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21.1.25 Review of Decisions

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Resolution 11.6: Review of Decisions

Resolution 11.6 established a number of new ways of handling COP documentation:

1. Repeal of Resolutions and Recommendations
2. Decisions – in addition to Resolutions
3. Updating Existing Resolutions at subsequent COPs

➤ Brings CMS in line with CITES document protocols



1. Repeal of Resolutions:

Objective: Housekeeping exercise to tidy up all existing Resolutions



1. Repeal of Resolutions:

- Repeal in full resolutions that are out of date (Annex 2 of Doc.21)
- Partially repeal resolutions that contain some out of date provisions (time-bound instructions) (Doc.21.1)
- Consolidate multiple resolutions on the same subject into a single new resolution (repealing redundant provisions) (Doc.21.2)
 - So that all provisions on the same subject are in the same place.
 - Eg Bycatch: Res 6.2, Rec 7.2, Res 8.14, Res 9.18, Res 10.14 all consolidated into a single resolution, removing redundancies, completed actions, and out of date provisions.



Repeal of Resolutions:

- At present: 178 Resolutions in force, this exercise will significantly reduce this number.
- Result: manageable list of Resolutions, all of them relevant to Parties
- This will simplify implementation of the Convention for Parties, the Secretariat, ScC and StC.



Mandate and process followed

- Res 11.6: To review existing resolutions (and recommendations) and propose which ones (or parts thereof) should be repealed.
- Report to StC 45 (2016)
- StC45 requested Secretariat to go ahead as proposed and produce drafts for adoption at COP12.
- Full history and process contained in Doc.21.
- Modified drafts contained in Docs 21.1.x and 21.2.x



2. Decisions – an additional tool

- Res 11.6 also created a new instrument; Decisions, as an additional tool to Resolutions.
- Resolution – long standing guidance
 - eg: *Urges* Parties to enhance transboundary cooperation for the conservation of migratory species.
- Decision – time-bound instructions or recommendations
 - eg: Requests Parties to provide the Secretariat with copies of their national legislation on the management of Migratory species, by COP13.
 - eg: Instructs the Secretariat to report to StC 48.



3. Updating Existing Resolutions at subsequent COPs

- Res 11.6 further recommended that from now on Parties and Secretariat modify existing Resolutions with new provisions rather than creating a new Resolution on the same subject, as had been done in the past.
 - Eg. Res 11.29 *Sustainable Boat-Based Marine Wildlife Watching*
 - Proposed to be updated as: Res 11.29 (Rev.COP12) to include a provision to adopt draft Guidelines on BBWW.



Why do some topics appear twice in the COP agenda?

Topics appearing in both Agenda item 21 and 24 (or 23, 25)

- Bycatch
- Ocean Noise
- Marine Debris
- Flyways
- Illegal Killing of Birds
- Conservation of Land birds
- Taxonomy
- Climate Change
- Ecological Networks
- Animal Culture
- Scientific Council
- Guidelines/template for Listing Proposals (25)
- Synergies and Partnerships (23)



Why do some topics appear twice in the COP agenda?

- COP 12 Agenda item 21 (Review of Decisions):
 - No substantive changes, just the housekeeping exercise to remove obsolete provisions
- COP 12 Agenda items 23, 24 or 25:
 - Starts with clean copy of 21.x, the partly repealed or consolidated resolution, and adds new topics, adopts guidelines, or updates existing provisions.
 - Parties should focus their attention on these modifications, shown in underlined or ~~strikethrough~~ text.
 - Parties should not seek to reopen previously negotiated text.



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