

AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF BATS IN EUROPE

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RESOLUTION ON THE CLARIFICATION OF
THE AREA OF THE AGREEMENT

REFERRING to the preamble of the Agreement, which states that the Agreement is intended for the benefit of the conservation of Bats in Europe;

REFERRING to the Agreement, at Article I sub-paragraph (f), where Europe is defined as the continent of Europe;

RECOGNIZING that MICROCHIROPTERA which roost within the confines of the European continent migrate outside its borders;

REFERRING to the Agreement, at Article I sub-paragraph (c), where Range States are defined as "any State (whether or not it is a Party to the Convention) that exercises jurisdiction over any part of the range of a species covered by this Agreement"; and,

REFERRING to Article II, paragraph 1, which stipulates that "this Agreement is an AGREEMENT within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Article IV of the Convention";

NOTING that in accordance with Article V, paragraph 2, of the Convention "each AGREEMENT should cover the whole of the range of the migratory species concerned and should be open to accession by all Range States of that species,";

ALSO NOTING that in accordance with Article I, paragraph 1a, of the Convention "Migratory species" means the entire population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species or lower taxon of wild animals, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries;

1. INSTRUCTS the Advisory Committee to interpret the term "continent of Europe" in Article I paragraph (f) of the Agreement appropriately, to identify the migration ranges of the species covered by the Agreement based on the most recent and accurate scientific information, and to submit the findings to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties;

2. ENTITLES the Secretariat to use these findings on a preliminary basis for its communication with Range States;

3. INVITES all Range States whether or not they are situated within the European Continent or Parties to the Convention to accede to the Agreement.