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**Proceedings of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Part I**

**REPORT OF THE 35TH MEETING
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CONVENTION ON THE
CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS
*Rome, Italy, 5 December 2008***

Agenda Item 1: Introductory remarks

1. Mr. Robert Hepworth took the chair and welcomed the members to the meeting. He introduced the provisional agenda and announced that the Terms of Reference of the Budget Working group empowered it to elect its own Chair, so it would not be necessary for the Standing Committee to do so.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the newly composed Standing Committee

2. Mr. Hepworth introduced the draft Rules of Procedure CMS/StC/35/4. These contained changes to reflect the new composition of the Standing Committee and to allow for the establishment of sub-committees.

3. The Philippines sought clarification of the meaning of “postal” in Rule 28. The Executive Secretary confirmed that this was understood to include e-mail but agreed that the wording might need to be clarified in the next review of the Rules of Procedure.

Agenda Item 3: Election of officials to fill the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee and officers of the Budget Sub-Committee during the triennium 2009-2011

4. Tunisia, seconded by Pakistan and Senegal nominated Saudi Arabia, which was duly elected to the Chair. The representative of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Mohamed Saud Sulayem, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

5. The new Chair invited nominations for the post of Vice-Chair. Chile, seconded by Germany, Monaco and Senegal, nominated Ghana which was duly elected

Agenda Item 4: Next Committee Meeting

6. It was usual for the Standing Committee to meet in Bonn at the Secretariat headquarters intersessionally. The budget had provision for two such meetings.

7. Taking into account the dates of Ramadan and the ASCOBANS MOP, the first week of October 2009 seemed the best time for the 36th Meeting. The Secretariat would consult on firm dates and confirm. The Budget Sub-Committee meeting would be arranged for the day before.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

Rule of Alternate Members

8. Norway sought an explanation of the role of Alternate Members of the committee. Alternates were entitled to attend the meetings as observers, like any other Party, but could only vote (or receive travel support where eligible) if the full member for their region was absent.

Chair of the Intersessional Working Group on Future Shape

9. Germany pointed out that the COP had not appointed a Chair to the Intersessional Working Group on Future Shape, so it fell to the Standing Committee to do so. The options were to appoint the Chair at the present meeting or adopt a postal procedure. Switzerland was elected to Chair the Intersessional Working Group after being nominated by Germany and seconded by Monaco. Australia was elected Vice-Chair by the Philippines seconded by Monaco and Senegal.

Budget Sub-Committee

10. There was a discussion to determine whether Parties which were not members of the Standing Committee were eligible to serve on the Sub-Committee. The Rules of Procedure were not absolutely clear, but several members stated that it was the intention of the Working Group to draft the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee to allow as wide a membership as possible. It was agreed to accept nominations from each region irrespective of whether the nominee was a Standing Committee member or not. The Meeting also noted that there was only provision in the budget to pay travel costs to Members of the Standing Committee.

11. Regional nominations for membership of the Sub-Committee were: Tunisia (Africa), Chile (South and Central America and the Caribbean) and Iran (Asia). The nominations of Europe and Oceania would be notified to the Secretariat in due course.

Agenda Item 6: Closure of the Meeting

12. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting after the customary expressions of thanks to the hosts, organisers and participants.

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AGENDA TO StC35 MEETING

1. Introductory remarks
2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the newly composed Standing Committee
3. Election of officials to fill the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee and officers of the Budget Sub-Committee during the triennium 2009-2011
4. Next Committee Meeting
5. Any other business
6. Closure of the meeting

ANNEX 2 to StC35 Report

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