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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species

6 July 2021
(Virtual meeting, opening: 9:30 am CEST)

DRAFT AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS
9:30	1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR Opening remarks by Mr Pawel Wasowicz, Chair of the Group of Experts	
9:45	2. INTRODUCTION BY THE SECRETARIAT: TECHNICAL INFORMATION, MEETING OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS Presentation by Ms Nadia Saporito, Junior Project Officer of the Bern Convention Secretariat	<i>Meeting Agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2021)6_rev1</i> ----- Participants are briefed on the technicalities of the virtual setting and are informed about the expected results of the meeting.
9:50	3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	<i>Meeting Agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2021)6_rev1</i> <i>Report of the 13th meeting T-PVS(2019)10</i> ----- The meeting agenda is adopted.
10:00	4. DRAFT STUDY ON ALIEN PATHOGENS AND WILDLIFE IN EUROPE Presentation by Mr Riccardo Scalera, consultant to the Bern Convention, of the comments received on the draft study following the Group's meeting of 2019, and discussion on the further elaboration of the draft study.	<i>T-PVS/Inf(2019)18 T-PVS/Inf(2021)22</i> ----- Participants discuss the integration of the comments received and agree on next steps for the finalisation of the study.
11:00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	

11:10	<p>4. DRAFT STUDY ON ALIEN PATHOGENS AND WILDLIFE IN EUROPE</p> <p>Continuation from previous session.</p>	<p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2019)18</i> <i>T-PVS/Inf(2021)22</i> -----</p> <p>Participants discuss the integration of the comments received and agree on next steps for the finalisation of the study.</p>
11:40	<p>5. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VOLUNTARY TOOLS:</p> <p>5.1 DRAFT GUIDANCE ON COMMUNICATION AND IAS</p> <p>Briefing on the current state of play by Ms Nadia Saporito, Junior Project Officer of the Bern Convention Secretariat. Discussion on the further elaboration of the draft study by the Group.</p>	<p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2019)17</i> -----</p> <p>Participants are briefed on the current state of play. The Group of Experts agrees on next steps for the finalisation of the study.</p>
12:00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	
13:00	<p>5. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VOLUNTARY TOOLS:</p> <p>5.2 DRAFT GUIDANCE ON E-COMMERCE AND IAS</p> <p>Presentation of the draft guidance document by Mr. Andrea Monaco, consultant to the Bern Convention, and examination of the draft guidance document by the Group.</p>	<p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2021)28</i> -----</p> <p>The draft guidance document is discussed, and comments and suggestions are provided to the consultants for finalisation of the document. The Group of Experts decides if the guidance document should be presented at the 41st Standing Committee for possible adoption, through a Recommendation.</p>
14:00	<p>6. FOLLOW UP OF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO IAS</p> <p>Selection of documents requiring a follow up and discussion on the possible modalities for the follow-up.</p>	<p>The Group of Experts decides if previous Recommendations adopted by the Standing Committee in relation to IAS require a follow up and agree on the follow-up methodology.</p>
14:45	<p>7. PROPOSALS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE BERN CONVENTION: WORK AHEAD</p> <p>Discussion on possible new areas of focus for the future work of the Group of Experts</p>	<p>The Group of Experts produces a list of issues to be dealt with by the Group in the future.</p>
15:30	<p>8. NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON IAS</p>	<p>Date and venue for the next meeting of the Group of Experts, in 2023, is agreed on.</p>
15:45	9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
16:00	10. CLOSING OF THE MEETING	<p>The meeting of the Group of Experts is closed.</p>