

## 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

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### Implementation Mechanism for the Agreement

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The Secretariat is to a continuously increasing extend contacted in cases where the Agreement is not fully implemented or even breached. These cases usually concern important roosting or hibernation sites (e.g. caves or buildings) that are intended to be transformed for other purposes or to be destructed.

In such cases the Secretariat right now can only refer to either the Bern Convention or the EU Commission. Their procedures are rather lengthy and can be painful for the Parties to the Agreement by causing huge administrative work.

The Secretariat is concerned that the Agreement risks to loose credibility in the future if it only can refer to other international bodies when problems arise.

Therefore the Secretariat would like to initiate the discussion about an own implementation mechanism for the Agreement. It could be more efficient and more convenient if the Parties to the Agreement deal themselves with problem cases.

For example the Meeting of Parties could establish a special board through the Advisory Committee that would deal with potential cases and give recommendations. Such a board could meet at the occasion of Advisory Committee Meetings or intersessionally if necessary.

The Secretariat seeks advise from the Advisory Committee concerning the potential usefulness of such an implementation mechanism in order to allow a discussion and preparation well in time before the next Session of the Meeting of Parties.