



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

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STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GORILLA AGREEMENT AND THE GREAT APES SURVIVAL PARTNERSHIP (GRASP)

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

Recalling that the Gorilla Agreement aims to maintain gorillas in a favourable conservation status or to restore them to such a status through coordinated measures by Parties;

Also recalling that the Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP) aims to ensure the survival of wild populations of great apes in their natural habitats through a coherent partnership;

Noting the complementarity of the mandates of the Gorilla Agreement and GRASP as described in document UNEP/GA/MOP3/Doc.15, while respecting the unique character and legal personality of each body;

Recalling that Article IX of the Gorilla Agreement mandated the Agreement secretariat to work and consult with international bodies dealing with gorillas and their habitats including the GRASP;

Recalling Resolution 2.4 which instructed the Interim Secretariat¹ to work closely with GRASP and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to utilize information in an efficient manner;

Welcoming the increased efforts to enhance cooperation between the Gorilla Agreement and GRASP concerning the conservation of gorillas and their habitats;

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

1. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat and *calls on* the GRASP Secretariat to enhance their cooperation and coordination on common areas of work relevant to gorilla conservation;
2. *Encourages* Parties to strengthen coordination among its relevant national authorities and appoint the same national focal points for the Gorilla Agreement and the GRASP;
3. *Agrees* that the Chairperson of the Gorilla Agreement Meeting of Parties should also serve as representative of the Meeting of the Parties during the intersessional period;

¹ Pursuant to [Resolution 2.3 Operative Paragraph 1](#), the CMS Secretariat serves as the Interim Secretariat

4. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat and *calls* upon the GRASP Secretariat to work together to organize the Fourth Meeting of the Parties in conjunction with the Third GRASP Council meeting, subject to the availability of financial resources;
5. *Requests* the GRASP Scientific Commission, instead of the Technical Committee of the Gorilla Agreement, to provide scientific advice on the implementation of the Gorilla Agreement in accordance with Article VI, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Gorilla Agreement and continue its service unless otherwise decided;
6. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat and *calls* upon the GRASP Secretariat to develop joint activities relevant to gorilla conservation to be presented as the proposed programme of work of the Gorilla Agreement at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties and the Third GRASP Council meeting;
7. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat to engage in joint outreach and fundraising activities with the GRASP Secretariat as well as in cooperation with other relevant partners to enhance conservation of Gorillas for implementation of the programme of work adopted by the Parties to the Gorilla Agreement;
8. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat to make all necessary amendments reflecting this resolution to the Gorilla Agreement Rules of Procedure for submission and approval by the Fourth Meeting of the Parties;
9. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat to work with the GRASP Secretariat to formalize cooperation through a Memorandum of Understanding or other collaborative arrangements, as appropriate.