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SELECTION OF THREE ADDITIONAL EXPERTS TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. Article VI (1) of the Gorilla Agreement specifies the composition of the Technical Committee to be as follows:

- a) One representative of each Range State of the Agreement;
- b) One representative from GRASP (Great Apes Survival Partnership);
- c) One expert from each of the following fields:
 - forest management and conservation
 - environmental law
 - wild animal health

2. According to Article VI of the Agreement, these experts, like the other members of the Technical Committee shall, *inter alia*:

- provide scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties, and, through the Agreement secretariat, to Parties; and
- make recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out.

3. The First Meeting of the Parties, in December 2008, adopted Resolution 1.2 on the Establishment of a Technical Committee (UNEP/CMS/GOR-TC1/Inf3.2). *Inter alia*, this resolution requested the Parties as well as non-Party Range States to propose three experts to the Technical Committee in accordance with Article VI 1(c) of the Agreement for consideration by the Second Meeting of the Parties.

4. The Range State and GRASP representatives were selected by their governments and organizations, and convened for the first time at the first Meeting of the Technical Committee in March 2011. The Committee considered the issue of choosing the three additional experts, and resolved to nominate qualified candidates for the position. These nominations would be received by the Interim Secretariat, and presented to the 2nd Meeting of the Parties for a final decision.

5. In their deliberations, the Technical Committee identified the following desirable attributes for the three positions:

- Wild Animal Health
The expert should be a veterinarian with a good record of publications, and previous experience of having served on an international expert group. He or she should have

led major initiatives in his or her field, and have detailed knowledge about Ebola and other diseases relevant to gorillas.

- **Environmental Law**
The expert should have extensive experience with law enforcement in order to be able to address the threats of poaching and illegal trade, and be in a position to engage at the both the international, as well as the field level. It was suggested that the expert could also be a functional position within law enforcement institution rather than a particular individual.
- **Forest Management and Conservation**
As this is the broadest category, the Committee was less specific about the desirable attributes; however, they agreed that the candidate should possess appropriate qualifications, and practical experience.

6. Following the first Meeting of the Technical Committee, the Interim Secretariat sent a formal request to all Parties and other range states, reiterating the request, and set a deadline for reception of nominations of 120 days before the MOP, being 29 July, 2011.

7. The Interim Secretariat received a total of 17 nominations for the three positions, from five members of the Technical Committee, being; Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Uganda and GRASP. The details of the candidates are outlined in Annex 1.

8. As agreed by the Technical Committee, the Interim Secretariat consulted with the IUCN Primate Specialist Group (Section on Great Apes) on the suitability of the candidates. The PSG has provided the “rationale” contained in Annex 1.

Action requested:

- The Parties are requested to consider the information contained in Annex 1, deliberate on the suitability of the candidates and select one for each category of additional experts to the Technical Committee.

Summary of candidates nominated for the positions of the three supplementary experts to the Technical Committee
Résumé des candidats proposés pour les trois postes d'experts supplémentaires au Comité Technique

Candidate <i>Candidat</i>		Qualification/Title <i>Qualification / Titre</i>	Current occupation <i>Profession actuelle</i>	Analysis by IUCN Primate Specialist Group <i>Analyse du Groupe de spécialistes des primates de l'IUCN</i>
1. Forest Management and Conservation / Gestion et conservation des forêts				
Dr	Conrad Aveling	PhD in Applied Biology	Consultant on Central African conservation for various organizations	Very well qualified. 30 years of experience in Central African conservation. Excellent knowledge of all 10 gorilla range states, both gorilla species, 3 of the 4 subspecies. <i>Très bien qualifié. 30 ans d'expérience en matière de conservation en Afrique centrale. Excellente connaissance de l'ensemble des 10 Etats de l'aire de répartition du gorille, des deux espèces de gorilles, de 3 des 4 sous-espèces.</i>
Dr	Marc Languy	Senior Biologist/Conservationist	Head of a EU-funded program to reform ICCN, based in Kinshasa	Well qualified. Extensive experience in Central and Eastern Africa, familiar with conservation of both gorilla species. <i>Bien qualifié. Vaste expérience en Afrique centrale et orientale, bonne connaissance de la conservation des deux espèces de gorilles.</i>
Dr	Jaap Schoorl	Biologist (Doctorandus)	Coordinator of the tri-national Selva May Programme in Guatemala, Mexico and Belize for GIZ (German Technical Cooperation)	Well qualified. Good conservation expertise and long history of working in gorilla range states. <i>Bien qualifié. De bonnes connaissances en matière de conservation et longue expérience du travail dans les Etats de l'aire de répartition du gorille.</i>
	Bonaventure Ebayi	Masters in Forestry Science	Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force	Expertise is in Law Enforcement. <i>Expertise dans l'application de la loi.</i>

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	Willy Kisita Lufuma	Licencié en Biologie/Écologie (Diplome)	Chef de Bureau, Responsable du Bureau-Terrain MAB/LUKI	Less experience in conservation. <i>Moins d'expérience en matière de conservation.</i>
	Théodore Mbaro	Ingénieur des Eaux et Forêts	Directeur Général des Eaux, Forêts, Chasse, Pêche	Expertise is not relevant to this position. Trained as a production forester, not in forest conservation. <i>Expertise non pertinente pour cette position. Formation de forestier de production, mais pas de formation en conservation des forêts.</i>
Dr	John Tabuti	PhD	Prof. at Makerere University's Institute of Environment and Natural Resources	Expertise is not relevant to this particular position. <i>Expertise non pertinente pour ce poste en particulier.</i>
2. Environmental Law / Droit de l'environnement				
	INTERPOL Head of Wildlife Crime	depends on incumbent	depends on incumbent	Very well qualified. Represents an international agency with pertinent expertise for addressing key threats to gorillas, wildlife crime and illegal wildlife trade. Position would not sit with a single person, but with an institution, thereby guaranteeing continuity of appropriate expertise and remit. <i>Très bien qualifié. Représente une organisation internationale avec une expertise pertinente pour aborder les principales menaces pour les gorilles, les crimes liés aux espèces sauvages et le commerce illégal d'espèces sauvages. Le poste ne serait pas occupé par une seule personne, mais par une institution, garantissant ainsi la continuité d'une expertise d'attributions appropriées.</i>

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Dr	Emmanuel Kasimbazi	PhD in International Env. Law	Associate Professor, Faculty of Law at Makerere University Kampala, teaching Env. Law	Well qualified. Good publications record. Appropriate training and expertise in environmental law, although not much experience in law enforcement, and very little in gorilla-specific issues. <i>Bien qualifié. Bon dossier de publications. Une formation appropriée et expertise en droit de l'environnement, mais pas beaucoup d'expérience dans l'application des lois, et très peu dans les questions spécifiques aux gorilles.</i>
	André Imbounou	Juriste (Diplome)	Administrateur-adjoint des SAF, Inspecteur des Affaires Administratives, Juridiques et Financières	Experienced in national wildlife laws, but not international law enforcement issues. <i>Expérience dans les lois nationales sur la faune sauvage, mais pas les questions internationales d'application du droit.</i>
	Henri Muyembe Ngasili	Licencié en Droit économique et social (Diplome)	Chef de Bureau Contentieux à la Direction Juridique du Ministère de l'Environnement, Conservation de la Nature	Experienced in national environmental laws, but not international law enforcement issues. <i>Expérience en droit nationale de l'environnement, mais pas dans les questions internationales d'application du droit.</i>
	Emmanuel Ngoumbango	Maîtrise en droit public	Atelier de validation de la Charte du Bassin du Lac Tchad, Bangui	Expertise is not relevant to this particular position. Trained as a production forester, not in forest conservation. <i>Expertise non pertinente pour cette position. Formation de forestier de production, mais pas de formation en conservation des forêts.</i>

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3. Wild Animal Health / Santé des animaux sauvages				
Dr	Patricia Reed	PhD in veterinary Medicine	Field Veterinarian for WCS since 2002	<p>Very well qualified. Engaged full time and hands on with gorilla health issues (both Ebola and tourism). Experienced and good record of relevant publications.</p> <p><i>Très bien qualifiée. Engagée à plein temps dans les problèmes de santé des gorilles (Ebola et tourisme). Expérience et bon dossier de publications pertinentes.</i></p>
Dr	John Bosco Nizeyi	PhD, Wildlife and Animal Resources Management	Lecturer at the Dept. Of Wildlife and Animal resources Management, Makerere University, Kampala	<p>Well qualified. Many years of working in eastern gorilla health issues, and very good publications record, however no Western Gorilla or Ebola expertise.</p> <p><i>Bien qualifié. De nombreuses années de travail dans le domaine de la santé des gorilles orientaux et bon dossier de publications, cependant aucune expertise dans les gorilles occidentaux ou l'Ebola.</i></p>
	Dieudonné Ankara	Médecin Vétérinaire (MSc)	Directeur de la Conservation des Ecosystèmes Naturels à la Direction Générale de l'Environnement	<p>Experienced in animal health issues, but less qualified in wild animal health and in particular gorilla health.</p> <p><i>Expérience en matière de santé animale, mais moins qualifié dans la santé des animaux sauvages et la santé des gorilles en particulier.</i></p>
	Jean Ndobale	Technicien Supérieure	Chef de service des inventaires et contrôle sanitaire de la faune sauvage; Direction de la Faune au Ministère des Eaux, Forêts, Chasse, Pêche	<p>Less relevant experience for this particular position.</p> <p><i>Moins d'expérience pertinente pour ce poste particulier.</i></p>

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	Marcel Bantubungi wa Ntumba	Médecin Vétérinaire (Diplome)	Directeur à l'Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature «ICCN» Diplôme Spécial en Gestion de l'Environnement; Ancien Assistant en Enseignement et Recherche à la Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire de Lubumbashi (RDC); Médecin Vétérinaire praticien de la faune sauvage à l'Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature de 1990 à ce jour.	Expertise is not relevant to this particular position. <i>Expertise non pertinente pour ce poste particulier.</i>