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2nd Session of the Meeting of Parties

Bonn, Germany, 1-3 July 1998

Resolution No. 5

Geographical Scope of the Agreement

The Meeting of the Parties

Recalling the Resolution agreed at its first session (18-20 July 1995) on *the Clarification of the Area of the Agreement* (Annex D page 28 of the report of the meeting);

Recalling also, under that Resolution, that the Advisory Committee was charged with interpreting the term “continent of Europe” in Article I paragraph (f) of the Agreement appropriately, identifying the migration ranges of the species covered by the Agreement based on the most up-to-date and accurate scientific information, and submitting its findings to the Meeting of Parties;

Recognising that knowledge of the migratory behaviour of migratory populations of bat species in Europe is still relatively scant, particularly in the Southern and Eastern extremities of the Agreement area;

Recognising also the Advisory Committee’s considerations in establishing in principle the basis for a provisional interpretation of the “continent of Europe” for the purposes of the Agreement;

Recognising finally that the Secretariat has been unable to establish, in spite of correspondence with bat experts on the Canary Islands, a migratory link between continental Europe and these islands;

Decides that, for the purposes of the Agreement, the definition of the “continent of Europe” be considered to be the Western Palearctic region, excluding North Africa and Iceland, with the Eastern boundary drawn at Turkey and the Caucasus countries, and the Southern boundary being the south coast of the continent of Europe, with the addition of the Mediterranean states (Cyprus and Malta), and islands belonging to mainland European states, with the exception of the Canary islands, Madeira and the Azores;

Decides also that, as defined in Article I paragraph (d) of the text of the Agreement, Regional Economic Integration Organisations shall be included in the geographical scope of the Agreement;

Accepts the list of countries attached as Annex A to this Resolution as a provisional list of countries falling within the “continent of Europe”, as defined above;

Instructs the Secretariat to investigate further whether the Canary Islands, Madeira and the Azores should be included in the definition, by correspondence with experts

in the islands concerned, and to report back to the Advisory Committee and to the Meeting of Parties at its third session;

Further instructs the Secretariat, in accordance with the Resolution agreed at the first session of the Meeting of Parties (on *the Clarification of the Area of the Agreement* - Annex D page 28 of the report of the meeting), to use these findings as a basis for its communication with Range States;

Urges all Parties and non-Parties to devote more effort in establishing migratory patterns of behaviour in migratory populations of bat species in Europe, paying particular attention to determining which populations of which species migrate, and where they winter;

Charges the Advisory Committee with further reviewing available data of migration, with a view to developing a comprehensive map of migration of for each bat species where one or more population of that species migrates, and to report back to the Meeting of Parties at its third session;

Invites all Range States, whether or not they are situated within the “continent of Europe”, or Parties to the *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*, to accede to the Agreement.

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List of Countries or Regional Economic Integration Organisations*
within the “continent of Europe”

Albania	Liechtenstein
Andorra	Lithuania
Armenia	LUXEMBOURG
Austria	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav
Azerbaijan	Republic of
Belarus	Malta
Belgium	Moldova, Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Monaco
Bulgaria	NETHERLANDS
Croatia	NORWAY
Cyprus	POLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC	PORTUGAL (except Madeira and the
DENMARK	Azores)
Estonia	Romania
European Community	Russian Federation
Finland	San Marino
FRANCE	Slovakia
Georgia	Slovenia
GERMANY	Spain (except the Canary Islands)
GIBRALTAR	SWEDEN
Greece	Switzerland
Holy See	Turkey
HUNGARY	Ukraine
IRELAND	UNITED KINGDOM, including Gibraltar
Italy	Yugoslavia, Federal Republic
Latvia	

- countries listed in the upper-case are already Parties, or included in the ratification of Parties, to the Agreement