



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RESOLUTION 7.11*

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Seventh Meeting (Bonn, 18-24 September 2002)

Recalling Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention which states:

"The Conference of the Parties shall establish and keep under review the financial regulations of this Convention. The Conference of the Parties shall, at each of its ordinary meetings, adopt the budget for the next financial period. Each Party shall contribute to this budget according to a scale to be agreed upon by the Conference";

Acknowledging with appreciation the financial and other support provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Parties to the Convention, with special thanks to the Depository Government for its annual voluntary contribution of EUR 50,000 in support of special measures and projects aimed at improving implementation of the Convention, and other support offered to the organs of the Convention;

Noting the very serious economic difficulties being experienced in some Parties which have been brought to the attention of the Standing Committee and the need to allow flexibility in applying the United Nations scale of contributions to the countries affected;

Recognising the need to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat of the Convention to enable it to better serve the Parties in all regions;

Appreciating the importance of all Parties being able to participate in the implementation of the Convention and related activities; and

Noting the considerable number of Parties as well as organizations attending the meeting of the Conference of the Parties as observers, and the resulting additional expenditure to Parties so incurred;

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

1. *Confirms* that all Parties shall contribute to the budget adopted at the scale agreed upon by the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention;
2. *Adopts* the budget for 2003-2005 attached as Annex 1 to this resolution;
3. *Agrees* to the scale of contributions of Parties to the Convention as listed in Annex 2 to this resolution and to the application of that scale *pro rata* to new Parties;

* The original draft of this resolution, considered by the Conference of the Parties, was numbered 7.7.

4. *Requests* all Parties to pay their contributions promptly as far as possible but in any case not later than the end of June in the year to which they relate and, if they so wish, to inform the Secretariat whether they would prefer to receive a single invoice covering the whole triennium;
5. *Takes note* of the medium-term plan for 2003-2008 attached as Annex 3 to this resolution and of the priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan (Resolution 6.4, Cape Town, 1999);
6. *Instructs* the Standing Committee to scrutinise the status of the Trust Fund with particular care inter-sessionally in view of the exceptional withdrawals envisaged to cover the costs of the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of Parties and, assisted by the Scientific Council, to prioritise project proposals to be funded from the Trust Fund for the period 2003-2005;
7. *Invites* Parties to consider the feasibility of providing technical experts to the Secretariat to increase its technical capacity in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations and to agree on providing modest funding within the approved CMS budget to cover the difference in cost and applicable UNEP overhead charges for such staff;
8. *Urges* all Parties to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries to participate in and implement the Convention throughout the triennium;
9. *Invites* States not Parties to the Convention, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources to consider contributing to the Trust Fund referred to below or to special activities;
10. *Takes note* of document UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.13.1 and expresses its concern over the outstanding unpaid pledges to the CMS Trust Fund and *urges* the Governments concerned to pay their contributions in a timely manner;
11. *Approves* the establishment or upgrading of the following posts, subject to the classification of the posts by the United Nations:
 - P4: Inter-Agency Liaison Officer (from 2004)
 - G4: Registry Assistant
 - G5: Administrative Assistant (from G4);
12. *Instructs* the Secretariat to pursue with UNEP the outstanding issues of a G6 Finance Assistant being paid for from UNEP programme support costs, with reference to Resolution 6.8, paragraph 10 (Cape Town, 1999), and to report back to the Standing Committee at its 26th meeting;
13. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNEP to extend the duration of the Trust Fund to 31 December 2005; and
14. *Approves* the terms of reference for the administration of the Trust Fund as set out in Annex 4 to the present resolution, for the period 2003-2005.

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