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### FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Ninth Meeting (Rome 1-5 December 2008)

Recalling Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention, which reads as follows:

"The Conference of the Parties shall establish and keep under review the financial regulations of this Convention. The Conference of the Parties shall, at each of its ordinary meetings, adopt the budget for the next financial period. Each Party shall contribute to this budget according to a scale to be agreed upon by the Conference";

Appreciating that the financial position of the Convention has improved markedly since the previous COP as a result of the change in the currency for subscriptions substantial increases in additional voluntary contributions in cash and kind, and careful stewardship by the CMS Secretariat;

Giving special thanks to the Host Government (Germany,) to the Governments of Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom, to the European Commission, and to CMS partners in the voluntary and private sectors, for their substantial additional voluntary contributions in support of special measures and projects aimed at improving implementation of the Convention, and other support offered to the organs of the Convention during the previous triennium;

Acknowledging also the financial and other services provided in 2006-2008 through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);

Aware that the permanent staff complement of the Secretariat has not been increased since COP7 in 2002 but that the workload has increased substantially in the last six years;

*Recognizing* the need to provide sufficient resources, including manpower, to enable the Secretariat of the Convention to continue to carry out the Convention's work programme set out in the Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and to serve its Parties in all regions;

*Recognizing also* that the Fund balance at the end of 2008 is not projected to be at a high level and that several decisions taken at COP9 have significant implications for the Convention's budget;

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*Expressing thanks* to the Secretariat for producing two main budget options for adoption by the Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Rome 2008;

Appreciating the importance of all Parties being able to participate in the implementation of the Convention and related activities; and

*Noting* the increased number of Parties, other countries and also organisations attending the meeting of the Conference of Parties as observers, and the resulting additional expenditure to Parties so incurred:

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- 1. *Confirms* that all Parties shall contribute to the budget adopted at the scale agreed upon by the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention;
- 2. Adopts the budget for 2009 to 2011 attached as Annex I to the present resolution;
- 3. *Agrees* to the scale of contributions of Parties to the Convention as listed in Annex II to the present resolution and to the application of that scale pro rata to new Parties;
- 4. *Agrees* that all contributions to the Trust Fund shall be paid in Euro;
- 5. Agrees that there shall be maintained a working capital at a constant level of at least 15 per cent of estimated annual expenditure or \$500,000, whichever is higher;
- 6. Requests all Parties to pay their contributions as promptly as possible preferably not later than the end of March in the year to which they relate and, if they so wish, to inform the Secretariat whether they would prefer to receive a single invoice covering the whole triennium;
- 7. Agrees that those Parties wishing to do so, may pay their contributions in three equal instalments;
- 8. *Agrees* to set the threshold of eligibility for funding delegates to attend the Convention's meetings at 0.200 per cent on the United Nations scale of assessment in the following order of priority for the allocation of funding:
- (a) Countries lowest on the scale, and others with no unpaid pledges to the Convention, in ascending order up to the 0.200 per cent threshold;
- (b) Countries with unpaid pledges to the Convention in ascending order on the scale, up to the 0.200 per cent threshold; and
- (c) Non-Party developing countries, Range States and countries actively preparing accession that had not previously received a subsidy to attend a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

- 9. *Approves* the medium-term plan for 2012 to 2014 attached as Annex III to the present resolution and the programme outlined in the Strategic Plan (Resolution 8.2, Nairobi, 2005);
- 10. *Instructs* the Executive Secretary to service the implementation of the 2006-2011 Strategic Plan (as adopted in resolution 8.2) as an entity within available resources;
- 11. *Confirms* the willingness that the CMS Secretariat continues to provide Secretariat services to ASCOBANS in the next triennium; and:
- (a) *Invites* the Meeting of the Parties of ASCOBANS to discuss the final draft review document in 2009, to decide on the best organizational solutions for ASCOBANS to be implemented from 1 January 2010, and to report their conclusions to the Standing Committee of CMS and to the Working Group for the Future Shape of CMS;
- (b) *Instructs* the Standing Committee to finalize in 2009, in consultation with the ASCOBANS Parties, the organizational arrangements for 2010 and onwards, taking into account that CMS will not bear any additional costs arising in connection with a definitive organizational solution for ASCOBANS;
- 12. *Instructs* the Standing Committee to establish a Finance and Budget Subcommittee for the consideration of all financial and budgetary matters, which shall:
  - i) meet one day prior to the start of every regular meeting of the Standing Committee, and shall work intersessionally by electronic or other means;
  - ii) work with the Secretariat to prepare all financial and budgetary documents for consideration by the Standing Committee; and
  - iii) which will operate under the terms of reference attached as Annex IV to this Resolution;
- 13. *Instructs* the Executive Secretary to use all opportunities to improve the flow of income (including for conservation and implementation projects) and the savings throughout the period 2009–2011 (including arrears from contracting parties), in order, *inter alia*, to present a balanced budget for the next triennium 2012–2014;
- 14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to seek for tender for Information Technology Services that could be alternatively provided by an external service provider in a more cost effective manner;
- 15. *Invites* Parties to consider the feasibility of financing Junior Professional Officers or providing interns, volunteers and technical experts to the Secretariat to increase its technical capacity in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations and to agree on providing modest funding within the approved budget of the Convention to cover the difference in cost and applicable UNEP overhead charges for such staff;
- 16. *Encourages* all Parties to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Funds to support requests from developing countries to participate in and implement the Convention throughout the triennium;

- 17. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide Parties with a detailed list of core ongoing and future activities and projects not covered by the core budget, to assist Parties to identify those they intend to fund;
- 18. *Requests* the Secretariat to allocate the contributions of Parties that accede to the Convention after 1 January 2009 towards the funding of projects not covered by the core budget;
- 19. *Encourages* States not Parties to the Convention, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources to consider contributing to the Trust Fund referred to below or to special activities;
- 20. Takes note of document UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.33 on the execution of the budget of the Convention in the triennium 2006-2008 and expresses its concern with regard to outstanding unpaid pledges to the Trust Fund and urges the Governments concerned to pay their contributions in a timely manner;
- 21. Decides that representatives from countries with contributions in arrears three years or more should be excluded from holding office in Convention bodies and denied the right to vote; and requests the Executive Secretary to explore with these Parties innovative approaches for the identification of possible funding to resolve their arrears prior to the next meeting;
- 22. *Approves* the creation of the following posts at P2 level, subject to the classification of the posts by the United Nations:

Partnerships & Fundraising Officer Scientific Support Officer

- 23. Requests the Executive Director of UNEP to undertake a review of the grading of the Secretariat's posts by 2011, taking into account the outcome of the Working Group on Future Shape of CMS, to enable decisions on the grading of the posts to be taken by parties at COP10;
- 24. *Requests* the Secretariat to start developing, as soon as possible in this triennium, a costed work program using a results based process, to ensure that in future budgets, the resource requests will be linked more systematically to expected results;
- 25. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNEP to extend the duration of the Convention Trust Funds to 31 December 2011;
- 26. *Invites* the Executive Director of UNEP to consider, on a case-by-case basis, the allocation of financial resources from the income generated under the Programme Support Costs from the Trust Fund on voluntary contributions for the implementation of activities;
- 27. Requests the Executive Director of UNEP to continue to incorporate aspects of the Convention's program of work into the program of work of UNEP and consider, as appropriate, providing financial support to specific CMS activities in this context; and
- 28. *Approves* the terms of reference for the administration of the Trust Fund, as set forth in Annex V to the present resolution, for the period 2009 to 2011.

#### **ANNEX I TO RESOLUTION 9.14**

# BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2009-2011 - CMS TRUST FUND IN EURO

BL	Budget Item	2009	2010	2011	Total 2009 - 2011
		EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
BL	EXECUTIVE OFFICE (HQ)				
1101	Executive Secretary (D1); 97% (3% ASCOBANS)	166,840	170,177	173,580	510,597
1102	Deputy Executive Secretary (P5)	140,000	142,800	145,656	428,456
1103	Inter-Agency Liaison Officer (P4)	128,000	130,560	133,171	391,731
1104	Partnerships and Fundraising Officer (P2)		81,600	83,232	164,832
1301	Personal Assistant to the Executive Secretary (GS-6)	70,000	73,500	77,175	220,675
1302	Secretary to the Deputy Executive Secretary (GS-4) - Part Time	27,500	28,875	30,319	86,694
	Subtotal	532,340	627,512	643,133	1,802,985
	<b>Executive Management Support</b>				
2210	Outreach and Fundraising Projects	46,675	46,675	46,675	140,026
2290	Membership promotion	1,456	1,456	1,456	4,368
5401	Hospitality	500	500	500	1,500
	Subtotal	48,631	48,631	48,631	145,894
	Institutions				
3301	Standing Committee Meetings - Support to	16,963	18,023		34,985
3302	delegates Scientific Council Meetings - Support to delegates	32,652	32,652		65,304
3303	COP 10 - Support of Delegates			53,286	53,286
1201	Consultancies - Translation	69,883	69,883	87,354	227,121
1202	Consultancies - COP Servicing - (Salary/travel)			273,164	273,164
1203	Consultancies - Experts	4,368			4,368
1612	COP 10 Travel of CMS Staff			50,475	50,475
	Subtotal	123,866	120,558	464,279	708,703
	<b>Total Executive Office (HQ)</b>	704,838	796,701	1,156,043	2,657,582
	INFORMATION, CAPACITY BUILDING & ASCOBANS & EUROBATS	FUNDRAIS	ING UNIT (	FICFU) - SH	ARED WITH
1105	Head of Unit (P4)	128,000	130,560	133,171	391,731
1303	Senior Information Assistant (GS-7)	70,000	73,500	77,175	220,675
1304	Secretary (GS-4) -Part time	27,500	28,875	30,319	86,694
1305	Documents Clerk (GS-4)	55,000	57,750	60,638	173,388
	Subtotal	280,500	290,685	301,302	872,487
	<b>Information and Capacity Building Projects</b>				
2201	Capacity Building events	21,814	21,814	21,814	65,442

2207		27.270	27.270	21250	<b>-</b> 1.010
2205	Information Management and Technology	25,270	25,270	24,270	74,810
5201	Information and Publicity Materials	8,481	8,481	8,481	25,443
	Subtotal	55,565	55,565	54,565	165,695
	Total FICFU	336,065	346,250	355,867	1,038,182
	SCIENCE, DATA AND MARINE UNIT(SDI	MU)			
1106	Head of Unit (P4); 85% (15% ASCOBANS)	108,800	110,976	113,196	332,972
1107	Scientific Support Officer (P2)		81,600	83,232	164,832
1108	Associate Marine Mammals Officer (P2); 25% (75% ASCOBANS)	20,000	20,400	20,808	61,208
1306	Administrative Assistant (GS-4)	70,000	73,500	77,175	220,675
	Subtotal	198,800	286,476	294,411	779,687
	Conservation Projects	•	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	,
2230	Conservation grants and projects	56,696	56,696	56,696	170,088
	Subtotal	56,696	56,696	56,696	170,088
	Total SDMU	255,496	343,172	351,107	949,775
	POLICY AND AGREEMENTS UNIT (PAU)	)			
1109	Head of Unit (P4)	128,000	130,560	133,171	391,731
1307	Administrative Assistant (GS-5)	70,000	73,500	77,175	220,675
1308	Secretary (GS-4)	55,000	57,750	60,638	173,388
	Subtotal	253,000	261,810	270,984	785,794
	Implementation and Partnerships projects				
2260	Agreements, MoUs and Partnerships	54,317	54,317	54,317	162,951
	Subtotal	54,317	54,317	54,317	162,951
	Total PAU	307,317	316,127	325,301	948,745
	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SEE	RVICES UNIT	Γ		
1110	AFMO (P4)	-	-	-	-
1309	Finance Assistant (GS-6)	-	-	-	-
1310	Finance Assistant (GS-5)	-	-	-	-
1311	Administrative Assistant (GS-5)	-	-	-	-
1312	Administrative Assistant (GS-5)  Subtotal	0	0	0	0
		U	U	U	U
1611	HQ Secretariat costs	67,000	67,000	66,000	200.000
1611	Travel: Staff on mission	67,000	67,000	66,000	200,000
4110	Office supplies	4,368	4,805	5,242	14,415
4210	Non-expendable equipment	8,735	9,609	10,482	28,827
5101	IT Equipment	18,000	18,000	18,000	54,000
5102	IT Services	72,000	72,000	72,000	216,000
5111	Maintenance of computers	1,747	2,184	2,620	6,551
5112	Maintenance of printers	5,242	5,678	6,115	17,035

5311	Communication costs (telephone, fax)	14,851	15,683	16,597	47,131
5312	Postage and courier	5,242	5,678	6,115	17,035
5313	Miscellaneous	2,184	2,620	3,057	7,861
	Subtotal	199,368	203,257	206,229	608,854
	SECRETARIAT EFFICIENCY SAVINGS - 5%	-9,968	-10,163	-10,311	-30,443
	SAVINGS - 2% OF SALARY COSTS	-25,677	-29,714	-30,581	-85,971
	Total Savings	-35,645	-39,877	-40,892	-116,414
	Total AFSU	163,723	163,381	165,337	492,441
	TOTAL HQ	1,767,438	1,965,631	2,353,655	6,086,724
	CMS'S REGIONAL OFFICES				
	ASIA				
1111	CMS Senior Advisor and Head of IOSEA (P5) - 20%	19,200	19,200	19,200	57,600
	TOTAL REGIONAL OFFICES	19,200	19,200	19,200	57,600
	GRAND TOTAL	1,786,638	1,984,831	2,372,855	6,144,324
	Programme Support Cost (PSC), 13%	232,263	258,028	308,471	798,762
	GRAND TOTAL, including PSC	2,018,901	2,242,859	2,681,326	6,943,086
	LESS: DRAWDOWN FROM THE PROJECTED FUND BALANCE PLUS FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS INCOME (Post of Documents Clerk & IT services)	-123,055	-123,055	-123,054	-369,164
	TOTAL TO BE SHARED BY PARTIES	1,895,846	2,119,804	2,558,272	6,573,922
	Total to be shared by Parties 2006_2008	1,869,715	1,979,923	2,514,587	6,364,225
	PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER THE 2006-2008 BUDGET PLUS NEW PARTIES	1.4%	7.1%	1.7%	3.3%
	PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER THE APPROVED MEDIUM TERM PLAN	-12%	-7%	-10%	-10%

# **ANNEX II TO RESOLUTION 9.14**

#### SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARTIES TO THE UNEP/CMS TRUST FUND FOR 2009-2011

N°	Party	UN Scale in %	2009	2010	2011	Total 2009-2011
		2008	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
1	Albania	0.006	238	266	321	826
2	Algeria	0.085	3,373	3,772	4,552	11,697
3	Angola	0.003	119	133	161	413
4	Antigua & Barbuda	0.002	79	89	107	275
5	Argentina	0.325	12,898	14,422	17,405	44,724
6	Australia	1.787	70,919	79,296	95,698	245,913
7	Austria	0.887	35,201	39,360	47,501	122,062
8	Bangladesh	0.01	397	444	536	1,376
9	Belarus	0.02	794	887	1,071	2,752
10	Belgium	1.102	43,734	48,900	59,015	151,649
11	Benin	0.001	40	44	54	138
12	Bolivia	0.006	238	266	321	826
13	Bulgaria	0.02	794	887	1,071	2,752
14	Burkina Faso	0.002	79	89	107	275
15	Cameroon	0.009	357	399	482	1,239
16	Cape Verde	0.001	40	44	54	138
17	Chad	0.001	40	44	54	138
18	Chile	0.161	6,389	7,144	8,622	22,156
19	Congo	0.001	40	7,144	54	138
20	Cook Islands	0.001	40	44	54	138
21	Costa Rica	0.032	1,270	1,420	1,714	4,404
22	Cote d'Ivoire	0.032	357	399	482	1,239
23	Croatia	0.009	1,984	2,219	2,678	6,881
23	Cuba	0.054	2,143	2,219	2,892	7,431
25		0.034	2,143 1,746	2,396 1,952	2,892	6,055
26	Cyprus Czech Republic	0.044	11,152	1,932	15,048	38,669
27	Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.281	11,132	12,409	15,048	413
28	Denmark	0.739	29,328	32,792	39,575	101,696
29	Djibouti	0.739	40	32,792	54	138
30	Ecuador	0.001	833	932	1,125	2,890
31	Egypt	0.021	3,492	3,905	4,713	12,110
32	Eritrea	0.001	3,492	3,903	4,713	12,110
33	Estonia	0.001	635	710	857	2,202
34	Finland	0.564	22,383	25,027	30,204	77,613
35	_	6.301	250,061	279,601	337,434	867,096
	France Gabon	0.008	317	355	428	1,101
36 37	Gambia	0.008	40	44	428 54	1,101
		0.001				
38	Georgia	8.577	119	133	161	413
39	Germany		340,386	380,596	459,320	1,180,302 550
40	Ghana	0.004	159	177	214	
41	Greece	0.596	23,653	26,447	31,917	82,017
42	Guinea Rissau	0.001	40	44	54 54	138
43	Guinea-Bissau	0.001	40	44	54	138
44	Honduras	0.005	198	222	268	688
45	Hungary	0.244	9,683	10,827	13,067	33,577
46	India	0.45	17,859	19,968	24,099	61,926
47	Iran	0.18	7,143	7,987	9,639	24,770
48	Ireland	0.445	17,660	19,746	23,831	61,238
49	Israel	0.419	16,628	18,593	22,439	57,660
50	Italy	5.079	201,565	225,376	271,993	698,934

51	Jordan	0.012	476	532	643	1,651
52	Kazakhstan	0.029	1,151	1,287	1,553	3,991
53	Kenya	0.01	397	444	536	1,376
54	Latvia	0.018	714	799	964	2,477
55	Liberia	0.001	40	44	54	138
56	Libya	0.062	2,461	2,751	3,320	8,532
57	Liechtenstein	0.01	397	444	536	1,376
58	Lithuania	0.031	1,230	1,376	1,660	4,266
59	Luxembourg	0.085	3,373	3,772	4,552	11,697
60	Madagascar	0.002	79	89	107	275
61	Mali	0.001	40	44	54	138
62	Malta	0.017	675	754	910	2,339
63	Mauritania	0.001	40	44	54	138
64	Mauritius	0.011	437	488	589	1,514
65	Monaco	0.003	119	133	161	413
66	Mongolia	0.001	40	44	54	138
67	Morocco	0.042	1,667	1,864	2,249	5,780
68	Netherlands	1.873	74,332	83,113	100,304	257,748
69	New Zealand	0.256	10,160	11,360	13,709	35,229
70	Niger	0.001	40	44	54	138
71	Nigeria	0.048	1,905	2,130	2,571	6,605
72	Norway	0.782	31,034	34,700	41,878	107,613
73	Pakistan	0.059	2,341	2,618	3,160	8,119
74	Palau	0.001	40	2,010	54	138
75	Panama	0.023	913	1,021	1,232	3,165
76	Paraguay	0.005	198	222	268	688
77	Peru	0.078	3,096	3,461	4,177	10,734
78	Philippines	0.078	3,096	3,461	4,177	10,734
79	Poland	0.501	19,883	22,231	26,830	68,944
80	Portugal	0.527	20,914	23,385	28,222	72,522
81	Republic of Moldova	0.001	20,914	23,363	54	138
82	Romania	0.001	2,778		3,749	9,633
83	Rwanda	0.001	2,778	3,106 44	54	138
	Samoa	0.001	40		54 54	
84 85	San Tome and Principe	0.001	40	44 44	54 54	138 138
86	Saudi Arabia	0.748			40,057	102,934
			29,685	33,192		
87	Senegal	0.004	159	177	214	550
88	Serbia	0.021	833	932	1,125	2,890
89	Seychelles	0.002	79	89	107	275
90	Slovakia	0.063	2,500	2,796	3,374	8,670
91	Slovenia	0.096	3,810	4,260	5,141	13,211
92	Somalia	0.001	40	44	54	138
93	South Africa	0.29	11,509	12,868	15,530	39,908
94	Spain	2.968	117,788	131,702	158,944	408,434
95	Sri Lanka	0.016	635	710	857	2,202
96	Sweden	1.071	42,504	47,525	57,355	147,383
97	Switzerland	1.216	48,258	53,959	65,120	167,337
98	Syrian Arab Republic	0.016	635	710	857	2,202
99	Tajikistan	0.001	40	44	54	138
100	The FYR of Macedonia	0.005	198	222	268	688
101	Togo	0.001	40	44	54	138
102	Tunisia	0.031	1,230	1,376	1,660	4,266
103	Uganda	0.003	119	133	161	413
104	Ukraine	0.045	1,786	1,997	2,410	6,193
	United Kingdom of Great Britain					
105	and Northern Ireland	6.642	263,594	294,732	355,696	914,022

106	United Republic of Tanzania	0.006	238	266	321	826
107	Uruguay	0.027	1,072	1,198	1,446	3,716
108	Uzbekistan	0.008	317	355	428	1,101
109	Yemen	0.007	278	311	375	963
	subtotal	46.577	1,848,450	2,066,809	2,494,315	6,409,574
110	EU		47,396	52,995	63,957	164,348
	GRAND TOTAL		1,895,846	2,119,804	2,558,272	6,573,922

# **ANNEX III TO RESOLUTION 9.14**

#### MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR 2009-2014 IN EURO

Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Professional Staff	838,840	1,018,433	1,038,417	1,069,570	1,101,657	1,134,707
Consultants	74,252	69,883	87,354	89,975	92,674	95,454
Administrative Support	445,000	467,250	490,613	505,331	520,491	536,106
Travel on Official Business	67,000	67,000	66,000	67,980	70,019	72,120
Subcontracts and Subprojects	157,688	157,688	157,688	162,419	167,291	172,310
Meetings and Trainings	98,155	99,215	424,465	437,199	450,315	463,824
Equipment	26,735	27,609	28,482	29,337	30,217	31,123
Operation and Maintenance	78,989	79,862	80,735	83,157	85,652	88,222
Reporting cost and Information material	8,481	8,481	8,481	8,735	8,997	9,267
Sundry(Communication)	26,644	28,786	31,011	31,942	32,900	33,887
Hospitality	500	500	500	515	530	546
2% of salary cost	-25,677	-29,714	-30,581	-31,498	-32,443	-33,416
Secretariat efficiency	-9,968	-10,163	-10,311	-10,621	-10,939	-11,268
subtotal	1,786,638	1,984,831	2,372,855	2,444,041	2,517,362	2,592,883
UNEP Administrative Costs	232,263	258,028	308,471	317,725	327,257	337,075
Total	2,018,901	2,242,859	2,681,326	2,761,766	2,844,619	2,929,957
Less: Reserve, Recoveries & New Parties	-123,055	-123,055	-123,054	0	0	0
Budget to be shared by Parties	1,895,846	2,119,804	2,558,272	2,761,766	2,844,619	2,929,957

note: 3 percent annual increase from 2011

#### **ANNEX IV TO RESOLUTION 9.14**

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

- 1. Composition of the Subcommittee:
- a) The Finance and Budget Subcommittee shall be composed of one country representative from each of the CMS regions, nominated by the region; and
- b) The Subcommittee shall elect a Chairman from among its members.
- 2. *Meetings and mode of operation of the Subcommittee:*
- a) The Subcommittee shall meet in closed session (i.e. attended only by members of the Subcommittee, Party observers, and the Secretariat) one day prior to each meeting of the Standing Committee;
- b) The members of the Subcommittee shall communicate by electronic means between meetings of the Standing Committee. For this purpose, the Secretariat shall establish a forum on its website for communications among the members and for the sharing of documents, which may be read by non-members, who would communicate their views to their regional representative on the Subcommittee.
- 3. Responsibilities of members of the Subcommittee:

Members of the Subcommittee shall seek and represent the views of their region in carrying out their duties, and shall report back to their regions.

4. Responsibilities of the Subcommittee:

To fulfil the mandate of Resolution Conf. 9.14; the Subcommittee shall:

- a) Broadly, consider all aspects of the financing and budgeting of the Convention and develop recommendations to the Standing Committee. The Subcommittee should focus on keeping the Convention fiscally solvent while providing for essential support services for the efficient and effective functioning of the Convention;
- b) Evaluate the programme of work of the Secretariat and other documents with budgetary implications relative to:
  - i) The duties and responsibilities of the Secretariat mandated in the text of the Convention;
  - ii) Ensuring that the activities undertaken by the Secretariat under the approved budget are consistent with Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
- Consider administrative procedures and other aspects of the financing and budgeting of the Convention, and make recommendations for improving the efficiency with which funds are expended;
- d) Using the information developed through the processes described in paragraphs a)-c):
  - i) work with the Secretariat to prepare all financial and budgetary documents for

#### consideration by the Standing Committee;

- ii) further develop the report format to ensure that the financial reports are easily understood and transparent, and that they enable informed decisions to be taken in relation to the financial performance of the Convention;
- iii) make recommendations to the Standing Committee on all financial and budgetary documents and proposals developed through this process; and
- iv) otherwise assist the Standing Committee in providing oversight of financial and budgetary matters, including the preparation of documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
- e) The Secretariat shall issue to the Subcommittee members a quarterly report, to be sent electronically, which identifies and explains any projected expenditure that differs from the approved budget by more than 20 % for staff costs or non-staff costs relating to each activity, together with the proposed approach for managing any such projected over-expenditure.

#### ANNEX V TO RESOLUTION 9.14

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

- 1. The Trust Fund for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (hereinafter referred to as the Trust Fund) shall be continued for a period of three years to provide financial support for the aims of the Convention.
- 2. The financial period shall be three calendar years beginning 1 January 2009 and ending 31 December 2011.
- 3. The Trust Fund shall continue to be administered by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), subject to the approval of the Governing Council of UNEP and the consent of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- 4. The administration of the Trust Fund shall be governed by the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other administrative policies or procedures promulgated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- 5. In accordance with United Nations rules, UNEP shall deduct from the income of the Trust Fund an administrative charge equal to 13 per cent of the expenditure charged to the Trust Fund in respect of activities financed under the Trust Fund. In the case of voluntary contributions, the Executive Director of UNEP will be prepared to allocate to the CMS Trust Fund the programme support cost portion of funds received as voluntary contributions with a view to providing additional support for CMS Secretariat projects. Those allocations will be issued by the Executive Director based on the proposals of the Executive Secretary of CMS.
- 6. In the event that the Parties wish the Trust Fund to be extended beyond 31 December 2011, the Executive Director of UNEP shall be so advised in writing immediately after the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It is understood that whether to so extend the Trust Fund shall be decided by and at the discretion of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- 7. The financial resources of the Trust Fund for 2009-2011 shall be derived from:
  - (a) The contributions made by the Parties by reference to annex II, including contributions from any new Parties; and
  - (b) Further contributions from Parties and contributions from States not Parties to the Convention, other governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources.
- 8. All contributions to the Trust Fund shall be paid in euro. For contributions from States that become Parties after the beginning of the financial period, the initial contribution (from the first day of the third month after deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession till the end of the financial period) shall be determined pro rata based on the contributions of other States Parties on the same level as the United Nations scale of assessment, as it applies from time to time. However, if the contribution of a new Party determined on this basis were to be more than 22 percent

of the budget, the contribution of that Party shall be 22 percent of the budget for the financial year of joining (or pro rata for a partial year). The scale of contributions for all Parties shall then be revised by the Secretariat on 1 January of the next year. Contributions shall be paid in annual instalments. Contributions shall be due on 1 January 2009, 2010 and 2011.

- 9. Contributions shall be paid into the following accounts:
  - (a) Contributions in euros:

UNEP Euro Account
Account No. 616160755
J.P. Morgan AG
Gruneburgweg 2
60322 Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Bank code number 501 108 00
SWIFT No. CHASDEFX
IBAN: DE 565011080061616 03755

(b) Contributions in dollars:

UNEP Trust Fund
Account No. 485 002 809
J.P. Morgan Chase
International Agencies Banking
1166 Avenue of the Americas, 17th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10036-2708, USA
Wire transfers: Chase ABA number 021000021
SWIFT number BIC-CHASUS33
CHIPS participant number 0002

- 10. For the convenience of the Parties, for each of the years of the financial period the Executive Director of UNEP shall as soon as possible notify the Parties to the Convention of their assessed contributions.
- 11. Contributions received into the Trust Fund that are not immediately required to finance activities shall be invested at the discretion of the United Nations, and any income shall be credited to the Trust Fund.
- 12. The Trust Fund shall be subject to audit by the United Nations Board of Auditors.
- 13. Budget estimates covering the income and expenditure for each of the three calendar years constituting the financial period, prepared in euros (with dollar equivalents), shall be submitted to the ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.
- 14. The estimates for each of the calendar years covered by the financial period shall be divided into sections and objects of expenditure, shall be specified according to budget lines, shall include references to the programmes of work to which they relate, and shall be accompanied by such information as may be required by or on behalf of the contributors and such further information as the Executive Director of UNEP may deem useful and advisable. In particular, estimates shall also be prepared for each programme of work for each of the calendar years, with expenditures itemized

for each programme so as to correspond to the sections, objects of expenditure and budget lines described in the first sentence of the present paragraph.

- 15. In addition to the budget estimates for the financial period described in the preceding paragraphs, the Secretariat of the Convention, in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Executive Director of UNEP, shall prepare a medium-term plan as envisaged in chapter III of the Legislative and Financial Texts Regarding the United Nations Environment Programme and the Environment Fund. The medium-term plan will cover the years 2009 to 2014, inclusive, and shall incorporate the budget for the financial period 2009–2011.
- 16. The proposed budget and medium-term plan, including all necessary information, shall be dispatched by the Secretariat to all Parties at least 90 days before the date fixed for the opening of the ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which they are to be considered.
- 17. The budget and medium-term plan shall be adopted by unanimous vote of the Parties present and voting at that ordinary meeting.
- 18. In the event that the Executive Director of UNEP anticipates that there might be a shortfall in resources over the financial period as a whole, the Executive Director shall consult with the Secretariat, which shall seek the advice of the Standing Committee as to its priorities for expenditure.
- 19. Commitments against the resources of the Trust Fund may be made only if they are covered by the necessary income of the Convention. No commitments shall be made in advance of the receipt of contributions.
- 20. Upon the request of the Secretariat of the Convention, after seeking the advice of the Standing Committee, the Executive Director of UNEP should, to the extent consistent with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, make transfers from one budget line to another. At the end of the first calendar year of the financial period, the Executive Director of UNEP may proceed to transfer any uncommitted balance of appropriations to the second calendar year, provided that the total budget approved by the Parties shall not be exceeded, unless specifically sanctioned in writing by the Standing Committee.
- 21. At the end of each calendar year of the financial period,<sup>1</sup> the Executive Director of UNEP shall submit to the Parties, through the UNEP/CMS Secretariat, the accounts for the year in euros. The Executive Director shall also submit, as soon as practicable, the audited accounts for the financial period, in euros (with dollar equivalent). Those accounts shall include full details of actual expenditure compared to the original provisions for each budget line.
- 22. Those financial reports required to be submitted by the Executive Director of UNEP shall be transmitted simultaneously by the Secretariat of the Convention to the members of the Standing Committee.

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The calendar year 1 January to 31 December is the accounting and financial year, but the account's official closure date is 31 March of the following year. Thus, on 31 March the accounts of the previous year must be closed, and it is only then that the Executive Director may submit the accounts of the previous calendar year.

- 23. The Secretariat of the Convention shall provide the Standing Committee with an estimate of proposed expenditures over the coming year simultaneously with, or as soon as possible after, distribution of the accounts and reports referred to in the preceding paragraphs.
- 24. The present terms of reference shall be effective from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011.