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REPORT OF THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**I. OPENING REMARKS**

1. The thirtieth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) took place on Friday, 25 November 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya.
2. The meeting was opened by Mr. Robert Hepworth, Executive Secretary of CMS and provisional Chair of the Standing Committee, at 17:45 hrs. He noted that the meeting had three core objectives: election of officials to fill the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee during the triennium 2006–2008; selection of a date for the next Committee meeting; and consideration of the issue of new appointments to the Scientific Council. A formal agenda was not adopted.

II. ATTENDANCE

3. A full list of participants is contained in the annex to the present report.

**III. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STANDING
COMMITTEE FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2006-2008**

4. Mr. Hepworth invited representatives to submit nominations for the post of Chair of the Standing Committee. Mr. Oliver Schall (Depositary) proposed that the United Kingdom continue to serve as Chair, a role which it had fulfilled during the triennium 2003–2005. Dr. Hany Tatwany (Saudi Arabia) seconded the nomination. The United Kingdom accepted and was duly appointed as chair of the Standing Committee for the period 2006–2008.
5. Mr. Martin Brasher (United Kingdom), assumed the chairmanship of the meeting. He asked representatives to make nominations for the post of Vice-Chair. Mr. Schall nominated Australia and the proposal was seconded by Ms. Rosario Acero (Peru). Australia accepted and was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for the triennium 2006–2008.

IV. DATE OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Brasher noted the need to decide a date for the next meeting of the Standing Committee, pointing out that the budgetary decisions made by Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting meant that this would take place in 2007 at the earliest. It was agreed that the CMS Secretariat should identify a date in January or February 2007 for the 31st meeting of the Standing Committee.

V. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

7. Mr. Brasher introduced the final issue for discussion, which concerned the appointment of three new appointed councillors to the Scientific Council. He noted that the Conference of the Parties had decided at its eighth meeting to confer responsibility for those appointments onto the Standing Committee so that contracting parties would have sufficient time to make nominations to the posts. However, that decision effectively implied delaying the appointments until the next Standing Committee meeting in early 2007, which meant denying the Convention the benefit of their work for a long period.

8. In view of the concerns expressed by Standing Committee members about the consequences of delays, it was agreed that the appointments process should be expedited through the use of postal nominations. The Committee would ask the secretariat to make an appeal to contracting parties for the submission of nominations via electronic mail. These would go before the Scientific Council for comments before the Standing Committee selected candidates, again through electronic mail correspondence.

VI. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

9. After the customary exchange of courtesies, Mr. Brasher declared the meeting closed at 18:05 on 25 November 2005.

THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS / LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS / LISTA DE PARTICIPANTES*

Chairman/Président/President:

United Kingdom (Europe)

Mr. Martin Brasher

Vice-Chairman/Vice-Président/Vice-presidente:

Australia (Oceania)

Ms. Robyn Bromley

Members/Membres/Miembros or/ou/en

Alternate Members/Suppléants Membres/Suplentes Miembros:

Chad (Francophone Africa)

Mr. Mahamat Hassane Idriss

Germany (Depositary)

Mr. Oliver Schall

New Zealand (Oceania)

Dr. Mike Donoghue

Peru (Americas and Caribbean)

Ms. Rosario Acero

Saudi Arabia (Asia)

Dr. Hany Tatwany

Tanzania (Anglophone Africa)

Mr. Emmanuel Severre

Mr. Charles Mdoe

Mr. Mzamilu Kaitu

Observers/Observateurs/Observadores:

Nigeria

Mr. John Mschelbwala

CMS Secretariat / Secretariat CMS / Secretaría CMS:

Executive Secretary

Mr. Robert Hepworth

Deputy Executive Secretary

Mr. Moulay Lahcen El Kabiri

Agreements Officer

Mr. Lyle Glowka

Administrative / Fund Management Officer

Ms. Jasmin Kanza

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