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ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOSTING THE TENTH & ELEVENTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Tenth Meeting
(Bergen, 20-25 November 2011)

Acknowledging with gratitude the offer which the Government of Norway made to host the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of Parties in Bergen in November 2011 as well as the 17th Meeting of the Scientific Council and the 38th and 39th meetings of the Standing Committee;

Recalling Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention, which states that the Secretariat shall "convene ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Conference decides otherwise";

Desirous of receiving an offer from a Government to host the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) and the associated meetings of the Scientific Council and the Standing Committee; and

Noting that an initial invitation to submit offers to host COP11 was issued by the CMS Secretariat in September 2011;

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

1. *Commends* the Government of the Norway for having taken the initiative to host the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties and expresses its deep gratitude for the significant resources which contributed to the organization of the meetings including those of the Scientific Council and the Standing Committee;
2. *Invites* Parties as well as non-Parties that may have an interest in hosting the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (and the associated meeting of the Scientific Council and Standing Committee), to inform the Secretariat no later than 31 December 2011; and
3. *Instructs* the Standing Committee at its first meeting following the 31 December deadline to review the offers received and, subject to receipt of sufficient information, to decide upon the most suitable venue(s).