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Process for the Selection of three additional experts to the Technical Committee

1. Article VI (1) of the Gorilla Agreement specifies the composition of the Technical Committee to be as follows:
 - a) One representative of each Range State of the Agreement;
 - b) One representative from GRASP (Great Apes Survival Partnership);
 - c) One expert from each of the following fields:
 - forest management and conservation,
 - environmental law
 - wild animal health
2. The Range State and GRASP representatives have already been selected and form the current members of the Technical Committee (see List of Participants, UNEP/CMS/GOR-TC1/Doc3)
3. The Agreement text also specifies that the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the experts as well as the term of their appointment shall be determined by the Meeting of the Parties.
4. In this regard, the First Meeting of the Parties, held in Rome, 2 December 2008, adopted Resolution 1.2 on the Establishment of a Technical Committee (UNEP/CMS/GOR-TC1/Inf3.2). *Inter alia*, this resolution requests the Parties as well as non-Party Range States to propose three experts to the Technical Committee in accordance with Article VI 1(c) of the Agreement for consideration by the Second Meeting of the Parties. Due to time constraints, the MOP did not determine the process for the appointment of experts or their term of office.
5. According to Article VI of the Agreement, these experts, like the other members of the Technical Committee shall, *inter alia*:
 - (a) provide scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties, and, through the Agreement secretariat, to Parties; and
 - (b) make recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out.

6. For the Technical Committee to prepare itself and for the Second MOP to be able to appropriately select and/or nominate these experts, the Secretariat proposes the following:

1. Existing members of the Technical Committee consult with their respective governments as well as relevant organizations in their respective countries to identify and propose potential experts in the fields listed above. These experts should have qualifications and substantial experience in their subject area, which are relevant to the conservation of gorillas.
2. Technical Committee members should forward the names of suitably qualified candidates for the three posts, together with accompanying detailed CVs to the Secretariat no later than 120 days before the Second Meeting of the Parties (i.e. before 29 July 2011).
3. The Secretariat will then prepare a dossier of suitably qualified candidates to present to the Second Meeting of the Parties in November, 2011 for its review and consideration.

Action requested:

7. The Technical Committee to discuss and agree on the process for selecting additional candidates