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ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

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Aware of the crucial role played by migratory species in the delivery of ecosystem services for human well-being, and the need for coordinated international responses to the trans-boundary pressures that threaten their survival,

Noting that the updated version of the CMS Strategic Plan for the period 2012-2014 (UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.22) identifies future financing of the Convention's programmes and the *need* to diversify sources of income as principal challenges for the next three years, and that resources available for CMS small grants have decreased significantly,

Conscious that these resourcing limitations have a proportionately greater constraining effect in developing countries, *while* at the same time such countries are host to some of the world's richest and most vulnerable biodiversity, including migratory species,

Recalling that the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in its Decisions VI/20 and X/20 has recognized the CMS as its lead partner in the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, that a Joint Work Programme has *been* agreed between the two Conventions, and that species-based conservation is an important element of the global Aichi Targets for biodiversity, including Target 12 which seeks the prevention by 2020 of the extinction of known threatened species and the improvement and sustaining of their conservation status,

Concerned that it has not been easy for the current structures, strategies, programmes, procedures and funding allocations of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to provide *support* for projects and programmes aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, both because of the strategic emphasis of decisions made within the Facility in general and because the Facility has so far not been designated as a financial mechanism for CMS,

Welcoming the decision by the 41st GEF Council to request the GEF Secretariat to organize a meeting of biodiversity-related conventions with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to facilitate the coordination of their priorities for inclusion in the GEF-6 programming strategy,

Having regard to the review of past and potential future engagement with the GEF provided to the COP by the Secretariat in document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.41,

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

1. *Encourages* CMS Focal Points to seek opportunities for enhancing dialogue at national and regional levels with the Focal Points of the CBD and the GEF, with a view to focusing attention on relevant prioritization and decision making processes for GEF funding at the national and regional level to the needs of migratory species and opportunities for their conservation and sustainable use;
2. *Further encourages* interested Parties to enhance collaboration with National Focal Points for the CBD and GEF to implement the options available under the existing GEF structure, as laid out in document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.41, and specifically to:
 - a) develop further habitat-based projects under existing GEF strategies;
 - b) develop further species-based projects under existing GEF strategies;
 - c) enhance collaboration at National Focal Point level;
 - d) integrate relevant objectives into support for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP)s;
3. *Further encourages* Parties to include priorities for the implementation of the CMS in their NBSAPs, in particular species-based projects and capacity-building activities, in order to benefit fully from the GEF funding available for biodiversity;
4. *Welcomes* the CBD COP12 Decision XII/30 on the Global Environment Facility to enhance programmatic synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions and in this context *requests* the Standing Committee to develop elements of advice for the Global Environment Facility concerning the funding of the national priorities for the CMS;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the elements of advice as developed by the Standing Committee in time to be considered at meetings of the CBD COP so that they may be referred to the Global Environment Facility through the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
6. *Invites* the Secretariat of the GEF to participate in follow-up to the present Resolution through discussions with the CMS Secretariat, and by other appropriate means, including exploration of all opportunities to enhance GEF support to countries for activities relevant to the implementation of CMS;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to engage with the GEF at all appropriate levels in pursuing the implementation of the present Resolution;
8. *Requests* UNEP to provide support and input as appropriate to the implementation of the present Resolution; and
9. *Instructs* the Secretariat to report on progress in implementing the present Resolution to meetings of the Standing Committee, and to submit proposals for further action to meetings of the Conference of Parties.