

## Resolution 1.1

(Repealed by Resolution 2.5, para 4)

### THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

#### The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Considering the usefulness of a small permanent advisory committee for matters relating to the organization of meetings and for the continuous implementation of the Convention,

1. Decides to establish a Standing Committee of the Conference of the Parties, which, within the policy agreed by the Conference of the Parties, shall:

(a) Carry out, between one meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the next, such interim activities on behalf of the Conference of the Parties as may be necessary to execute the decisions of the Conference;

(b) Monitor, on behalf of the Parties, the execution of the secretariat's budget;

(c) Make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Provide guidance and advice to the secretariat on the implementation of the Convention, on the preparation of meetings, and on any other matters brought to it by the secretariat;

(e) Represent the Conference of the Parties, vis á-vis the Government of the host country of the secretariat's headquarters, UNEP and other international organizations for consideration of matters relating to the Convention and its secretariat;

(f) Act as bureau at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties;

(g) Perform any other function as may be entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties;  
and

(h) Submit at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties a report on its work since the previous ordinary meeting.

2. Determines the following principles for the composition of and voting procedures to be followed by the Standing Committee;

(a) The Committee shall consist of no more than seven Parties, who shall be nominated by the Conference of the Parties with due regard to geographical distribution. In nominating the members of the Committee, the Conference of the Parties shall ensure that the Committee includes a representative from the Depositary Government and the next host Party;

(b) If an extraordinary meeting or a special meeting of the Conference of the Parties is held between two regular meetings, the host Party of that meeting shall participate in the work of the Committee on matters related to the organization of the meeting;

(c) The Committee may invite observers to attend particular meetings or for particular items;

(d) The membership of the Committee shall be reviewed at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the meeting. The term of office of the members nominated on a geographical basis shall expire at the close of the second ordinary meeting following that at which they have been nominated;<sup>1</sup>

(e) The Committee shall, by consensus, establish its own rules of procedure;

(f) The Secretary for the Committee shall be provided by the secretariat of the Convention.

3. Directs the secretariat to make provision in future budgets for the payment, upon request, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of nominated representatives from the group of the least developed countries and from the next host Party. Within the policy agreed by the Conference of the Parties, the secretariat:

(a) Shall make provision for payment of travel cost for any representatives from the group of the least developed countries to attend a maximum of one Standing Committee per calendar year;

(b) Shall refund travel expenses, upon request, to no more than one representative of a Party at any one meeting of the Standing Committee;

(c) May refund to the Chairman of the Standing Committee all reasonable and justifiable travel expenses for travel undertaken on behalf of the Conference of the Parties or on behalf of the secretariat;

(d) May pay refunds in United States dollars;

(e) Shall receive claims for refunds, supported by receipts, which must be submitted to the secretariat within thirty calendar days of the completion of the travel; and

(f) Shall endeavour, to the extent possible, to obtain external funding for travel expenses.

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<sup>1</sup> As a transitory measure for one half of the members nominated on a geographical basis at the current first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the terms of office shall expire at the close of the second regular meeting.