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**REPORT OF THE 47TH MEETING
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CONVENTION ON THE
CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS**

Agenda Item 1: Introductory remarks

1. Bradnee Chambers (Executive Secretary) called the meeting to order and presided over the first items of the agenda until the election of the Chair.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

2. Mr. Chambers introduced document UNEP/CMS/StC47/Doc.2, the provisional agenda. There were no requests for changes so the agenda as presented was adopted.

Agenda Item 3: Election of officials to fill the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee

3. Mr. Chambers invited nominations for the post of Chair.

4. Mongolia nominated the representative of Norway. Costa Rica seconded the nomination which was also supported by India. Norway was declared elected.

5. The representative of Norway took his place on the podium and having thanked the Standing Committee for its vote of confidence in re-electing him to the Chair, presided over the rest of the meeting.

6. The Chair invited nominations for the post of Vice-Chair.

7. The European Region nominated Mongolia, and was supported by India, Costa Rica and South Africa. The Chair declared Mongolia elected.

8. Mongolia asked whether it was too late to change the nomination of the second full member of the Standing Committee from the Asian Region, as it transpired that consensus had not after all been reached during the Conference. The Chair said that it would be difficult for the Standing Committee to overturn a decision of the Conference of the Parties.

Agenda Item 4: Election of the members of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee

9. The Chair asked for nominations to serve on the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee, although he felt that nominations needed only to be confirmed by the end of the year.

10. On behalf of the African Region, the United Republic of Tanzania nominated South Africa to serve on the Sub-Committee.

11. Mongolia was nominated to represent Asia.
12. France confirmed that it was willing to continue serving on the Sub-Committee representing Europe and would confirm whether the rest of the region agreed to this in due course.
13. Germany expressed its desire to continue to serve on the Sub-Committee as depositary rather than as regional representative.
14. It having been confirmed that only Parties that were members of the Standing Committee were eligible to serve on the Sub-Committee, Costa Rica said that Bolivia would represent the South and Central America and the Caribbean region.
15. As the only member of the CMS Standing Committee Party from Oceania, Fiji would represent that region.
16. South Africa asked whether the representative sent to the Sub-Committee had to be the same person that attended the Standing Committee. The Chair said that Parties could send a different person, but financial constraints meant that only one delegate from eligible countries could be funded to attend both meetings.
17. Mr. Chambers explained the duties of the Sub-Committee which included receiving the Secretariat's financial reports and being consulted on financial documents and that it held its meetings in conjunction with the Standing Committee.

Agenda Item 5: Date and Venue for the 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee

18. Mr. Chambers said that the next meeting of the Standing Committee would take place in Bonn.
19. Mongolia asked whether there was any precedent for holding meetings of the Standing Committee elsewhere.
20. Mr. Chambers said that it was not a requirement for the meetings to be held in Bonn; it was simply convenient as the facilities and local interpreters were available, which reduces costs.
21. The observer from Israel said that his country had hosted a recent meeting of the CITES Animals Committee and it had proved possible to hire local, UN-approved interpreters at reasonable cost.
22. South Africa asked that the Secretariat provide indications of the likely costs of hosting a meeting of the Standing Committee. Mr. Chambers undertook to do so.
23. France pointed out that the AEWA MOP would be taking place in late 2018 and asked that the dates of the Standing Committee take this into account. It was also pointed out that there would be a Meeting of Signatories of the Sharks MOU and other meetings relating to other MEAs at approximately the same time.
24. The Chair said that the dates of the 48th meeting would be set taking into account other events on the environmental calendar.

Agenda Item 6: Any other business

25. There was none.

Agenda Item 7: Closure of the meeting

26. The Chair closed the meeting at 13:55.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTS

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT
1.	Introductory remarks	
2.	Adoption of the Agenda	StC47/Doc.2
3.	Election of officials to fill the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for the triennium 2018-2020	
4.	Election of the members of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee	
5.	Date and Venue for the 48 th Meeting of the Standing Committee	
6.	Any other business	
7.	Closure of the meeting	

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