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**Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological
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**EXTRACT FROM THE LIST OF DECISIONS AND ADOPTED
TEXTS ON THE
PROTECTION OF HABITATS,
AT THE 37TH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE BERN CONVENTION**

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4.6 Habitats

4.6.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

Relevant documents: T-PVS/PA (2017) 12 - Report of the 2nd meeting of the ad-hoc Restricted Group of Experts
T-PVS/PA (2017) 13 - Report of the 8th meeting of the GoEPAEN
T-PVS/Inf (2017) 11 - Legal analysis of the Emerald Network reporting requirements under the Bern Convention
T-PVS/PA (2017) 9 - Draft reporting format for the period 2013-2018
T-PVS/PA (2017) 11 – Subset of species from Resolution No. 6(1998) and habitats from Resolution No. 4 (1996) for the reporting under Resolution No. 8(2012) over the period 2013-2016
T-PVS/PA (2017) 15 - Updated list of officially nominated candidate Emerald sites
T-PVS/PA (2017) 16 - Updated list of officially adopted Emerald sites
T-PVS/PA (2017) 8 - The concept of the “ecological character” of sites in the Bern Convention/Emerald Network context, and options for addressing changes in ecological character

a. Report of the Ad Hoc Restricted Group of Experts on reporting on the Emerald Network

b. Report of the 8th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

The Standing Committee took note of the reports of the 2nd meeting of the Ad-Hoc Restricted Group on reporting on the Emerald Network and of the 8th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks and endorsed the reporting on the conservation status of species and habitats under the Resolution No. 8 (2012) over the period 2013 - 2018.

The Standing Committee welcomed the cooperation agreement with the European Environment Agency to provide financial support to activities related to the development of the Emerald Network in the Eastern Partnership until the end of 2018 within the framework of the ENI SEIS EAST II project funded by the European Union.

The Standing Committee took note of the launch of the Emerald Network Viewer and of the request of the Secretariat for financial support from Contracting Parties to develop it further.

The Standing Committee noted the intention of the Contracting Parties from South East Europe to deliver updated databases regarding their respective Emerald Network sites by 28 February 2019.

c. Draft Format on reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)

The Standing Committee took note with satisfaction of the finalisation of the reporting format under Resolution No. 8 (2012) and welcomed the alignment with the EU Articles 17 and 12 reporting tools, which will allow to assess the conservation status of species and habitats at Pan-European level. The Standing Committee adopted the Reporting format (appendix II) and endorsed the subset of species (appendix III) the first reporting exercise will focus on. The Standing Committee took also note that the reporting exercise will be launched beginning of 2019 and of the deadline set on 31 December 2019 for the delivery of the national reports.

d. Draft updated lists of candidate Emerald sites

The Standing Committee adopted the:

- Updated list of officially nominated candidate Emerald sites (appendix I)

e. Draft updated lists of Adopted Emerald sites

The Standing Committee welcomed the decision of Georgia and Norway to propose for official adoption part of their already nominated candidate Emerald sites and adopted the:

- Updated list of officially adopted Emerald sites (appendix II).

f. The concept of ecological character of sites in the context of the Emerald Network under the Bern Convention

The Standing Committee took note of the gap in guidance revealed in the report and mandated the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop appropriate guidance describing the ecological character of Emerald Network sites and to review the Bern Convention case files that relate to the change of ecological character of Emerald Network sites with a view to identify the successful responses and define good practices for detecting, reporting, assessing and responding to changes.

Appendix I : Updated list of officially nominated candidate Emerald Sites

Kindly consult document [T-PVS/PA \(2017\) 15](#) on the website of the meeting.

Appendix II : Updated list of officially adopted Emerald Sites

Kindly consult document [T-PVS/PA \(2017\) 16](#) on the website of the meeting.