THIRD MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MIGRATORY SHARKS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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MIGRATORY SHARKS:

EXCERPT FROM CMS COP RESOLUTION 9.2 (PRIORITIES FOR CMS AGREEMENTS)

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4. Acknowledges the importance of maintaining the momentum in regard to instruments already under development, and in support of Target 2.5 of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011:

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B. FISH

(c) Sharks

- (i) Acknowledges the positive outcomes of the First Meeting to Identify and Elaborate an Option for International Cooperation on Migratory Sharks under the Convention on Migratory Species (Mahe, Seychelles, 11-13 December 2007), held as a response to Recommendation 8.16 and Resolution 8.5 adopted by the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi, 2005);
- (ii) Further acknowledges with thanks the work of the Intersessional Steering Group on Migratory Sharks in reviewing the outcome of the first meeting and providing guidance to the further development of the process;
- (iii) Welcomes the convening of the second negotiation meeting to be held at the FAO premises in Rome immediately after COP9 to consider alternative texts for binding and a non-legally binding Article IV instruments, prepared by the CMS Secretariat and the Intersessional Steering Group comprising Australia, Chile, Costa Rica, EC, New Zealand, Seychelles and USA;
- (iv) *Urges* Range States to ensure its definite conclusion and entry into effect as a key initiative to conserve sharks through a second meeting and further phases of the negotiation process to be held after the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;