ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC4)

TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREAS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13

Recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The initiative was considered as very important and at the heart of CMS.
- Opportunities for South-South cooperation should be seized with South Africa in the implementation of the EU-funded project on TFCAs in Southern, Eastern and the Horn of Africa.
- The Secretariat should prepare an Information Document for COP13 summarizing the latest developments on the implementation of the project, including sites selected for support.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Page 4, Preambular paragraph:

Recalling Resolution 10.3 and Resolution 11.25 on the role of ecological networks in the conservation of migratory species highlighting the critical importance of <u>area-based</u> connectivity for conservation and management in the CMS context, inviting the exploration of the applicability of ecological networks to marine migratory species and recommending actions for advancing the design and implementation of ecological networks to address the needs of migratory species,

Page 4, Preambular paragraph:

- Further acknowledging that flyways constitute a specific type of migration corridor, that migratory birds depend on widely separated areas for their survival, and that measures designed to conserve these networks should focus on the breeding grounds, stop-over sites, non-breeding areas and feeding and nesting resting places,