

AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF BATS IN EUROPE

First Session of the Meeting of the Parties, Bristol: 18-20 July 1995

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERING the usefulness of a permanent Advisory Committee for matters relating to the organisation of meetings and for the continuous implementation of the Agreement.

DECIDES to establish an Advisory Committee of the Agreement with the following terms of reference:

1. The Advisory Committee shall provide expert advice and information to the Secretariat and the Parties on the conservation and management of bats and on other matters in relation to the running of the Agreement, having regard to the need not to duplicate the work of other international bodies and the desirability of drawing on their expertise.
2. Each Party shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Advisory Committee.
3. The Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairman and establish its own rules of procedure.
4. Each Committee member may be accompanied by advisors, and the Committee may invite other experts to attend its meetings. The Committee may establish working groups.
5. The Advisory Committee will monitor steps taken by Parties to comply with the Action Plan agreed at sessions of the Meetings of the Parties, which seeks to expand upon the obligations at Article III, with a view to identifying the best way forward to achieve the objectives contained therein. The Advisory Committee should seek to ensure the dissemination of information and cooperation between Parties is maximised to achieve these objectives.