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T-PVS/Agenda(2020)3

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee
Bureau meeting

7 - 8 April 2020

(Virtual meeting, opening: 9:00 am on 7 April)

AGENDA

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE LINKS BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (27 FEBRUARY 2020)**
[Final declaration]
- 3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
[Report of the GR-C meeting of 21 January 2020]
 - 3.1 Inter-sessional working group on financing: membership, working methods and draft working documents**
[T-PVS/Inf(2020)1 – Mandate of the Inter-sessional working group on finances]
[T-PVS/Inf(2020)3 – Proposal of financing the implementation of the work programme]
 - 3.2 State of play of the voluntary contributions received in 2020**
[Follow up table of the voluntary contributions received]
 - 3.3 Report on the use of the resources from the Special Account of the Bern Convention**
- 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2020**
[T-PVS/Inf(2019)20 – Calendar of 2020 meetings]
[T-PVS(2019)18 – Programme of Activities and budget for 2020]
 - 4.1 Expert meeting on the implementation of the Action Plan for the eradication of the Ruddy Duck in Europe**
[T-PVS/Agenda(2020)2 – Agenda]
[T-PVS(2020)2 – Meeting report]
 - 4.2 European Diploma for Protected Areas: results of the meeting of the Group of Specialists and planning of the appraisal visits in 2020**
[T-PVS/DE(2020)12 – Draft Resolutions on the Renewal of the European Diploma]
[T-PVS/DE(2020)18 – Report of the 2020 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma]
[T-PVS/DE(2020)16 – Vision: A prestigious community: holders of the European Diploma for Protected Areas]

4.3 Illegal killing of birds: state of preparation of the joint Bern SFPs Network/CMS MIKT meeting

4.4 Invasive Alien Species: work plan for 2020

4.5 Setting-up of the Emerald Network: state of play and activities planned for 2020

4.6 Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on conservation status of species and habitats: state of play of the assessment of the reports submitted

[T-PVS/PA(2020)01 – Draft summary of reporting under resolution no. 8 (2012)- first observations]

4.7 Climate Change and Biodiversity: plans for 2020

4.8 Review of the European Plant Conservation Strategy: coordination with Planta Europa

5. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION

5.1 Biennial reporting request and submissions

5.2 ORS and EU Member States obligations

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: CASE-FILES

[T-PVS/Notes(2020)1 – Summary of open and possible case files]

[T-PVS/Notes(2020)2 – Summary of other complaints]

[T-PVS/Notes(2020)3 – Summary of complaints on stand-by]

[T-PVS/Inf(2020)2 – Register of Bern Convention's case-files]

6.1 Requests for clarification

The wolf policy in Norway: request for clarification on the exception *other overriding interests* in Article 9(1) indent 3 of the Bern Convention

Letters from NOAH

[22 May 2019](#) / [22 October 2019](#)

6.2 On-the-spot appraisal visits

6.2 a Visit to North Macedonia within the framework of the:

- Open case-file
 - 2013/1: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park
- Complaints on stand-by
 - 2015/2: North Macedonia: Possible impact of wind-farm developments on bats
 - 2017/2: North Macedonia: Alleged negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments

[T-PVS/Files(2020)18 - Draft Terms of Reference]

6.2 b Visit to Bulgaria within the framework of the possible file 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge

[T-PVS/Files(2020)1 - Draft Terms of Reference]

6.2 c Visit to Ukraine within the framework of the complaint on stand-by 2018/1: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Polonina Borzhava” (UA0000263) from wind energy development

6.3 Open files

- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
[T-PVS/Files(2020)6 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX - Complainant Report]
- 2012/9: Turkey: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs
[T-PVS/Files(2020)17 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX - Complainant Report]
- 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river
[T-PVS/Files(2020)15 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)9 - Complainant Report]
- 2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site
[T-PVS/Files(2020)20 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)7 - Complainant Report]

6.4 Possible files

- 1986/8: Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of Caretta Caretta in Laganas bay, Zakynthos (Greece)
[T-PVS/Files(2020)31 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)10 - Complainant Report]

6.5 Complaints on stand-by

- 2014/3: Serbia: Presumed deliberate killing of birds & 2016/3: Alleged deliberate killing of birds of prey
[T-PVS/Files(2020)11 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)19 - Complainant Report]
- 2014/8: Greece: Presumed large-scale exploitation and marketing of protected marine shelled molluscs
[T-PVS/Files(2020)21 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)5 - Complainant Report]
- 2016/9: Georgia: Possible threat to “Svaneti 1” Candidate Emerald Site (GE0000012) from Nenskra Hydro Power Plant development
[T-PVS/Files(2020)4 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)12 - Complainant Report]
- 2017/6: Iceland: Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve’s authentic birch woods from new road infrastructure
[T-PVS/Files(2020)13 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)8 - Complainant Report]
- 2018/2: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Black Sea Biosphere Reserve” (UA0000017) from military trainings
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)2 - Complainant Report]

6.6 Other complaints

- 2018/5: Ukraine: Alleged threats to the Emerald Network sites Skhidnyi Svydovets, Marmaroski ta Chyvchyno-Hryniavski Hory and Carpathian biosphere Reserve
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Complainant Report]
- 2018/6: Belarus: Presumed threats to Emerald Network sites Olmanskiye bolota (BY0000012) and Topila Bog (BY0000083)
[T-PVS/Files(2020)16 - Complainant Report]

- 2019/01: Ukraine: Possible negative effects of hydrocarbons extraction in four Emerald sites in Donetsk-Kharkiv region
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Complainant Report]
- 2019/02: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site Zatoky (UA0000214) from windfarm developments
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Government Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)3 – Complainant Report\]](#)
- 2019/03: Ukraine: Presumed threats to Emerald site Cholhynskiy (UA0000178) from windfarm developments
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Complainant Report]
- 2019/04: United Kingdom: Badger Culling Policy in England
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Government Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)22 – Complainant Report\]](#)
- 2019/05: Turkey: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)33 – Government Report\]](#)
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)23 – Complainant Report\]](#)
- 2019/06: Denmark: Border fence construction between Denmark and Germany
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)30 – Government Report\]](#)
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)24 – Complainant Report\]](#)
- 2019/07: Turkey: Alleged negative impact from the construction of Ilisu Dam HPP
[T-PVS/Files(2020)XX – Government Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)25 – Complainant Report\]](#)
- 2019/08: Belgium: Lack of appropriate legal protection of Fungi species
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2020\)26 – Complainant Report\]](#)

7. FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CASE-FILES

- [Recommendation No.190 \(2016\)](#) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland
[AEWA Report + Annex 1 + Annex 2 + Annex 3]

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS