meeting</b> The conference will be formally opened on the morning of 18 September at the conclusion of a common (CMS-AEWA) opening ceremony, for which a separate programme will be made available.</p>	Opening Ceremony Programme	
<p>2. <b>Welcoming addresses</b> 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)</p>		
<p>3. <b>Adoption of rules of procedure</b> It is envisaged that the same rules of procedure that applied at COP6 (Cape Town, 1999) will be tabled for adoption. Attention is drawn to Rule 14(2), concerning voting rights of Parties whose contributions are in arrears, which the Conference of the Parties agreed would be strictly adhered to at the present meeting.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.4	
<p>4. <b>Election of officers</b> In accordance with Rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the following officers shall be elected by acclamation: 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.</p>		
<p>5. <b>Adoption of agenda and work schedule</b> The meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.7. 1 (Rev. 1) UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.1.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.2 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.3	
<p>6. <b>Establishment of Credentials Committee and sessional committees</b> 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.</p>		
<p>7. <b>Admission of observers</b> The meeting is invited to admit as observers the six Scientific Council experts appointed 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.</p>	List of organizations seeking admission will be read out by the Secretariat.	
<p>8. <b>Opening statements</b> Written statements will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting. While such statements, as a general rule, are not to be presented orally, the Chair may invite representatives of non-Party observers to give an indication of their Government's considerations vis-à-vis accession to CMS.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.15.x	

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<p>9. <b>Reports</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Secretariat</b> With reference to its written report, the Secretariat will summarize the major developments that have taken place under the framework of CMS since COP6. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to note the Secretariat report.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.5.1	
<p>(b) <b>Standing Committee</b> The Chair of the Standing Committee will be invited to report briefly on the activities of the Standing Committee and its members over the previous triennium, as well as the Committee's deliberations at its 24th meeting (17 September). <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to note the Standing Committee Chair's written/oral report.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.5.2 UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.6	
<p>(c) <b>Scientific Council</b> The Chair of the Scientific Council will be invited to highlight the main activities of the Council during the previous triennium, and to report on the outputs of the Council's 11th meeting held immediately prior to COP7. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to note the Scientific Council Chair's written/oral report.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.5.3 UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.5	
<p>(d) <b>Depositary</b> The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report on activities related to the discharge of its functions as depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification and circulation of the official texts of the Convention. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Conference to note the Depositary's written/oral report.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.5.4	
<p>10. <b>Report of the Credentials Committee</b> The Chair of the Credentials Committee will report periodically on the status of the committee's examination of credentials submitted for its review.</p>	Periodic oral reports	
<p>11. <b>Review of implementation of the Convention</b></p> <p>(a) <b>CMS Information Management Plan</b> The meeting will be invited to review progress towards implementation of the Information Management Plan (IMP), as contained in COP6 Resolution 6.5. Some of the issues will be considered in more detail under the agenda items that follow. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Refinement of the IMP in the light of progress made to date and review of current priorities.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.6	

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<p>(i) <b>Synthesis of Party reports</b>  The Secretariat and/or its consultant will report on a major exercise undertaken to synthesise information contained in the National Reports submitted by CMS Parties. The results will have implications for the review of implementation of the Strategic Plan (agenda item 11d). <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendations on how this work shall continue in the future, so as to maximize the information value of Party reports and to assure a useful contribution from CMS to the harmonisation exercise for biodiversity-related instruments.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.6.1  UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.14.x</p>	
<p>(ii) <b>Format for national reports</b>  The meeting will be invited to comment on, and refine as appropriate, the new format for the preparation of national reports, which was introduced on a trial basis prior to COP7. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Adoption of the national report format.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.6.2  UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.4</p>	
<p>(iii) <b>Global Register of Migratory Species (GROMS)</b>  The meeting will be invited to review progress made towards development of GROMS and to consider a proposal on the continuation of this German Government sponsored initiative. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agreement on the future of the Global Register of Migratory Species, including any financial considerations</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.7</p>	
<p>(b) <b>Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix I and II species</b>  Under this broad agenda item, the meeting is expected to concentrate on three main areas: (1) conservation measures for specific Appendix I “Concerted Action” species; (2) conservation measures for “Appendix II “Cooperative Action” species; (3) interventions in cross-cutting thematic areas (eg. by-catch reduction, impact assessment barriers to migration, alien invasive species, climate change impacts, etc.)</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.8  UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.1  UNEP/CMS/Rec. 7.1-7.5</p>	
<p>(c) <b>Review of Article IV Agreements</b>  (i) <b>Agreements already concluded</b>  Representatives of CMS Agreements already concluded – namely ACAP, ACCOBAMS, AEWA, ASCOBANS, EUROBATS, Wadden Sea Seals – will be invited to make a brief oral summary of their written presentations. The secretariat will report briefly on developments in respect of Memoranda of Understanding for which it provides secretariat services (i.e. African marine turtles; Indian Ocean/Southeast Asian marine turtles; Bukhara Deer, Great Bustard; Siberian crane; Slender-billed Curlew.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9  UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9.1</p>	
<p>(ii) <b>Development of future Agreements</b>  The meeting is invited to explore the possible development of Agreements for other taxa and regions, having as background material assessments prepared for this purpose by the Secretariat and a working group of the Standing Committee. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agreement on priorities/resources for the development of further instruments through which to implement the Convention.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9.2  UNEP/CMS/Inf. 16  UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.2</p>	
<p>(iii) <b>Guidelines on the harmonization of future Agreements</b>  The Secretariat will apprise the meeting of any progress made towards the finalization of the guidelines.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9.3</p>	

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<p>(d) <b>Review of implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2000-2005</b>  The reporting tool developed by the Secretariat to monitor progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan will be further refined before and during the meeting, based on inputs from CMS Parties and the Performance Working Group (PWG). It is proposed that the PWG continue its work during COP7 or that an open-ended working group be established for this purpose. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Completion, as far as possible, of the Strategic Plan review document. It is expected that further activities will be proposed in course of the review: these should be prioritized, costed and brought forward to the discussion on financial arrangements (agenda item 13)</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.10  UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.13.2  UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.3</p>	
<p>(e) <b>Cooperation with other bodies</b>  The meeting will review developments in the area of cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies with whom institutional linkages are desirable, including (but not limited to): CBD, Ramsar, UNESCO, CITES, IWC, UNCCD, Wetlands International, BirdLife International, IUCN, WWF etc. This will include consideration of MoUs and Joint Work Programmes already in place or foreseen. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Agreement on timetable, priorities and resources for development and/or implementation of institutional MoUs and joint work programmes.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.11</p>	
<p>12. <b>Consideration of proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</b>  Proposals submitted by nine CMS Parties concerning the listing of a total of 36 species in Appendices I and/or II to the Convention will be considered. The Scientific Council's advice will be presented to the meeting to facilitate consideration of each of the proposals. <b>Expected outcome:</b> COP decisions on whether to accept or reject each of the proposals in question.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.12  UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.5</p>	
<p>13. <b>Financial and administrative arrangements</b>  Under this agenda item, the meeting will have an opportunity to review contributions to the CMS Trust Fund, as well as the use of its resources over the previous biennium; to decide on the budget for the forthcoming triennium; and to extend the duration of the Trust Fund for another three years. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Noting of the Secretariat report on budgetary matters; adoption by consensus of a budget for the 2003-2005 triennium that provides sufficient resources to fulfill the programme of work mandated by the COP; and extension of the CMS Trust Fund through 31 December 2005.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.13.1  UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.13.2  UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.10  UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.14.2  UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.7</p>	
<p>14. <b>Institutional arrangements:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Headquarters agreement and juridical personality</b>  The meeting will be invited to endorse the anticipated conclusion of a Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Germany, the United Nations Environment Programme and the UNEP/CMS Secretariat governing the operation of CMS in the Host Country.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.14.1  UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.8</p>	
<p>(b) <b>Co-location of Agreement secretariats</b>  The Secretariat will report on the evolution of arrangements for co-locating Agreement secretariats with the CMS Secretariat in Bonn, including an analysis of future resource requirements.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.14.2</p>	

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<p>(c) <b>Standing Committee</b> Having adopted, after careful consideration, a resolution at COP6 concerning arrangements for the Standing Committee, it is expected that the discussion under this agenda item will be limited to the election of regional members.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.14.3 [UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.5]	
<p>(d) <b>Scientific Council</b> The meeting will be invited to consider any recommend-ations arising from the Scientific Council pertaining to the effective functioning of that body, and to appoint (or re-appoint) suitably-qualified experts to assist the Council in its work.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.14.4 UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.6	
<p>15. <b>Reports of sessional committees</b> 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 days' 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>16. <b>Adoption of resolutions and recommendations and amendments to Appendix I and II</b> 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. The meeting will also be invited to adopt the amendments agreed to Appendices I and II of the Convention.</p>		
<p>17. <b>Date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b> It is expected that one or more CMS Parties will come to Bonn prepared to announce their candidacy to host, during the course of 2005, the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Res. 7.9	
<p>18. <b>Other matters</b> Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p>		
<p>19. <b>Adoption of report of the meeting</b> 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>20. <b>Closure of the meeting</b> The meeting is expected to be closed on Tuesday, 24 September, no later than 1700, to facilitate transition to the AEWa Meeting of Parties which begins the following day. Standing Committee members (only) will be invited to gather for a short meeting immediately after the close of the session.</p>		