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REVIEW OF DECISIONS

CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS

(Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee)

Summary:

The Standing Committee, at its 45th meeting, requested the Secretariat to consolidate a number of Resolutions and Recommendations, as part of the exercise called for in Resolution 11.6, and outlined in UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.

This document explains the process for consolidating multiple Resolutions and Recommendations on the same issue into a single Resolution.

CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Background

1. Resolution 11.6 directed the Secretariat to prepare a list of Resolutions and Recommendations that should be completely repealed or repealed in part and present the report to the 45th Standing Committee for its consideration. See [UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1](#).
2. In preparing that list, the Secretariat noted that a number of Resolutions and Recommendations related to the same issue. Thus, in UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1, the Secretariat recommended that the Parties at the 45th Meeting of the Standing Committee prioritize the consolidation of Resolutions and Recommendations on the following ten issues:
 - a) Scientific Council;
 - b) National Reports;
 - c) Taxonomy;
 - d) Concerted Actions;
 - e) Bycatch;
 - f) Climate Change;
 - g) Marine Turtles;
 - h) Wildlife Disease;
 - i) Noise; and
 - j) Flyways.
3. The Standing Committee, at its 45th meeting, endorsed the recommendation of the Secretariat to consolidate Resolutions and Recommendations on these issues.
4. Subsequently, the Secretariat decided to present consolidated Resolutions to the Conference of the Parties on three additional issues with multiple Resolutions:
 - a) Marine Debris;
 - b) Implementation of Agreements under Article IV; and
 - c) Ecological Networks
5. All of the above draft consolidated Resolutions are presented in Documents 21.2.1 to 21.2.13.
6. In preparing the draft consolidated Resolutions, the Secretariat used the information and guidance provided in UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1 to identify outdated, redundant, or superseded paragraphs of Resolutions and Recommendations. Using UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.19/Rev.1 as a guide, the Secretariat Consolidated Resolutions and Recommendations to create a single Resolution containing all provisions to be retained.
7. The process for consolidating Resolutions and Recommendations included a review of all the provisions contained in the preamble and operative texts. As part of this process, the Secretariat reviewed documents referenced in the preamble and operative paragraphs of the Resolutions and Recommendations to determine whether any of the referenced documents were out of date or superseded. If documents referenced in the Resolution or Recommendation had become out of date or superseded, the Secretariat provided the updated reference.
8. The Secretariat undertook this task to prevent the consolidated Resolutions from containing conflicting and redundant information. To ensure transparency, the Secretariat has clearly identified any new text by underlining it.

9. The Secretariat implemented a conservative approach when determining whether to repeal redundant or very similar provisions. The decision was made to retain possibly redundant material if the information presented in the provision included a slight variation to previously stated information. The Secretariat determined retaining similar provisions safeguarded the integrity of the consolidated Resolutions.
10. Because this project required consolidating materials reflecting environmental concerns previously expressed by the Parties, the Secretariat has included no new text except in the following limited circumstances:
 - a) To clarify grammar;
 - b) To provide consistent spelling; and
 - c) To update referenced materials to reflect the most recent or newer version of existing documents, reports, or agreements.
11. Each consolidated Resolution is presented in two forms contained in Annex 1 and Annex 2.
12. Annex 1 presents a draft consolidated resolution which includes, in the left-hand column, the original text and preamble of the Resolutions and Recommendations being consolidated. The right-hand column indicates the source of the text and a comment regarding any proposed change.
13. Annex 2 contains the clean version of the draft consolidated Resolution, taking into account the comments in Annex 1.
14. In some cases, tasks to be performed by a Convention body have not been completed. In these circumstances, the Secretariat has prepared draft Decisions. These draft Decisions are included in Annex 3 of the relevant document.
15. In a number of cases the Secretariat also deemed it necessary to make substantive updates or revisions that go beyond the scope of the original resolutions. Because these revisions go beyond the scope of this consolidation process and in order to avoid confusion, such amendments will be presented in a different document, under the relevant substantive agenda item.

Recommended Actions

16. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to adopt the consolidated Resolutions contained in documents 21.2.1 to 21.2.13.