

**7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
*26 – 27 November 2011, Bergen, Norway*

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION 5.XX**

**NATIONAL REPORTING AND ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM**

*Recalling* Resolution 1.3 on establishment of a triennial national report format,

*Noting* that the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee recommended the development of an online reporting facility as a tool for better harmonization of the AEWA reporting templates,

*Recalling* Resolution 3.5, which instructed the Secretariat to develop an online national report format in close cooperation with the Technical Committee and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Secretariat, while seeking to advance the harmonization of reporting with other international biodiversity agreements, and to submit it for approval to MOP4,

*Recalling* Resolution 4.7, which adopted and approved the use of the online national report format for reporting by the Contracting Parties to future MOPs and urged Contracting Parties to utilize the online national reporting facility to report to each MOP as thoroughly as possible, as well as to provide feedback on the lessons learned as a result of the use of the online reporting,

*Further Recalling* Resolution 4.7, which requested UNEP to continue with the implementation of its project on “*Strengthening the Implementation of the Biodiversity-related Conventions through the Strategic Use of Information: Knowledge Management among MEAs*” with additional initiatives, which *inter alia* would assist in the development of analytical and synthesis tools for information provided via the online national reporting facility and which requested the donor community to provide financial resources to enable the Secretariat to continue working in collaboration with UNEP and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to implement activities intended to strengthen the online format for national reporting,

*Reaffirming* that a versatile online national reporting facility would ease the reporting burden for the Contracting Parties and should therefore increase the rate of submission of national reports, as well as providing a basis for assessment and monitoring of national and international implementation and for identifying gaps,

*Acknowledging* the work carried out by the Secretariat, the Technical Committee and the UNEP-WCMC in both revising and enhancing the national report format for online application and in developing the Online Reporting System (ORS) in the context of the *UNEP DELC Knowledge Management Project*, which is the web-based electronic platform used for reporting to MOP5, while *also acknowledging* the ongoing work of the UNEP Initiative on *Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)* in facilitating the knowledge sharing and collaboration on the topic of online national reporting amongst MEAs, including exploring technical options for common reporting and analytical tools for national reporting to MEAs.

*The Meeting of the Parties:*

1. *Congratulates* the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat for developing the Online Reporting System (ORS) as a generic web-based electronic platform for online national reporting for MEAs under the UNEP-led “*Knowledge Management project for MEAs*”;
2. *Recognizes* that the reporting process to AEWA MOP5 is the first use of the Online Reporting System (ORS) developed by UNEP-WCMC and that further resources are needed to develop the analytical component of the system as well as to maintain the ORS and to provide trainings for national respondents for future reporting cycles;
3. *Recommends* that the use of the ORS as a tool for online national reporting is considered for adoption by the Secretariats of CMS, its other instruments and potentially other MEAs, in order to provide a strong basis for harmonization and enable future cost sharing both in terms of the maintenance and further development of the ORS as well as with regards to training and capacity building measures associated with online reporting amongst MEAs;
4. *Requests* UNEP to build on the successful outcomes of projects such as the “*Strengthening the Implementation of the Biodiversity-related Conventions through the Strategic Use of Information: Knowledge Management among MEAs*” with additional initiatives to support online national reporting, which would assist in the development of analytical and synthesis tools for information provided via the Online Reporting System (ORS);
5. *Further requests* the donor community to provide financial resources to enable the Secretariat to continue working in collaboration with UNEP and UNEP-WCMC to implement activities intended to strengthen the online format for national reporting, such as developing the analytical tool component of the ORS;
6. *Further Requests* the Secretariat to seek to work with UNEP-WCMC to advance the further development of the ORS and to enhance the inter-operability of the ORS with the electronic systems used for national reporting of other international biodiversity agreements, in particular with the Convention on Migratory Species, but also the European Commission for the reporting on the Birds Directive;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat, working closely with the UNEP/CMS Secretariat and the European Commission, and with the assistance of UNEP, as necessary, to further advance harmonization of the national report formats and processes of AEWA and CMS as well as the EU Birds Directive reporting, where possible;
8. *Instructs* the Secretariat to report progress on this activity to each meeting of the Standing Committee.