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FIRST MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION
OF THE BUKHARA DEER (*Cervus elaphus bactrianus*)
20 November 2011, Bergen, Norway
Agenda Item 7.1

REVIEW OF THE ACTION PLAN

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. The Bukhara Deer Action Plan is the main tool for the implementation of conservation activities under the MOU. Paragraph 2 of the MOU stipulates that the Action Plan shall include activities to achieve three main objectives, namely to restore the range and numbers of Bukhara deer, to reduce mortality, and enhance transboundary and international cooperation.
2. National reports provide an opportunity for Signatories to report on the status of implementation of those objectives as well as on any other activities that have been completed for Bukhara deer conservation. The Overview Report, which was prepared by WWF Russia on behalf of the Secretariat (UNEP/CMS/BKD1/Doc.6), provides a comprehensive overview on the status of Bukhara deer and the implementation of the MOU and Action Plan in all range states.
3. As the overview and national reports indicate, many of the activities outlined in the Action Plan have been implemented, while others are still pending. Considering that the Action Plan was adopted nearly ten years ago and that there has been considerable progress on many activities, there is an urgent need to assess what has been achieved and what still needs to be done. It is necessary to review and assess its relevance and update activities according to the requirements of the species today.
4. In light of the short time available, this exercise cannot be undertaken during the meeting itself. The Secretariat therefore proposes that the Signatories decide on how the revision process should be organized. Furthermore, Signatories should decide on the format of the future Action Plan.

Action requested:

The Signatories are requested to:

- a. Decide on the necessity of updating the Action Plan and, if needed, on the preferred format of the future Action Plan.
- b. Provide recommendations on how to organize the updating and revision process.