



**26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*5 – 8 May 2026, Bonn, Germany*

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**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION 6.3**

Geographical Scope of the Agreement

**Summary:**

This document proposes amendments to Resolution 6.3 on the Geographical Scope of the Agreement, prepared by the Secretariat.

**Background:**

Resolution 6.3 currently repeals Resolutions 2.5 and 5.11 while not providing a definition of “Europe” and “European bat populations”. During the Advisory Committee meeting on 6 May 2026, it was noted that the geographical scope of the Agreement, as defined in Resolution 6.3, is not equivalent to a definition of Europe or European bat populations. The Advisory Committee therefore considered that Resolution 6.3 should be amended accordingly. The Secretariat was requested to prepare the amendment below.

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (hereafter “the Agreement”),*

*Recalling* Resolutions 2.5 and 5.11 on the Geographical Scope of the Agreement;

*Further recalling* the second Amendment to the Agreement giving additional emphasis to non-European Range States in which populations of European bats are occurring;

*Noting* that European bats migrate to and from beyond the previously designated geographical scope of the Agreement;

*Recognising* that populations of European bats are occurring throughout the Western Palaearctic region;

*Recognising* the potential for bat agreements to be developed for the conservation of non-European bat populations;

*Decides:*

1. That for the purposes of the Agreement, its geographical scope shall be defined as the Western Palaearctic region, with the Svalbard Archipelago as the northern boundary, to the south the countries of the Mediterranean basin, to the East the longitude 50 East and to the West the Azores at 30 West as boundaries;
2. That for the purposes of the Agreement, European bats are those species that occur within the Western Palaearctic region, excluding North Africa and Iceland, with the Eastern boundary drawn at Türkiye 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 the islands belonging to mainland European states; and with the addition of the Canary islands, Madeira and the Azores.
3. To accept the list attached as Annex to this Resolution as the countries, territories and Regional Economic Integration Organisations falling within the “Western Palaearctic region” as described above;
4. To repeal Resolutions 2.5 and 5.11.

*Requests the Advisory Committee* to keep abreast of new research on bat migration and to review the geographic scope of the Agreement accordingly, should this become necessary.

Annex to Resolution 6.3

Albania	Algeria	Lebanon
Andorra		<u>Libya</u>
Armenia		Liechtenstein
Austria		Lithuania
Azerbaijan		Luxembourg
Belarus		Malta
Belgium		Republic of Moldova
Bosnia and Herzegovina		Monaco
Bulgaria		Montenegro
Croatia	Cyprus	Morocco
Czech Republic		Netherlands
Denmark (except Greenland and Faeroe Islands)		Norway
Egypt		Palestinian Authority Territories
Estonia		Poland
European Union		Portugal
Finland		Romania
France		Russian Federation
Georgia		San Marino
Germany		Saudi Arabia
Greece		Serbia
Hungary		Slovakia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		Slovenia
Iraq		Spain
Ireland		Sweden
Israel		Switzerland
Italy	Jordan	Syrian Arab Republic
Kazakhstan		<u>The Republic of North Macedonia</u>
Kuwait		Tunisia
Latvia		<u>Türkiye</u>
		Vatican
		Ukraine
		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

