



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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### **WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND STANDING COMMITTEE AND RETIREMENT OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Summary

The Standing Committee at its 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting in November 2012 established a Working Group to consider:

- Organizational changes for the COP
- The Rules of Procedure of the COP
- The Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee
- The Retirement of Resolutions and Recommendations

The attached Document in its Annexes contains the Reports of the Working Group.

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*(Cover noted prepared by the Secretariat; reports prepared by the Chair of the Working Group)*

1. The Agenda of the Fortieth Meeting of the CMS Standing Committee (Bonn, November, 2012) included items on: Adoption of Rules of Procedure; COP Organizational Changes; COP Rules of Procedure and Retirement of Resolutions.
2. The Committee did not have sufficient time to examine these issues in any depth so a Working Group was established to consider them inter-sessionally.
3. The Members selected to serve on the Working Group were: Chile, Germany, New Zealand, Pakistan and Uganda. The terms of reference for the Working Group (see Annex III to the draft report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee – UNEP/CMS/StC41/4.1) allowed it to elect its own officers, and consequently New Zealand assumed the Chair.
4. The Working Group has produced four papers, which are reproduced in the annexes attached. Each of these annexes contains a number of recommendations and requests for action:
  - i. Conference of the Parties: Organizational Changes;
  - ii. Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals: Rules of Procedure;
  - iii. Standing Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species: Rules of Procedure; and
  - iv. Review of Decisions (Resolutions and Recommendations).