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CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR LEOPARD (*Panthera Pardus*)

(Presented by Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya and Saudi Arabia)

Summary:

The proponents of the proposal to list the leopard (*Panthera pardus*) on Appendix II of CMS also propose the enclosed conservation measures to accompany the listing.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Recognizing that the global leopard population was classified as Vulnerable on the Red List of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 2016, while the subspecies of Amur Leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*), the Arabian Leopard (*P. p. nimr*), and the Javan Leopard (*P. p. melas*) have all been classified as Critically Endangered, and the subspecies of Sri Lankan Leopard (*P. p. kotiya*) and Persian Leopard (*P. p. saxicolor*) as Endangered,

Noting with concern a 30% decline in leopard populations across three generations in Sub-Saharan Africa and a 50% decline in West and East Africa, as assessed by IUCN in 2016,

Recognizing that the greatest threats to leopard constitute loss of habitat, prey depletion, human-leopard conflict and unsustainable trade,

Acknowledging that leopard has been listed on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora since 1975,

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

Strategic planning

1. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to develop a range-wide Leopard Conservation Strategy as a guiding document;

2. *Recommends* Range State Parties to develop Regional Conservation Strategies and related National Action Plans for all threatened transboundary leopard populations;

Survey and Monitoring

3. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to develop best practice standards for baseline surveys and monitoring for leopard conservation;

4. *Recommends* Range State Parties to undertake surveys in all transboundary populations potentially threatened but for which reliable information is not available;

5. *Recommends* Range State Parties to establish long-term monitoring schemes in all transboundary leopard populations;

Promote human coexistence with leopards through mitigating conflicts

6. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to develop a set of measures to guide Range State Parties in reducing and mitigating the common conflicts of local people with leopards;

Secure and enhance the ecological conditions for leopard conservation

7. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to design and *recommends* Range State Parties to implement:

a) a set of measures to supplement or restore prey populations where they are too low to maintain a healthy leopard population;

b) sustainable hunting practices; and

c) reliable monitoring of prey.

8. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to review control methods for crop-raiding herbivores (leopard prey) and recommends Range State Parties to implement non-lethal control measures to avoid crop raiding;

9. *Recommends* Range State Parties to Conserve or restore prime leopard and prey habitats through promoting sustainable management of forage, timber and other forest products;

10. *Recommends* Range State Parties to identify and protect or restore corridors to promote connectivity between leopard subpopulations;

Capacity building

11. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to develop training modules and material for:

a) monitoring of leopards and their prey;

b) habitat management;

c) protected area management;

d) law enforcement; and

e) conflict mitigation.

12. *Recommends* Range State Parties to develop and implement a regional and/or national education plan and secure the employment of adequate personnel across threatened transboundary leopard populations to allow effective implementation of all conservation measures;

Partnerships and range-wide assistance

13. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to set up a central repository for sharing information on leopard conservation;

14. *Directs* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external resources, to evaluate networking models and design and deliver an appropriate system for leopards;

15. *Directs* the Secretariat to assist Range State Parties of threatened transboundary leopard populations in securing the funds for the implementation of the above-mentioned conservation activities;

16. *Encourages* non-Parties to CMS sharing threatened transboundary leopard populations with Parties to join the Convention on Migratory Species;

17. *Encourages* Parties, donors, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to provide financial and technical resources for the implementation of this Resolution.