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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Standing Committee**

39<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Strasbourg, 3-6 December 2019

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Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am on Tuesday, 3 December 2019, Palais de l'Europe, Room 5<sup>1</sup>

***DRAFT AGENDA***

**PART I – OPENING**

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DELEGATIONS AND FROM THE SECRETARIAT**
- 3. FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
  - 3.1 Financing of the Bern Convention**
  - 3.2 Vision for the Bern Convention for the post-2020 decade and contribution to the current global biodiversity framework**

**PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS**

- 4. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION**
  - 4.1 Biennial reports 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2013 - 2016**
    - 4.1.1 *State of play of submissions of biennial reports***
    - 4.1.2 *Biennial reports by Contracting Parties which are EU Member States: rules and instructions***
  - 4.2 Proposal for amendment of the Convention's Appendices: Proposal for moving the Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) from Appendix II to Appendix III of the Bern Convention**

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<sup>1</sup> Plan for the discussion of the agenda is available at the end of this document

## **PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS**

### **5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS**

#### **5.1 Invasive Alien Species**

#### **5.2 Conservation of large carnivores**

#### **5.3 Conservation of birds: eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds**

#### **5.4 Biodiversity and Climate change**

#### **5.5 Conservation of habitats:**

##### *5.5.1 Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest*

##### *5.5.2 European Diploma for Protected Areas*

#### **5.6 Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats**

## **PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS**

### **6. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS**

#### **6.1 Files opened**

- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- 2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias
- 2012/9: Turkey: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs
- 2013/1: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park
- 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river

#### **6.2 Possible files**

- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
- 2017/01: Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey
- 2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site

#### **6.3 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations<sup>2</sup>**

- Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of *Caretta Caretta* in Laganas bay, Zakynthos (Greece)
- Recommendation no. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı Beach (Turkey)
- Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland
- Recommendation No. 199 (2018) on the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon

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<sup>2</sup> Agenda item for information only, unless otherwise requested

**PART V – COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME  
OF WORK 2020-2021**

- 7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAS AND ORGANISATIONS**
- 8. AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY**
- 9. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2020-2021**
- 10. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 40TH MEETING**

**PART VI – OTHER ITEMS**

- 11. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**
- 13. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 14. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

## PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.45 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 6.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 3 December</b>	
<p><b>1. OPENING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>2. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>3. FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Financing and development of the Bern Convention</b></p> <p><b>3.2 The Bern Convention in the post-2020 decade and its contribution to the current global biodiversity framework</b></p> <p><b>4. MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Biennial and quadrennial reports</b></p> <p>4.1.1 <i>State of play of submissions of biennial reports</i></p> <p>4.1.2 <i>Biennial reports by Contracting Parties which are EU Member States: rules and instructions</i></p> <p><b>4.2 Proposal for amendment of the status of the Barnacle Goose</b></p>	<p><b>5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Invasive Alien Species</b></p> <p><b>5.2 Conservation of large carnivores</b></p> <p><b>5.3 Conservation of birds: eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds</b></p> <p><b>5.4 Biodiversity and Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>5.5 Conservation of habitats</b></p> <p>5.5.1 <i>Emerald network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest</i></p> <p>5.5.2 <i>European Diploma for Protected Areas</i></p> <p><b>5.6 Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats</b></p>
	<b>18H45:</b> Side event – Sturgeon conservation
<b>WEDNESDAY 4 December</b>	
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<b>12h45:</b> Side Event - Ceremony to mark the signature of the Strasbourg Eurométropole Biodiversity Charter by the Council of Europe	<b>19h00:</b> Reception offered by the Finnish Presidency of the European Union on the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bern Convention
<b>THURSDAY 5 December</b>	
<p><b>7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAS AND ORGANISATIONS</b></p> <p><b>8. AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY</b></p> <p><b>9. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2020-2021</b></p> <p><b>10. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING</b></p>	Continuation of unfinished work
<b>FRIDAY 6 December</b>	
<p><b>11. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR, AND BUREAU MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING</b></p> <p><b>13. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>14. OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	

Note: Room 6 (Palais de l'Europe) is booked for EU co-ordination meetings (without interpretation).