

MEETING TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
GORILLAS AND THEIR HABITATS

PARIS, FRANCE
22-24 Oct 2007

RESOLUTION

Interim Arrangements for the CMS Gorilla Agreement

The Meeting of Range States held in Paris, France, from 22-24 October 2007

Having agreed upon and adopted the text of the Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats (Gorilla Agreement) on 24 October 2007;

Considering that preparations for the effective implementation of the Agreement for its entry into force, for a further Meeting of Parties in 2008, and the finalisation of its Action Plan need to be made after the opening of the Agreement for signature; and

Appreciating the financial and in kind support provided by the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Great Apes Survival Project Partnership (GRASP) and donor governments and organisations during the negotiation phase of the Agreement:

1. *Requests* the Standing Committee of CMS, at its meeting in November 2007, to mandate the UNEP Secretariat of the Convention to provide interim secretariat services to the Gorilla Agreement, in close co-operation with the UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP Secretariat and other institutions of GRASP;
2. *Further requests* the CMS Secretariat to convene the first Meeting of Parties to the Gorilla Agreement in conjunction with the 9th Conference of Parties of CMS in November-December 2008, or to convene an interim meeting of Range States if the Agreement is not in force by this date.
3. *Calls upon* Governments, UNEP, UNESCO, CMS and other organisations including those from the voluntary and private sector, and the Great Apes Survival Project Partnership (GRASP), to make contributions in cash or in kind during the interim period prior to the first Meeting of the Parties to the Gorilla Agreement, with a view to:
 - (i) ensuring full participation of Range States and experts,
 - (ii) finalising the Gorilla Agreement Action Plan, and
 - (iii) promoting the conservation of the species and habitats covered by the Agreement.

Adopted on 24 October 2007