

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, in its capacity as depositary for the Memorandum of Understanding, is at the disposal of potential signatory States to arrange for its signature. Various options are available for signing the Memorandum of Understanding:

- (1) Signature of the Memorandum by the Ambassador (in Germany) of the country concerned, either in the offices of the UNEP/CMS Secretariat, in Bonn, or at the Embassy of the country concerned (in Berlin or Bonn), whichever is most convenient for both parties.
- (2) Signature of the Memorandum by the responsible Minister or other high level official with delegated authority. This may be arranged on the occasion of a meeting in Germany or elsewhere, where the Minister and a representative of the Secretariat are both present.
- (3) Signature of the Memorandum at the Meeting of Signatory States in January 2003, by the Ambassador (in Thailand) of the country concerned, or by a duly accredited official -- subject to presentation to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting, of a suitable original letter of credentials (sample attached).

Kindly contact the CMS Secretariat by telephone (+49 228 815 2407), fax (+49 228 815 2449) or e-mail (cms@unep.de) to make the necessary arrangements.

Please note that the Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect for new signatory States on the first day of the third month after their signature. (In other words, the Memorandum shall take effect on 1 March 2003 for those States that sign during the course of December 2002.)