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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

6th Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Conservation of Wild Birds

Wednesday, 21 June 2017 (9h30 – 17h40)

Victoria Hotel, Sliema, Malta

William Shakespeare Room

DRAFT AGENDA

*Secretariat Memorandum
prepared by the Directorate of Democratic Governance*

| TIME | AGENDA ITEM | RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS |
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| 9H30- 9H45 | <p>1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>By Mr Rastislav Rybanic, Director General, Division of Nature Protection and Landscape Development, Ministry of the Environment, Chair of the Group</p> <p>Welcome address by Mr Sergei Golovkin, Chair of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points for IKB, on behalf of the Maltese authorities</p> | <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed of the objectives of the meeting and the agenda is adopted |
| 9H45- 9H55 | <p>2. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FRAME OF THE BERN CONVENTION SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS</p> <p>Presentation by Iva Obretenova, Secretary of the Bern Convention</p> | <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed about achievements since the last meeting of the Group |
| 9H55-10H55 | <p>3. UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS IN OTHER FORA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Goose Management Platform, Mrs Nina Mikander, AEWA • Update on CMS Avian Projects, Mrs Carmen Naves, CMS • European Union, Mr Ludovic Le Maresquier, DG Environment, European Commission | <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are updated on progress achieved in eradicating IKB phenomena by other Organisations, Initiatives and Agreements |
| 10H55-11H10 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11H10-11H40 | <p>3. UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS IN OTHER FORA (CONT.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent BirdLife actions on protection of migratory birds, Mr Willem Van den Bossche, Birdlife International • Update on EURONATUR projects, Mr Stefan Ferger, EURONATUR • Updates on FACE activities, Mr David Scallan, FACE | <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are updated on progress achieved in eradicating IKB phenomena by other Organisations, Initiatives and Agreements |
| 11H40-12H30 | <p>4. SPECIES ACTION PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species Action and Management Plans' format, Ms Nina Mikander, AEWA • European Union contribution to Species Action Plans' development and implementation in Europe, Mr Ludovic Le Maresquier, DG Environment, European Commission | <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed on the recent work by AEWA and the EU on the development of SAPs and their implementation |
| 12H30-14H00 | LUNCH BREAK | |

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| 14H00-15H00 | <p>4. SPECIES ACTION PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION (CONT.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in the implementation of the LIFE EuroSAP project, Mr Willem Van den Bossche, Birdlife International • Discussion on challenges in the implementation of Species Action Plans, possible gaps and cooperation needs between Conventions/Agreements/European Union and other actors | <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation gaps and possible future collaborations are identified |
| 15H00-15H40 | <p>5. FOLLOW-UP OF BERN CONVENTION COMPLAINTS CONCERNING BIRD CONSERVATION IN EUROPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints on stand-by 2014/3: Presumed deliberate killing of birds in Serbia and 2016/3: Alleged deliberate killing of birds of prey in Serbia • Pannon Eagle LIFE project and its planned activities in Serbia, Mr András Schmidt, Ministry of Agriculture, Department for Nature Conservation | <p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latest Government Report: T-PVS/Files (2017) 8 + Annex - Latest Complainant Report: T-PVS/Files (2017) 4 <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The opinion of the Group of Experts on the avenues for dealing with the case-files is agreed on - The Bureau to the Convention is advised on way to move forward the case-files |
| 15H40-16H10 | <p>5. FOLLOW-UP OF BERN CONVENTION COMPLAINTS CONCERNING BIRD CONSERVATION IN EUROPE (CONT.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint on stand-by 2014/6: Wind Energy Izmir (Turkey) | <p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latest Government Reports: T-PVS/Files (2016) 24 and T-PVS/Files (2017) 5 - Latest Complainant Report: T-PVS(2016)15 <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The opinion of the Group of Experts on the avenues for dealing with the case-files is agreed on - The Bureau to the Convention is advised on way to move forward the case-files |
| 16H10-16H20 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 16H20-17H20 | <p>6. MANDATE OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS AND NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the added value of the Bern Convention action on the issue of birds' conservation • Preparation of a new mandate of the Group and possible future activities | <p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background note on the mandate of the GoE and past achievements <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The added value of the Bern convention on birds' conservation is identified - The main features of a draft new |

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| | | mandate for the GoE are agreed on - The date of the next meeting of the GoE is decided |
| 17H20-17H25 | 7. ELECTIONS OF A NEW CHAIR OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS | Expected results: - The new Chair of the GoE is elected |
| 17H25-17H30 | 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS | NA |
| 17H30 | 9. CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING | Expected results: - Main messages for the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention are agreed on |
| 17H40 | 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING | |