



1st Meeting of the Working Group on the Development of a Review Process under the Convention on Migratory Species

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Scenarios/Options Consultant's Paper on options and scope for potential CMS Review Process

CMS Secretariat

Option 1: CITES-Like

- **Step 1:** A Party or the Secretariat initiates a review if concerns are raised based on information included in national reports, national laws, or other sources.
- **Step 2:** The Secretariat communicates with the relevant Party to resolve the issue.
- **Step 3:** If the Secretariat is unable to resolve the matter with the relevant Party, the Secretariat puts the matter on the agenda of the next Standing Committee meeting and submits to the Standing Committee any relevant information for discussion.
- **Step 4:** The Standing Committee determines what actions, if any, should be taken.
- **Step 5:** The non-complying Party undertakes the actions specified by the Standing Committee.
- **Step 6:** The non-complying Party reports to the Standing Committee, either in person or in writing, on its progress in implementing those actions.
- **Step 7:** The non-complying Party continues to report to the Standing Committee until the Standing Committee is satisfied that the issue has been resolved.

Option 2: AEWA-Like

- **Step 1:** A Party or the Secretariat initiates a review if concerns are raised based on information included in national reports, national laws, or other sources.
- **Step 2:** The Secretariat submits the concerns, along with any relevant information, to the Standing Committee for consideration at the Standing Committee's next meeting.
- **Step 3:** The Standing Committee determines what action, if any, should be taken.
- **Step 4:** The non-complying Party undertakes the actions specified by the Standing Committee.
- **Step 5:** The non-complying Party reports to the Standing Committee, either in person or in writing, on its progress in implementing those actions.
- **Step 6:** The non-complying Party continues to report to the Standing Committee until the Standing Committee is satisfied that the issue has been resolved.

Option 3: National Report

- **Step 1:** The Secretariat reviews national reports and synthesizes the major themes relating to compliance or Party-specific compliance issues (or both). This review would be submitted to the Parties at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- **Step 2:** At a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Parties meeting as the Committee of the Whole or a sub-set of Parties meeting as a working group would review the issues identified by the Secretariat and present recommendations to the Parties meeting either as the Committee of the Whole or in plenary. The recommendations would direct the Secretariat or perhaps a working group to undertake specific activities relating to a relevant compliance issue. The recommendations could direct the Secretariat to investigate the compliance issue further, provide specific services to the non-complying Party, or other action deemed appropriate.
- **Step 3:** The Secretariat, working group, or non-complying Party would report on its progress toward implementing the recommendations to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.
- **Step 4:** The Standing Committee would provide further guidance to the Secretariat or working group, if appropriate. The process could end at this step if the Standing committee believes the issue has been addressed. If not, then the process would continue to the next meeting of the Standing Committee or the meeting of the Conference of the Parties—until the Standing Committee or Conference of the Parties is satisfied that the issue has been addressed.

Option 4: Customized Approach

- The Parties to the Convention could also establish a customized review process, as some MEAs have done. If they did so, they would need to determine
 - the size of the committee;
 - who could be on the committee;
 - how frequently it would meet;
 - when it would meet; and
 - whether it, the Standing Committee or Conference of the Parties, has authority to direct non-complying Parties to implement recommendations of the committee.

Option 5: Zero Option

- Status Quo no option





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