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## DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SYNERGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

*(Submitted by Switzerland)*

1. **Introductory Note:** Resolutions 7.9, 8.11, 9.6 and 10.21 currently address synergies, partnerships and cooperation with other bodies. This draft resolution consolidates those resolutions and adds new elements.
2. The version of the draft Resolution formatted as a table shows the text of the draft resolution as well as an explanation of the source of the provisions, and, in some circumstances, the reasons for deleting or revisions the provision. The second version of the draft Resolution shows the text for the Conference of the Parties to consider for adoption.
3. Please also note that the Resolutions inconsistently refer to Secretariat and Executive Secretary. All references have been changed to the Secretariat for consistency.
4. In addition, to make this document more readable, provisions that are clearly out of date have not been included. For example, Resolution 7.9, paragraph 9, calls on Parties and other CMS institutions to take a variety of actions concerning the preparation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, which has been completed.

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<p><u>Recalling</u> Resolution 7.9 on “Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes”, Resolution 8.11 on “Cooperation with other Conventions”, Resolution 9.6 on “Cooperation with Other Bodies” and Resolution 10.21 on “Synergies and Partnerships”, as well as Resolution 10.25 on “Enhancing Engagement with the Global Environment Facility”;</p>	<p>New paragraph.</p>
<p><i>Acknowledging</i> the importance of cooperation and synergies with other bodies, including multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector;</p>	<p>From Resolution 9.6, first paragraph of the preamble.</p>
<p><i>Recognizing</i> the instrumental role of partner organizations in the development and implementation of CMS and its related initiatives and outreach campaigns, including the negotiation of the Convention itself;</p>	<p>From Resolution 9.6, second paragraph of the preamble.</p>
<p><i>Appreciating</i> the value of such partnerships in reaching a wider audience and raising public awareness of the Convention and the importance of conserving migratory species on a global scale;</p>	<p>From Resolution 9.6, third paragraph of the preamble</p>
<p><i>Noting with appreciation</i> all the individuals and organizations that contributed to the achievements of the Year of the Turtle (2006), Year of the Dolphin (2007/8), Year of the Gorilla (2009) and Year of the Bat (2011/12);</p>	<p>Modified based on Resolution 9.6, paragraph 17, and Resolution 10.21, fifteenth paragraph of the preamble. A sentence noting the Secretariat’s participation in the Year of Biodiversity 2010 has been deleted as it is out of date.</p>
<p><i>Expressing</i> its gratitude to the many partner organizations that have assisted in promoting CMS and its mandate, for example, by facilitating the negotiation and implementation of species agreements under the Convention;</p>	<p>From Resolution 9.6, first paragraph, and Resolution 10.21, thirteenth paragraph of the preamble.</p>
<p><i>Welcoming</i> the report on Synergies and Partnerships (UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.21.1), prepared by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat and the progress made in enhancing cooperation, coordination and synergies as well as partnerships with biodiversity-related Conventions and other relevant institutions</p>	<p>New paragraph.</p>
<p><i>Noting with appreciation</i> the support received from UNEP through the appointment of regional focal points for MEAs for biodiversity and ecosystems responsible for liaising with and promoting MEAs and their implantation in the UNEP regions and <i>acknowledging</i> their cooperation with the Secretariat;</p>	<p>From Resolution 10.21, the sixteenth paragraph of the preamble.</p>
<p><u>Welcoming</u> the decisions taken by the Convention on <u>Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions;</u></p>	<p>New paragraph.</p>

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<p><i>Welcoming</i> the continuing and important cooperation among the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions including through Memoranda of Understanding between the CMS Secretariat and the Secretariats of the International Whaling Commission, UNESCO, the Ramsar Convention, the Bern Convention and CITES;</p>	<p>By adding this text, everything from Resolution 7.9 is either included in this new resolution or the task has been accomplished. Thus, Resolution 7.9 can be repealed.</p> <p>The original language welcoming these MOUs is included in an operative paragraph of Resolution 7.9. Other MOUs are welcomed in the operative paragraphs of Resolution 10.21 (paragraphs 2 and 3).</p>
<p><i>Further welcoming</i> the Memoranda of Understanding with the Migratory Wildlife Network and the IUCN Environmental Law Centre;</p>	<p>From Resolution 10.21, paragraphs 2 and 3.</p>
<p><i>Aware</i> of the ongoing discussions with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) concerning the formalization of a Memorandum of Cooperation, and <i>appreciating</i> the important efforts made by CMS to enhance relationships with organizations that have different mandates or goals, such as FAO, which provide multidisciplinary solutions aimed at currently achieving food security, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and ecosystem health;</p>	<p>From Resolution 10.21, the twelfth paragraph of the preamble</p>
<p><u><i>Further welcoming</i> the decision by CBD to invite the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to provide elements of advice, concerning the funding of national priorities in support of the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions, that are aligned with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and to include the advice, as appropriate, when providing guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF);</u></p>	<p>New paragraph.</p>
<p><u><i>Recognizing</i> the importance of continuing cooperation among secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions through the Biodiversity Liaison Group to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 in order to reach the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Decision X/2 of CBD);</u></p>	<p>New paragraph.</p>
<p><u><i>Further recognizing</i> the outcome of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, <i>The Future We Want</i>, which recognizes the significant contributions to sustainable development made by the MEAs and encouraging the Parties to MEAs to consider further measures to promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication, and enhance cooperation and coordination amongst MEAs; and</u></p>	<p>This paragraph is taken <i>verbatim</i> from CITES Resolution 16.4. It seems relevant because <i>The Future We Want</i> is the most recent articulation by the international community of biodiversity goals.</p>

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<u>Convinced of the significant potential of increasing cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions to enhance coherent national level implementation of each of the conventions;</u>	This paragraph, also taken from CITES Resolution 16.4, acknowledges that more can be done, and thus provides the basis for this resolution.
<i>The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i>	
1. <u>Stresses the importance of supporting the objectives of biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements to improve national collaboration, communication and coordination with relevant organizations and processes;</u>	New paragraph.
2. <i>Requests</i> the Secretariat to continue developing effective and practical cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including other biodiversity instruments and international organizations;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 1.
3. <i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat to identify potential strategic partners and engage with them when developing campaigns and other outreach activities and <i>encourages</i> all relevant stakeholders to contribute to these initiatives;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 12.
4. <i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat to facilitate non-formalized collaborations with partners such as the FAO, that can help to extend the multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary scope of approaches to collaboration;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 8.
5. <del><i>Instructs</i></del> <i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat to pursue strengthened partnerships with the private sector in accordance with the CMS Code of Conduct;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 10. Wording brought in line with similar paragraphs.
<del><i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat to continue to streamline activities within the CMS Family Secretariats, whenever feasible and relevant and within the mandates given by their Parties/Signatories, in order to enhance the effective delivery of conservation action and awareness raising;</del>	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 6.  Proposed for deletion because it does not relate to “synergies” or “cooperation”. It should be covered by the Secretariat’s document on efficiency within the CMS, UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.16.2.
6. <i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat, its daughter Agreements within the mandates given by their Parties/Signatories and the Scientific Council to enhance their engagement with expert committees and processes initiated by partners, as appropriate;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 7.
<del><i>Recognises</i> that preferred instruments for such cooperation are renewable joint work plans with agreed and attainable targets included in clear timetable, drawn up by CMS and partner bodies and the necessity to report on progress and to assess effectiveness of results regularly, and</del>	From Resolution 9.6, paragraph 5. This paragraph is proposed for deletion as redundant, in light of the next paragraph.
7. <u><i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat to prepare proposals, including through joint work plans, to further strengthen cooperation, coordination and synergies with other biodiversity-related conventions for the consideration by the next Conference of the Parties;</u>	New paragraph, incorporating elements of Resolution 10.21, paragraph 5.

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<del>Requests the Secretariat to formalize such cooperation with renewable joint work plans with targets and clear timetables and closely aligned with the CMS Strategic Plan, to report on progress in a joint or consolidated manner and to assess effectiveness of results regularly;</del>	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 5. This paragraph is redundant in light of new paragraph 8 above.
<del>Requests the CMS Secretariat and partners to develop additional processes to streamline and coordinate their relationship, such as:</del>	From Resolution 9.6, paragraph 13. This paragraph may be redundant in light of new paragraph 8 above.
<del>(i) — Agreed work programmes between CMS and partner organisations that align closely with the CMS Strategic Plan and that are regularly reviewed; and</del>	
<del>(ii) Joint or consolidated reporting of partner contributions (monetary, in-kind and professional) to CMS for formal submission into CMS processes;</del>	
8. <u>Further requests the Secretariat to take action to strengthen implementation of CMS through the processes on the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including through cooperation with the UNEP Regional Offices;</u>	New paragraph.
9. <u>Further requests the Secretariat and invites the Secretariats of other conventions to continue liaising with the UNEP regional MEA focal points for biodiversity and ecosystems and make best use of their role in assisting the implementation of the biodiversity-related MEAs;</u>	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 13.
10. <u>Requests the Secretariat and invites the Secretariats of CBD and of other relevant MEAs to consider and advise on ways and means of more coherently addressing the conservation and sustainable use of animal species in CBD processes, including in relation to the implementation by biodiversity-related conventions of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets adopted by CBD COP10 (Decision X/2); and further requests the Secretariat to report on progress to the Scientific Council and COP12;</u>	Modified and brought up to date from Resolution 10.21, paragraph 14. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity has become globally adopted.
11. <u>Further requests the Secretariat to enhance cooperation through the Biodiversity Liaison Group and the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership to improve a global set of biodiversity indicators;</u>	New paragraph.
12. <u>Takes note of the Outcome Document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and requests the Secretariat to continue to engage with the process on the establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals in cooperation with the Biodiversity Liaison Group;</u>	New paragraph.
13. <u>Invites the members of the Biodiversity Liaison Group to increase cooperation, coordination and synergies on their respective developments of online reporting systems as a means to increase synergies on national reporting under the biodiversity-related conventions;</u>	New paragraph.

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14. <u>Further invites the members of the Biodiversity Liaison Group to consider ways and means to increase cooperation on their outreach and communication strategies;</u>	New paragraph.
15. <u>Further invites the Biodiversity Liaison Group to take into due consideration the need to optimize monitoring efforts and improve effectiveness through the use of coherent monitoring frameworks and indicator systems;</u>	New paragraph.
16. <i>Requests</i> the Secretariat as far as possible to avoid duplication of work on the same issues among MEAs dedicated to nature protection issues, and <i>invites</i> the Biodiversity Liaison Group to address at its future meetings options for enhanced cooperation with regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, bushmeat and invasive alien species, including through exploring the possibility of identifying lead MEAs in a manner consistent with their mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes.	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 18.  For consistency, the original term, “Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions” has been changed to “Biodiversity Liaison Group.”
<del>Requests the Secretariat, daughter agreements and the Scientific Council to enhance engagement with IUCN expert committees, CITES processes and committees, including the IUCN Species Survival Commission, the CITES Secretariat, CITES Animals Committee, and CITES meetings of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate;</del>	From Resolution 9.6, paragraph 12. It is redundant in light of paragraph 10, above.
17. <u>Further requests the Secretariat to prepare elements of advice concerning the funding of national priorities in accordance with the mandate of the Global Environment Facility, to report to the Standing Committee and to transmit this advice in a timely manner to the CBD Executive Secretary.</u>	New paragraph.
18. <i>Further requests</i> the Secretariat to continue to report to the Standing Committee on progress made including on results of joint activities as discussed and agreed in the Biodiversity Liaison Group;	Based on Paragraph 6 of Resolution 9.6 and Paragraph 11 of Resolution 10.21. Wording brought in line with similar paragraphs.
19. <i>Recognizes</i> that adequate resources are required to allow partnerships to be developed, and such resources could be provided in part through voluntary contributions from Parties and <i>requests</i> Parties to ensure that adequate resources are provided to the Secretariat to allow partnerships to be developed and strengthened;	Merged from Resolution 9.6, paragraph 18, and Resolution 10.21, paragraph 17
20. <i>Urges</i> Parties to establish close collaboration at the national level between the CMS focal point and the focal points of other relevant conventions in order for Governments to develop coherent and synergistic approaches across the conventions and increase effectiveness of national efforts, for example by developing national biodiversity working groups to coordinate the work of focal points of relevant MEAs and other stakeholders <i>inter alia</i> through relevant measures in NBSAPs, harmonized national reporting and adoption of coherent national positions in respect of each MEA;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 15.  This following part of paragraph 15 has been deleted as out of date:  and <i>encourages</i> CMS National Focal Points to participate actively in the national preparations for the

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	discussions during the 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the CBD (May 2012) to determine the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions;
21. <i>Urges</i> Parties to facilitate cooperation among international organizations, and to promote the integration of biodiversity concerns related to migratory species into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among the various conventions and other international fora in which they are involved;	From Resolution 8.11, paragraph 1, and Resolution 10.21, paragraph 16.
22. <i>Encourages</i> Parties and other governments and organizations to make use of the web-based tools, such as InforMEA and <del>TEMATEA</del> , when developing and implementing mutually supportive activities among CMS Agreements and biodiversity-related conventions so as to improve coherence in their implementation;	From Resolution 9.6, paragraph 3. Slightly changed to make the formulation more open and current.
23. <i>Urges</i> partner organizations to continue to promote and publicize the benefits to them, to CMS and to conservation arising from effective collaboration;	From Resolution 10.21, paragraph 9.
24. <u><i>Repeals</i> Resolution 7.9, Resolution 8.11, Resolution 9.6, and Resolution 10.21.</u>	New paragraph.

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*Acknowledging* the importance of cooperation and synergies with other bodies, including multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector;

*Recognizing* the instrumental role of partner organizations in the development and implementation of CMS and its related initiatives and outreach campaigns, including the negotiation of the Convention itself;

*Appreciating* the value of such partnerships in reaching a wider audience and raising public awareness of the Convention and the importance of conserving migratory species on a global scale;

*Noting with appreciation* all the individuals and organizations that contributed to the achievements of the Year of the Turtle (2006), Year of the Dolphin (2007/8), Year of the Gorilla (2009) and Year of the Bat (2011/12);

*Expressing* its gratitude to the many partner organizations that have assisted in promoting CMS and its mandate, for example, by facilitating the negotiation and implementation of species agreements under the Convention;

*Welcoming* the report on Synergies and Partnerships (UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.21.1), prepared by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat, and the progress made in enhancing cooperation, coordination, synergies as well as partnerships with biodiversity-related Conventions and other relevant institutions;

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*Convinced* of the significant potential of increasing cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions to enhance coherent national level implementation of each of the conventions;

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1. *Stresses* the importance of supporting the objectives of biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements to improve national collaboration, communication and coordination with relevant organizations and processes;
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24. *Repeals* Resolution 7.9, Resolution 8.11, Resolution 9.6, and Resolution 10.21.