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GLOBAL REGISTER OF MIGRATORY SPECIES (GROMS)

(Note by the Secretariat)

- 1. Between 1997 and 2002, the German Government through the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Federal Nature Conservation Agency has supported and funded for the Convention on Migratory Species the development of a database tailored for scientific information on migratory species. This *Global Register Of Migratory Species (GROMS)* will be submitted to the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS by the representative of the German Government primarily for the use of CMS bodies, its Parties and related Agreements.
- 2. The penultimate report of the consultant, including a CD-ROM with the present state of the developed GROMS, is attached hereto for information and evaluation. The final report with an update of the CD-Rom will be produced by the consultant and submitted to the German Government at the end of the project and will be published approximately in spring 2003.
- 3. The Secretariat is preparing a conference document (UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.7) in which it will submit its proposals on how the database can be maintained, further developed and regularly updated under the aegis of CMS, but in partnership with other national and international organizations.