



## Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats of the Convention on Migratory Species

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### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GORILLA AGREEMENT

Adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its Third Meeting (Entebbe, 18-20 June 2019)

*Recalling* that Article V of the Gorilla Agreement provides at paragraph 7 (b) that at its first session, “the Meeting of Parties shall establish an Agreement Secretariat within the Convention Secretariat to perform the secretariat functions listed in Article VII of this Agreement”;

*Further recalling* that the meeting to negotiate the Gorilla Agreement in October 2007, requested the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Standing Committee to mandate the CMS Secretariat to provide interim secretariat services to the Agreement in close cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme / Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP) Secretariat and other institutions of GRASP;

*Also recalling* that the First Meeting of the Parties considered the establishment of a secretariat for the Agreement and agreed that the CMS Secretariat should continue to act as Interim Secretariat for the Agreement, and that the role of GRASP in providing secretariat services should be explicitly mentioned;

*Appreciating* the decision of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS that the CMS Secretariat continue to provide interim secretariat services to the Gorilla Agreement for the next triennium;

*Noting with concern* that the Gorilla Agreement is unique among the CMS Agreements, in that it does not have its own independent secretariat, and is not able to fund one from Party contributions alone;

*The Meeting of the Parties to the  
Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats*

1. *Requests* the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species to remain the Interim Secretariat of the Agreement;
2. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat to submit this request for secretariat services for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species at its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting;
3. *Requests* the Interim Secretariat to work with the GRASP Secretariat, the Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration Secretariat and any other partners to undertake an analysis on workable options for hosting the Secretariat;
4. *Invites* Parties, Range States, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations to support the analysis to identify effective options to host the Secretariat.