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2nd Session of the Meeting of Parties

Bonn, Germany, 1-3 July 1998

Resolution No. 6

Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee

The Meeting of the Parties

Recalling the Resolution agreed at its first session (18-20 July 1995) on the establishment of an Advisory Committee

Considering the continuing usefulness of an Advisory Committee to the arrangement of meetings and the continuing implementation of the Agreement

Recognising the value of the attendance of representatives of Non-Party Range-States at Advisory Committee meetings

Commending the Advisory Committee for its activities to further the objectives of the Agreement during its first triennial period

Repeals the resolution agreed at its First Session (Annex H, page 35 of the report of the First Session of the Meeting of Parties;

Adopts the attached Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee; and

Resolves to review the Terms of Reference, in the light of their effectiveness, at its Third Session.

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39. The 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.
40. Each Party shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Advisory Committee. Parties shall cover their members' costs in attending meetings of the Committee.
41. The Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson, and establish and review its own Rules of procedure as it deems appropriate.
42. Each Committee member may be accompanied by advisers, and the Committee may invite other experts to attend its meetings.
43. The Committee may instruct the Secretariat to invite representatives of Non-Party Range-States to the meeting. Any such representatives should be responsible for covering their own costs to attend such meetings.
44. The Committee may establish working groups, to work either between meetings of the Committee or during Committee meetings themselves.
45. The Committee will perform the tasks allocated to it in Resolutions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the Second Session of the Meeting of Parties in an effort to pursue the obligations at Article III. The Committee should continue to seek to ensure the dissemination of information and co-operation between Parties is maximised to achieve these objectives.
46. The Committee will review annually the Secretariat's work and expenditures. It shall advise the Secretariat the most appropriate use of funds within subheads of the budget where the Meeting of Parties has allowed for this in the resolution on budgetary matters.
47. The Committee may, with the assistance of the Secretariat, develop proposals and draft resolutions on the implementation of the Agreement (excluding amendments to the text of the Agreement). The Committee may then present these proposals and draft resolutions to the subsequent Meeting of Parties through the Secretariat.