



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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MEETING TO CONCLUDE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS OF PREY UNDER THE CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 20-22 October 2008
Agenda Item 5.0

MEETING OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

1. The Abu Dhabi meeting to be held from 20-22 October 2008 aims to conclude the texts of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the Action Plan (AP) developed at the previous meeting in Loch Lomond, Scotland, in October 2007. Range States will be invited to sign the final texts agreed upon (comments considered in UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/5). For this purpose, a signing ceremony is scheduled to take place on the last day of the meeting.
2. In order to achieve the overarching goal mentioned above, the Meeting's objective is also to clarify the outstanding financial implications of the MoU, as well as the organisational issues pertaining to the structure and functioning of the coordination unit.
3. The financial questions will be addressed by discussing the report prepared by the Intersession Working Group in Administrative and Financial Matters dated 2 October 2008 and available under the meeting document UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/8. The Meeting's expected outcome is to reach a conclusion of these issues and adopt the report of the aforementioned working group.
4. Country delegates, experts and representatives of international governmental and non-governmental organisations will also meet with a view of gaining a deeper insight and understanding of the birds of prey conservation strategies in place in some countries. Lesson learned will be exchanged during the meeting and delegates may wish to make brief statements on their in-country strategies for conservation of birds of prey, time permitting.
5. Finally, the meeting will encourage concerned international governmental and non governmental organisations to support the MoU, through its signature, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 26.

Action requested:

The Meeting is requested to:

- a. Facilitate the achievement of the objectives mentioned above;
- b. Especially consider any offer of location and/or funding of the future coordination unit in order to ensure prompt implementation of the instruments agreed upon; and
- c. Invite range states and concerned international governmental and non-governmental organizations to assure the implementation of the agreed Action Plan either financially or through in-kind contributions as necessary.