**JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE**

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DRAFT DECISIONS

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***Directed to Party and non-Party Range States to the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative:***

14.AA Parties and non-Parties that are Range States to the African Carnivores Initiative (ACI) are requested to review and extend the Programme of Work (POW), and thereby ensure the further implementation of the POW and Resolution 13.4.

***Directed to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations:***

14.BB Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical support for the implementation of the ACI, its POW and the Range States meeting.

***Directed to the Secretariat:***

14.CC The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources:

1. support Range States with the implementation of the ACI POW, specifically the results and activities prioritized by the Range States at their second meeting and set out in CITES-CMS/ACI2/Outcomes;
2. in close cooperation with the Secretariat of CITES, convene an ACI Range State meeting in 2025 to support Range States with the implementation of Decision 14.AA.

***Directed to Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe:***

14.DD Botswana and Namibia are invited and Zimbabwe is requested to supply, by the end of the second quarter of 2024, data and information on the conservation status of their Cheetah populations to the CMS Secretariat for review and consideration by the 7th meeting of its Sessional Committee.

***Directed to the Scientific Council:***

14.EE The Scientific Council is requested to:

1. at the 7th meeting of its Sessional Committee and in collaboration with the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, discuss the information provided to the Secretariat in response to Decision 14.DD and the report on the *Conservation status of the Cheetah populations of Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe and considerations for listing on CMS appendices*; and
2. provide recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 56th or 57th meeting.

***Directed to the Standing Committee:***

14.FF The Standing Committee is requested to consider the recommendations emanating from the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council as per Decision 14.EE and approve or reject the recommendations.