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REVIEW OF AGREEMENT ACTION PLANS

(Prepared by the Interim Secretariat)

I. Background

1. Article VIII of the Agreement explains the nature of the species Action Plans, which specify the actions that the Parties shall undertake in relation to all species and sub-species of gorillas.
2. Article VIII further states that the Action Plans shall be reviewed at each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties.
3. The First Meeting of the Parties in 2008 adopted four Action Plans, which can be found in the following information documents:

UNEP/GA/MOP2/Inf.7.1	Western Lowland Gorilla:	<i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i>
UNEP/GA/MOP2/Inf.7.2	Cross River Gorilla:	<i>Gorilla gorilla diehli</i>
UNEP/GA/MOP2/Inf.7.3	Eastern Lowland Gorilla:	<i>Gorilla beringei graueri</i>
UNEP/GA/MOP2/Inf.7.4	Mountain Gorilla:	<i>Gorilla beringei beringei</i>

4. These Action Plans were drafted for CMS by the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences, and were based on existing plans. For example:

The *Gorilla gorilla gorilla* plan was based on the following document:

- *Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Chimpanzees and Gorillas in Western Equatorial Africa*. Tutin et al. 2005. IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group and Conservation International, Washington D.C., USA.

The *G. g. diehli* Action Plan was based on the following document:

- *Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of the Cross River Gorilla*. Oates et. al. 2007. IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group and Conservation International, Arlington, VA, USA.

II. Review of the Action Plans

5. The Meeting of the Parties has the duty to review the Action Plans. However, the Interim Secretariat is also aware of the intention by IUCN and others to update the Action Plans for these species.

- *G. g. gorilla* IUCN Action Plan Workshop tentatively scheduled for late 2012
- *G. g. diehli* IUCN Action Plan Workshop scheduled for Feb 2012
- *G. b. graueri* Plan in preparation, based on February 2011 workshop
- *G. b. beringei* Range states to advise

6. All Range States to the Gorilla Agreement have been or will be invited to participate in these processes.

7. The Interim Secretariat would like to propose the following:

- a) Agreement Focal Points should endeavour to be part of the above-mentioned processes to update the regional plans.
- b) The Interim Secretariat will encourage the organizers of each process to include the Agreement Focal Points in the process.
- c) The Interim Secretariat will engage with the organizers of each Action Plan revision process to ensure the resulting plans will be applicable to the Gorilla Agreement.
- d) The Meeting of the Parties may decide that Action Plans, developed by the processes listed above, will be considered for adoption by the next Meeting of the Parties.
- e) The Meeting of the Parties may decide that, as each new Action plan is developed, the Range States concerned will provisionally adopt that new plan, while awaiting formal adoption at the next MOP.

Action requested:

- The Meeting of the Parties is invited to discuss the process for updating the plans and consider the options listed above.