



Convention on the Conservation  
of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Standing Committee

**Resolution No. 3 (1996) concerning the setting up of a pan-European Ecological Network**

*(Adopted by the Standing Committee on 26 January 1996)*

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention,

Desirous to pursue the implementation of its Recommendation No. 16 (1989) on Areas of Special Conservation Interest,

Desirous also to contribute as a first step to the implementation of the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, in particular to Theme 1 of the Strategy "establishing the Pan-European Ecological Network", as endorsed at the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Sofia, Bulgaria, October 1995),

RESOLVES to:

1. Set up a Network (EMERALD Network) which would include the Areas of Special Conservation Interest designated following its Recommendation No. 16;
2. Create a group of experts to carry out the necessary activities related to the building up of the Network;
3. Encourage Contracting Parties and observer States to designate Areas of Special Conservation Interest and to notify them to the Secretariat;
4. Invite European States which are observer states in the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention, to participate in the Network and designate Areas of Special Conservation Interest.