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FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON
THE CONSERVATION OF GORILLAS AND THEIR HABITATS
Rome, Italy, 29 November 2008

RESOLUTION 1.1 MONITORING AND REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE GORILLA AGREEMENT

Noting that Article III, section 2 (d, j, l, m) of the Gorilla Agreement states, in particular, that “the Parties shall [...] coordinate their efforts to eradicate activities related to poaching, and to take concerted, energetic measures to control and monitor them”,

Further noting that Article IV, section 1.(a) of the Gorilla Agreement states that “each Party shall designate the Authority or Authorities to implement this Agreement that shall, *inter alia*, ensure cross-sectoral coordination and monitor all activities that could potentially impact the conservation status of gorillas within its territory;”

The Meeting of the Parties of the Gorilla Agreement

Decides that a monitoring system will be adopted as part of the reporting system for the Agreement. The monitoring system will include two aspects. The first concerns the monitoring of population dynamics of gorillas, and the second will monitor law enforcement activities pertaining to the conservation of gorillas, including numbers of successful enforcement actions (seizures, successful prosecutions), including the outcome and follow-up of judicial decisions. The system will allow the Gorilla Agreement to effectively evaluate the extent to which management strategies and, laws critical to the success of the Agreement, are implemented by the respective national judicial systems,

Decides to establish an *ad hoc* Working Group, which will develop an appropriate format for the monitoring systems including the monitoring of law enforcement mechanisms by 1 July 2009,

Calls upon each Party and invites other Range States to appoint a representative by 31 January 2009 to participate in the Working Group and ensure the implementation of the system agreed upon by the Working Group in each respective national context,

Accepts the offer of WWF to facilitate the work of this Working Group together with the Secretariat and assist Range States with the implementation of the monitoring system when necessary,

Invites the participation of the following organisations as observers to the working group, and welcomes the participation of others where appropriate and approved by the Parties: UNEP/GRASP, UNEP-WCMC, WCS, CITES and other pertinent GRASP partners, RAPAC, COMIFAC, OCEFFA, Lusaka Agreement Task Force,

Decides to commence the implementation of the monitoring system developed by the working group by 31 December 2009,

Calls upon all Parties and invites other Range States to use the data derived through the system as a substantial part of their national report to the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Gorilla Agreement,

Requests the Secretariat to facilitate the integration of the national report format to the MOP into the national report format of the CMS Conference of Parties.