



EXTRAORDINARY STANDING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
International Environment House,  
8 June 2009

## **Extraordinary Standing Committee Meeting of the Convention on Migratory Species**

**Geneva, 8 June 2009**

### **Decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species**

*Noting* with thanks the detailed briefing provided by the Executive Director of UNEP on his management decision regarding the position of the Executive Secretary of the CMS, the transitional arrangements that he has put in place for the CMS Secretariat, and his support to the implementation of the decisions on the future direction of the CMS and the work programme of the convention;

*Noting* with thanks the presentation by the Executive Secretary and appreciated his role in the development of the convention and the achievements made, in particular over the past five years;

*Further noting* the authority of the Executive Director to make decisions regarding the management of the Secretariat and further notes the role of the COP and the Standing Committee in the governance of the Convention

*Appreciating* the efforts of the Executive Director in filling the vacant posts,

The Standing Committee:

1. Requests the Executive Director to use his best endeavours to ensure that the transition to and the appointment of a new Executive Secretary is effective, efficient and occurs with the minimal disruption to the ongoing work of the Convention;
2. Agrees that the Chair of the Standing Committee or his nominee will participate in the deliberations of the Selection Panel that will make recommendations to the Executive Director on the appointment of a new Executive Secretary for the CMS.

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