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THIRD MEETING OF THE PARTIES
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Agenda Item 6

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS (Prepared by the Interim Secretariat)

Background

1. Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of Parties to the Gorilla Agreement stipulates that:
 - “1. The United Nations, its Specialized Agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and any State not a Party to the Agreement may be represented at the meeting by observers who shall have the right to participate but not to vote.
 2. Any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation and management of gorillas which is either
 - (a) an international agency or body, either governmental or non-governmental, or a national governmental agency or body; or
 - (b) a national non-governmental agency or body which has been approved for this purpose by the State in which it is located;and which has informed the Secretariat of the Agreement of its desire to be represented at the meeting by Observers, shall be permitted to be represented unless at least one third of the Parties present object. Once admitted, these Observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote.
 3. Bodies and agencies desiring to be represented at the meeting by Observers shall submit the names of their representatives (and in the case of bodies and agencies referred to in paragraph (2) (b) of this Rule, evidence of the approval of the State in which they are located) to the Secretariat of the Convention prior to the opening of the meeting”
2. The present document includes as Annex a list of agencies and bodies belonging to the categories inter-governmental organizations, national governmental agencies and bodies, and non-governmental organizations that have notified the Interim Secretariat of their desire to be represented at the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats (Gorilla Agreement) through pre-registration as at 31 May 2019.

3. Admission of these agencies and bodies will be confirmed at the Meeting. Should any Party have an objection on the participation of any of the agencies or bodies included in the list, it is requested that they inform the Interim Secretariat as soon as possible in advance of the meeting.

Recommended actions

4. The Meeting of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) review the list of observers as contained in the Annex; and
 - b) admit the observers to the Third Meeting of Parties to the Gorilla Agreement.

ANNEX**LIST OF AGENCIES AND BODIES PRE-REGISTERED FOR
THE THIRD MEETING OF THE PARTIES***(as at 31 May 2019)***1. Inter-governmental organizations**

- Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration
- United Nations Environment Programme/ Great Apes Survival Partnership

2. National governmental agencies and bodies

- Mbarara University of Science and Technology

3. Non-governmental organizations

- Conservation Through Public Health
- Gorilla Doctors
- Gorilla Organization
- International Gorilla Conservation Programme (IGCP)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
- Wildlife Conservation Society