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**REVIEW OF DECISIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS TO REPEAL IN PART**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee)*

Summary:

As called for in Resolution 11.6, and in accordance with UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21, this document explains the process for repealing in part Resolutions and Recommendations.

## RESOLUTIONS TO REPEAL IN PART

### Background

1. Resolution 11.6 directed the Secretariat to prepare a list of Resolutions and Recommendations that should be completely repealed or repealed in part and present the report to the 45<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee for its consideration. See UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1.
2. The Standing Committee, at its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting, endorsed the recommendations of the Secretariat to repeal certain provisions from specified Resolutions and Recommendations.
3. In preparing the draft Resolutions and Recommendations to repeal in part, the Secretariat used the information and guidance provided in UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1 to identify outdated, redundant, or superseded paragraphs. UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1 is presented to the Parties as UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.
4. The process for repealing in part Resolutions and Recommendations included a review of all the provisions contained in the preamble and operative texts. The Secretariat implemented a conservative approach when determining whether to repeal redundant or very similar provisions. For example, the decision was made to retain possibly redundant material if the information presented in the provision included a slight variation to previously stated information.
5. Because this project required a review of resolutions and recommendations reflecting concerns previously expressed by the Parties, the Secretariat has included no new text except in the following limited circumstances:
  - a) To clarify grammar;
  - b) To provide consistent spelling; and
  - c) To update referenced materials or information.
6. Each Resolution or Recommendation to repeal in part is presented in two forms contained in Annex 1 and Annex 2.
7. Annex 1 presents a draft resolution that includes, in the left-hand column, the original text and preamble of the Resolution or Recommendation under consideration. The right-hand column includes a comment regarding any proposed change.
8. Annex 2 contains the clean version of the draft revised Resolution, taking into account the comments in Annex 1.
9. In some cases, tasks to be performed by a Convention body have not been completed. In these circumstances, the Secretariat has prepared draft Decisions. These draft Decisions are included in Annex 3 of the relevant document.
10. Consistent with Resolution 11.6, documents previously labeled as "Recommendations" will be renamed as "Resolutions". Depending on the actions of the Parties at this meeting, the Secretariat may need to renumber a recommendation. For example, Recommendation 7.5, *Range State Agreement for Dugong (Dugong dugon) Conservation*, cannot be renumbered as Resolution 7.5 because Resolution 7.5, *Wind Turbines and Migratory Species*, already exists. After this meeting, the Secretariat will renumber documents previously named Recommendations to avoid confusion with other documents. The Secretariat has also included as footnote in each draft Resolution that will require renumbering that identifies

the original document adopted by the Parties. UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.1.6 provides an example.

11. In a number of cases the Secretariat also deemed it necessary to make substantive updates or revisions that go beyond the scope of the original resolutions or recommendations. Because these revisions go beyond the scope of this exercise and in order to avoid confusion, such amendments will be presented in a different document, under the relevant substantive agenda item.

#### Recommended Actions

12. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to
  - a) adopt the revised Resolutions included in Documents 21.1.1 to 21.1.35; and
  - b) adopt any draft Decisions included in Documents 21.1.1 to 21.1.35.