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20 November 2011

HIGH LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY

The High Level Opening Ceremony will be held on 20 November 2011 starting at 1400 hrs. at the Conference Venue. Statements by several distinguished guests including the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP will be delivered. Directly following the Opening Ceremony, a reception will take place hosted by the Government of Norway. A special programme regarding the Openings Ceremony will be distributed to all participants on arrival.

21-25 November 2011

I. INTRODUCTION

1. **Opening of the meeting**

The Chair of the Standing Committee will make an opening statement and will conduct the business of the Meeting through to the election of officers (Agenda Item 5).

2. Welcoming addresses

Contracting Parties, International Governmental and non-Governmental Organizations are encouraged to provide written opening statements and invited to submit these statements to the Secretariat for distribution and incorporation into the report of the Meeting. The Chair may invite representatives of countries that have joined the Convention since the last COP to deliver a statement to the Conference. (NB: These comprise Armenia, Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Montenegro and Mozambique). In addition non-Party Observers will be invited to give an indication of their Government's considerations regarding accession to CMS. Expected outcome: The new Parties will be officially welcomed by the Conference and the Conference takes note of the considerations of other governments regarding accession to CMS.

3. Key note address

A Key Note address on Conserving Migratory Species and their Ecological Functions: Strategies in the Face of Climate and Land-use Change will be given by Prof. David Wilcove.



4. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

The existing Rules of Procedure (RoP) (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.5) are unchanged and will therefore be proposed for adoption.

Expected outcome: Rules of Procedure for COP10 adopted.

5. Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the following officers shall be elected: Chair of the Conference, Chair of the Committee of the Whole (who shall also serve as Vice Chair of the Conference) and the Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole. <u>Expected outcome</u>: Three main conference officers elected.

6. Adoption of agenda and schedule

The meeting is invited to review the draft provisional agenda (doc UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.1) and provisional schedule (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.3) and to make any proposal for amendment prior to their adoption. Expected outcome: Agenda and schedule adopted, including any modifications decided by the Conference.

7. Establishment of Credentials Committee and other sessional committees

The meeting is invited to formally establish the Committee of the Whole (COW) with open-ended membership, in accordance with Rule 23, and to establish a committee of 5 members, with appropriate linguistic and geographic composition, for the purpose of reviewing the original credentials of official delegations. The meeting may wish to establish further committees (working groups) particularly to discuss the draft Budget and Future Shape of CMS and on other issues as the need arises. The bureau of the Conference of Parties will be established according to Rule 7. Expected outcome: Credentials and other committees established.

8. Admission of observers

The Secretariat will orally inform the meeting about observers that have requested admission to attend the Conference. The meeting is invited to admit these observers being the appointed Scientific Council experts identified by the Conference of the Parties, as well as representatives of non-Contracting Parties, IGOs and international and national NGOs that meet the criteria set out in Article VII, para 8 and 9, of the Convention. Expected outcome: The Conference decides to admit all observers to attend COP10.

9. Overview of the process regarding the "Future Shape" of CMS

The Chair of the Intersessional Working Group on the Future Shape and a representative of the consultancy firm (the Environmental Regulation and Information Centre - ERIC) will give a brief overview of the process regarding the Future Shape of CMS and the main outcomes (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.20). Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of work done by the working group and might raise questions for further clarification. The actual discussion of the outcome will take place under Agenda Item 13a.

II. REPORTS AND STATEMENTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CMS

10. Reports from Convention, Agreement bodies and UNEP

(a) **Standing Committee**

The Chair of the Standing Committee will introduce his written report on the activities of the Standing Committee since COP9) (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.7)

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of the activities of the Standing Committee since COP9 and comments as necessary.

(b) Scientific Council

The Chair of the Scientific Council will introduce his written report on the activities of the Scientific Council since COP9 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.8). Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the activities of the Scientific Council since COP9 and comments as necessary.

(c) Article IV Agreements/MoUs

Those Article IV Agreements/MoUs present will be invited to make a brief summary of their reports (doc: UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.18-10.18.11). In addition the Secretariat will report on progress made in the implementation of Article IV Agreements/MoUs for which it provides secretariat services (doc: UNEP/CMS/COP10.9 (in part). Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the different reports presented and gives comments as well as guidance as necessary for the further implementation of existing Agreements and MoUs.

(d) UNEP

The representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will introduce their written report Since COP9 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.17). Expected outcome: The Conference notes the report of UNEP and the support given to implement CMS and urges UNEP to continue to do so in the years to come.

11. **Reports from States**

(a) **Depositary & Host Country**

The report of the CMS Depositary (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.6), the Federal Republic of Germany, will be presented. This will include efforts undertaken in cooperation with the Secretariat to recruit new Parties since COP9 in 2008. A report will also be given on the activities of the Host Country (also the Federal Republic of Germany). Expected outcome: The Conference notes the reports of the Depositary and Host country.

(b) Party States (including REIOs)

The analysis and synthesis of national reports (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.11), compiled on behalf of the Secretariat by UNEP-WCMC, will be delivered in accordance with Article VI(3) of the Convention, which requires Parties to inform the Conference through the Secretariat, prior to each ordinary meeting of the Conference, about the measures that they have been and/ or are taking to implement the provisions of the Convention.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of the analysis and synthesis and provides further guidance on its conclusions and recommendations.

12. Statements on cooperation

(a) Synergies and partnerships

The Secretariat will introduce its Report (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.28) on activities with its partners and synergies within the CMS Family since COP9

and draft Resolution 10.21 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.21). The Conference will be requested particularly to review and discuss as well as to finalize draft Resolution 10.21.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of the Report, suggests further synergies within the Family; partnerships and priorities for existing partnerships, and guidance on how to maintain/provide adequate resources to service them and finalizes draft Resolution 10.21.

(b) Biodiversity-related MEAs (including CBD COP10 and NBSAPs)

The Secretariat will report on cooperation and synergies with and between the biodiversity related MEAs through e.g., the Biodiversity Liaison Group. Furthermore, the Secretariat will report on the outcomes of COP10 of CBD of interest to CMS (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.26). The draft guidance on the integration of the conservation of migratory species issues into NBSAPs (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.27) and linked to that the draft Resolution 10.18 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.18) will be introduced by the Secretariat. The representatives of the biodiversity related MEAs will be invited to provide statements of their cooperation with CMS. The Conference will be requested to review and discuss well as finalize these as Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the report of the Secretariat and gives guidance as needed regarding further improvement of cooperation and synergies with other biodiversity-related MEAs. Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.26, document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.27 and draft Resolution 10.18 finalized.

(c) Intergovernmental Science and Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

The Vice-Chair of the Scientific Council will introduce doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.47 and draft Resolution 10.8 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.8). The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well as to finalize both documents. Expected outcome: Document 10.47 and Draft Resolution 10.8 finalized.

(d) Other intergovernmental bodies

The floor will be open to other IGOs for their statements on cooperation with CMS.

(e) Non-governmental organizations

The floor will be open to NGOs and other partners for their statements on cooperation with CMS.

III. CURRENT STATUS AND "FUTURE SHAPE" OF THE CONVENTION

13. Process regarding the Future Shape of CMS

(a) Proposals on organization and strategic development of the CMS Family

The Chair of the Intersessional Working Group and the representative of the consultancy firm (ERIC) will present Report III (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.20) regarding the Future Shape of CMS. In addition, the draft Resolution (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.9) will be introduced. The Conference will be requested to review and discuss the outcomes of the Future Shape Process and in particular the 3 options presented in document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.20.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference reviews Report III and finalizes Resolution 10.9.

(b) Extension of the ACCOBAMS area

The Secretariat will orally inform the Conference on the decision taken at the 4th Meeting of Parties to ACCOBAMS (November 2010) to extend the Agreement area by including the entire EEZs of continental Portugal and Spain, which had been proposed by these two countries. As a result of this decision, the extended area is now covered by both ASCOBANS and ACCOBAMS. Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of this new development and provides guidance on how to deal with this kind of issues currently and take this into account in the Future Shape discussion.

(c) Merger of CMS and ASCOBANS Secretariat functions

The Chair of the Working Group that evaluated the Secretariat arrangements for the Agreement will introduce the Report 'Merger of CMS and ASCOBANS Secretariats function' (UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.32). The Secretariat willintroduce its summary of lessons-learnt (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.34). The continuation of the current arrangements made in the framework of the merger of CMS & ASCOBANS Secretariats MOP7 will proposed until of **ASCOBANS** Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the outcome of the evaluation of the Secretariat arrangement and decides whether the CMS Secretariat will continue to provide Secretariat services to ASCOBANS.

14. CMS Strategic Plan

(a) Assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2006-2011

The Secretariat will introduce the report on progress made in respect of the implementation of the Strategic Plan (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.21). Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the progress made regarding the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2006-2011.

(b) **Strategic Plan 2012-2014**

The Secretariat will introduce the Strategic Plan 2012-2014 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.22) and linked to that, draft Resolution 10.5 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.5). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize both documents.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.22 and draft Resolution 10.5 finalized.

IV. CMS ACTIVITIES AND KEY ISSUES

15. Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix I species

(a) Progress on concerted and other actions for CMS Species that are not covered by an Article IV instrument

The Secretariat will report on progress made to implement the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Concerted Action, Central Eurasian Arid Land Mammals Concerted Action. (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.12).

<u>Expected outcome:</u> The Conference notes the progress made and provides guidance on future steps.

(b) Other measures to promote the conservation of Appendix I species

The Secretariat and/or members of the Scientific Council will report on implementation of other Concerted Actions (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.12) and present Draft Resolution 10.23 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.23). Recommendations of the Scientific Council concerning further development of ongoing Concerted Actions and possible identification of other Appendix I species for Concerted Actions will be presented. Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of progress made in the implementation of Concerted Actions and provides guidance on how to secure the necessary resources to implement the Actions and draft Resolution 10.23 finalized.

16. Measures to improve the conservation status of Appendix II species

(a) Development of new and future Agreements

The Secretariat will report on progress made in the development of new Agreements (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.9), comment on perspectives for the development of future Agreements (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.16) and present analysis for Central African gap (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.46). The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well finalize all documents. Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of progress made in the development of new agreements and finalizes draft Resolution 10.16.

(b) Other measures to promote conservation and sustainable management of Appendix II species

The Secretariat and/or members of the Scientific Council will report on implementation of Cooperative Actions for Appendix II species (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.36). Recommendations of the Scientific Council concerning further development of ongoing Cooperative Actions and possible designation of other Appendix II species for Cooperative Actions will be presented. The Conference will be requested to review Draft Resolution 10.23. <a href="Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the Cooperative Actions and reviews and finalizes Draft Resolution 10.23".

17. Online reporting – harmonization of information

The Secretariat will report on progress made regarding developments of the online reporting system for national reports and harmonization of information and knowledge management (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.10).

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of progress made on the development of the online reporting system as well as regarding harmonization of information and knowledge management.

18. CMS outreach and communications

(a) Capacity building

The Secretariat will report on the implementation of the capacity building strategy (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.16) and introduce the capacity building work plan for the next triennium (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf. 10.17) and linked to that draft Resolution 10.6 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.6). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize these documents.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes not on progress made in the implementation of the capacity building strategy and document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.17 and draft Resolution 10.6 finalized.

(b) "Year of the ..." species campaigns

"Year of" Secretariat will report on species (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.13). The Conference will be requested to endorse on this and decide recommendations made in report. Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the activities that have taken place in the framework of the "Year of" species campaigns and decides on the recommendations made.

(c) CMS Ambassadors

The Secretariat will introduce the report (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.25) on the activities of the CMS Ambassadors. The Conference will be requested to review the report and if feasible to identify events at which the presence of an Ambassador would enhance the cause of migratory species. Expected outcome: The Conference takes note with appreciation of the activities of the CMS Ambassadors and recommends which events Ambassadors could attend.

(d) Implementation of the outreach and communication plan

The Secretariat will report on the implementation of the Outreach and Communication Plan since COP9 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.14). In addition to this, the Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution 10.7 'Outreach and Communications' (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.7). Furthermore the Secretariat will present the outline for a new CMS Family Website/Web Portal. The Conference will be requested to review and to discuss the draft Resolution and the outline for creation of a new CMS Family Website/Web Portal as also foreseen inReport Ш of the **Future** Shape of Expected outcome: The Conference takes note of the progress made regarding the implementation of the Outreach and Communication Plan and finalizes the draft Resolution. The Conference agrees with the creation of a new CMS Family Website/Web Portal.

19. Conservation issues

(a) Critical Sites and Ecological Networks for migratory species

The Secretariat will introduce doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.39 and draft Resolution doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.3. The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well as to finalize these documents. Expected outcome: Document UNEP/ CMS/ Conf. 10.39 and Draft Resolution 10.3 finalized.

(b) Barriers to migration

The Consultant /Secretariat will introduce the review on the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids in the African Eurasian Region (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.29), the draft guidelines to mitigate these problems (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.30) and draft Resolution 10.11 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.11). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize these documents.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: Draft Resolution Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.29 and Conf.10.30 as well as draft Resolution 10.11 finalized.

(c) Conservation emergencies

for The Modus *Operandi* Conservation *Emergencies* **UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.38**) (doc: and draft Resolution 10.2 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.2) will be introduced by the Secretariat. The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize both documents. Expected outcome: The document regarding the Modus Operandi for Conservation Emergencies and draft Resolution 10.2 finalized.

(d) Climate change and migratory species

The Secretariat will introduce doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.40 and draft Resolution 10.19 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.19). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize both documents. Expected outcome: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.40 and draft Resolution 10.19 finalized.

(e) Migratory aquatic species

i. Review of freshwater fish

The review on freshwater fish (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.31) and draft Resolution 10.12 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.12) will be introduced by the appointed Councillor for fish. The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize these documents. Expected outcome: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf. 10.31 and draft Resolution 10.12 finalized.

ii. Assessment of bycatch in gill net fisheries

The Appointed Councillor for Bycatch will introduce the report "Assessment of Bycatch in Gillnet Fisheries" (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.33 and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.30) and draft Resolution 10.14 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.14). The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well as finalize these documents. Expected outcome: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.31 and draft Resolution 10.14 finalized.

iii. <u>Implementation of Res.8.22 on human-induced impacts on cetaceans.</u> The Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals will introduce the Report on implementation of Res.8.22 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.35 and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.31). The Conference is requested to review and finalize this document.

Expected outcome: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.35 finalized.

iv. <u>Programme of work for cetaceans</u>

The Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals will present the Programme of Work for Cetaceans contained in draft Resolution 10.15 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.15). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize the document. <u>Expected outcome</u>: Programme of Work for Cetaceans and draft Resolution 10.15 finalized.

v. Underwater noise

A representative of the European Union will introduce draft Resolution 10.24 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.24) on underwater noise pollution. The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well as finalize the document.

Expected outcome: Draft Resolution 10.24 finalized.

vi. Marine debris

A representative of the Government of Australia will introduce draft Resolution 10.4 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.4) on marine debris. The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well as to finalize the document.

Expected outcome: Draft Resolution 10.4 finalized.

(f) Migratory avian species

i. *Bird flyway conservation policy*

The Chair of the Scientific Council Flyway Working Group will introduce draft Bird Flyway Conservation Policy the (doc: *UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.23*) and draft Resolution 10.10 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.10). The Conference will be requested discuss finalize review, and both documents. Expected outcome: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.23 and draft Resolution 10.10 finalized.

ii. <u>Improving the conservation status of migratory landbirds in the African-Eurasian region</u>

A representative of Ghana will introduce draft Resolution 10.27 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.27). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalise this document.

Expected outcome: Draft Resolution 10. 27 finalized.

iii. Minimizing the risk of poisoning to migratory birds

A representative of Switzerland will introduce draft Resolution 10.26 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.26). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize this document.

Expected outcome: Draft Resolution 10.26 finalized.

iv. Taxonomy and nomenclature of birds listed on the Appendices

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.32 and draft Resolution 10.13 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.13) about taxonomy and nomenclature of birds listed in the Appendices of the Convention. The Conference will be requested to review and discuss as well as finalize both documents.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.32 and draft Resolution 10.13 finalized.

(g) Migratory terrestrial mammals

A representative of UNEP-WCMC will give a short presentation on the main findings of the Review on Terrestrial mammals (docs: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.44 (summary) and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.15) which will feed into the Future Shape Process of CMS.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of the Review and that this into account in the Future Shape discussion.

(h) Migratory marine turtles

A representative of UNEP-WCMC will give a short presentation on the main findings of the Review on Marine Turtles (docs: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.45

(summary) and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.16) which will feed into the Future Shape Process of CMS.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference to take note of the Review and takes this into account in the Future Shape discussion.

(i) Wildlife diseases

The Secretariat will report on the Task Force on Avian Influenza and the Taskforce on Wildlife diseases (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.42) and linked to this draft Resolution 10.22 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.22). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize both documents. Expected outcome: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.42 and draft Resolution 10.22 finalized.

(j) Guidelines for Small Grants Programme

The Secretariat will introduce the revised Guidelines for the Operation of the Small Grant Programme (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf. 10.43). The Conference will be requested to review and endorse the Guidelines. Expected outcome: Revised Guidelines for Small Grants Programme endorsed by the Conference.

20. Proposals submitted by Parties to amend the Appendices of the Convention

Proposals submitted by CMS Parties (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15) to add 5 new species to Appendix I and 3 species to Appendix II of the Convention, will be considered in turn by the Conference. The comments received from the Parties (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Addendum) and the Scientific Council's advice will be presented to the meeting to facilitate consideration of each of the proposals. Furthermore the use of IUCN Red List Categories (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf. 10.37) to assess CMS listing proposals will be discussed. Expected outcome: Conference to adopt some or all of the proposals for new species listing in Appendices I and II preferably by consensus (as at previous COPs) but if needed through voting and the Conference agrees to apply the IUCN Red List Categories on future CMS listing proposals.

V. RESOURCES OF THE CONVENTION

21. **Budget and administration**

(a) Execution of CMS budget 2009-2011

The Secretariat will report on the income and expenditure 2009-2011 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.18a). The Conference will be requested to review the current status of income and expenditure.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of the status of the execution of the CMS Budget 2009-2011.

(b) CMS budget 2012-2014

The Secretariat will represent 6 different budget scenarios *UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.18b*) draft Resolution (doc: and 10.1 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.1). The impact on the implementation and/or further development of the Convention is clearly indicated in each scenario. After the expression of initial views in the Plenary/Committee of the Whole the scenarios are expected to be referred to the in-sessional Resources Working Group where the document will be reviewed and finalized.

Expected outcome: Draft Resolution 10.1 finalized.

(c) <u>Resource mobilization</u>

The Secretariat will report on its resource mobilization since COP9 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.19). The Conference will be requested to review this document and to provide guidance on how to increase resource mobilisation further.

<u>Expected outcome:</u> The Conference takes note on progress made regarding resource mobilisation and provides further guidance as appropriate.

(d) <u>Enhancing engagement with the Global Environment Facility</u>

The Secretariat will introduce doc: UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.41 and draft Resolution 10.25 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Res.10.25). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalise both documents.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.41 and draft Resolution 10.25 finalized.

22. Institutional issues

(a) Elections to Scientific Council and Standing Committee

Parties are invited to (i) endorse elected regional representative members to the Standing Committee; (ii) endorse the elected Chair and Vice Chair(s) of the Scientific Council; and (iii) appoint Scientific Council Experts for the next triennium.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference endorses new members of the Standing Committee and Scientific Council and appoints new Scientific Council Experts.

(b) Other institutional issues

The Meeting will be orally informed by the Secretariat of any other institutional arrangement e.g., the delegation of authorities to the Executive Secretary by the Executive Director of UNEP.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference takes note of the institutional issues presented by the Secretariat.

VI. FORMAL AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

23. Interim and Final Reports of the Credentials Committee

The Chair of the Credentials Committee will report periodically on the status of the Committee's examination of credentials submitted for its review.

24. Reports of sessional committees

Reports of the other sessional committees will be presented on an ad hoc basis.

25. Adoption of amendments to the Appendices

The Meeting will be invited to adopt the agreed amendments to the Appendices of the Convention.

26. System for retiring Resolutions

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.24 and draft

Resolution 10.17 (doc: UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.17). The Conference will be requested to review, discuss and finalize both documents.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.24 and draft Resolution 10.17 finalized.

27. Adoption of Resolutions

The meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final session, the texts of Resolutions and Recommendations forwarded to plenary, after having been considered in detail and discussed in the Committee of the Whole.

<u>Expected outcome</u>: The Conference adopts listed Resolutions as well as in-session Resolutions and Recommendations emanating from the Scientific Council and Working Groups, as deemed appropriate by the Conference.

28. Date and venue of 11th COP

Parties are invited to announce offers to host the 11th Meeting of the Conference of Parties in 2014. Resolution 10.20.

29. Adoption of the report of the meeting

A draft Report of the meeting will be presented for adoption in the final plenary session with the understanding that the Secretariat will be entrusted to finalize the text in the weeks following the meeting.

30. Any other business

Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.

31. Closure of the meeting

The Meeting is expected to be closed on Friday, 25 November 2011, no later than 1700 hrs. Members of the newly elected Standing Committee will be invited to gather for a short meeting immediately after the close of the session.