



## CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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### COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS

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*Reiterating* the importance and the need for enhanced collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions to coordinate action towards the achievement of the goal of significantly reducing biodiversity loss by 2010 which was endorsed by the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

*Having considered* document UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.15 jointly prepared by the Secretariats of the biodiversity conventions on “*Options for enhanced cooperation among the biodiversity related conventions*”;

*Aware* of CBD decision VII/26:

1. Urging further enhanced cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and all relevant international conventions, organizations and bodies, strengthening and building on existing cooperative arrangements to enhance synergies and reduce inefficiencies in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programs, within existing resources;
2. Requesting the Executive Secretary of the CBD to invite the Secretariats of the other four biodiversity conventions (CITES, Ramsar, CMS, and WHC) to form a liaison group to enhance cooperation in their implementation, and to report on progress made to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
3. Requesting the Executive Secretary of the CBD, in close collaboration with relevant conventions, organizations and bodies, to examine options for a flexible framework between all relevant actors, such as global partnership on biodiversity, in order to enhance implementation through improved cooperation, and to report to the eighth meeting of the CBD COP on possible ways forward;

*Recalling* target 4.3 of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 calling for cooperative activities in pursuit of shared targets with relevant MEAs and increased partners, and its operational principle (2) on close cooperation with relevant MEAs and key partners and capturing synergies in pursuit of shared targets;

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*Welcoming* the results of existing proposals and discussions to harmonise national reporting, as considered at the Workshop in Haasrode convened by UNEP-WCMC in September 2004 and subsequently discussed by the Biodiversity Liaison Group, in an effort to harmonize national reporting in the biodiversity cluster of conventions and agreements; and

*Aware* of decision 23/1 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> UNEP Governing Council requesting the Executive Director of UNEP to intensify efforts to support implementation by Parties to MEAs of their obligations under such agreements and in this respect noting the development of issues-based modules to improve coherent implementation of biodiversity-related conventions;

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Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Invites Parties* to facilitate cooperation among international organizations, and to promote the integration of migratory species into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among different conventions and other international fora;
2. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue to take an active part and role in the activities of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG) established under the aegis of the CBD and to report regularly to the Standing Committee on progress achieved by the group;
3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the BLG and UNEP, to advance work on the development and implementation of issue-based modules for the coherent implementation of the biodiversity conventions, based on the national pilot projects coordinated by UNEP;
4. *Further invites* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the BLG and UNEP, to advance the harmonization of reporting both within the UNEP-CMS ‘family’ of Agreements and between relevant conventions; and
5. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to assist with the establishment of the Global Partnership for Biodiversity, where CMS will be a core member, to promote the objectives of the Convention and contribute to the achievement of the 2010 target.