

Resolution 2.5

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 experience of the present Standing Committee in matters of advice to the Secretariat and representation of the Parties between meetings of the Conference of the Parties,

Considering also that the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme is responsible for the administration of the Secretariat,

Considering further the need for the Standing Committee to provide general direction to the Secretariat between meetings of the Conference of the Parties within the policy established by the Conference of the Parties,

1. Resolves to re-establish the Standing Committee of the Conference of the Parties and establish terms of reference as follows:

Within the policy agreed to by the Conference of the Parties, the Standing Committee shall:

(a) Provide general policy, operational and financial direction to the Secretariat concerning the implementation and the expansion of the Convention;

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

(c) Provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on the preparation of agendas and other requirements of meetings and on any other matters brought to it by the Secretariat in the exercise of its function;

(d) Oversee, on behalf of the Parties, the development and execution of the budget of the Secretariat as derived from the Trust fund and other sources and also all aspects of fund-raising undertaken by the Secretariat in order to carry out specific functions authorized by the Conference of the Parties, and oversee expenditures of such fund-raising activities;

(e) Represent the Conference of the Parties, vis-à-vis the Government of the host country of the Secretariat's headquarters, the United Nations Environment Programme and other international organizations for consideration of matters relating to the Convention and its Secretariat;

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

(g) Make recommendations or draft resolutions, as appropriate, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

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 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;

(d) Parties not members of the Committee shall be entitled to be represented at meetings of the Committee by an observer who shall have the right to participate but not to vote;

(e) The Chairman may invite any person or representative of any other country or organization to participate in meetings of the Committee as an observer without the right to vote;

(f) The Secretariat shall inform all Parties of the date and venue of Standing Committee meetings;

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

(h) The Secretary for the Committee shall be provided by the Secretariat of the Convention;

3. Requests the Secretariat to make provision in budgets for the payment, upon request, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of nominated representatives from the group of the developing countries and from the next host Party. Within the policy agreed by the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat;

(a) Shall make provisions for payment of travel costs for any representatives from the group of the developing 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;

4. Decides that the resolution 1.1 is repealed.

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