



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Meeting of Parties

Bristol, United Kingdom, 24 – 26 July 2000

#### *Draft Resolution No. 3.2*

Financial and Administrative Matters

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe (hereafter "the Agreement"),*

*Having regard* to Article V (1) of the Agreement which states that the Meeting of Parties shall consider and decide upon "financial rules, including the provision of the budget and the scale of contributions for the next financial period";

*Recalling* Resolution No. 1 adopted at its second session (Bonn, July 1998) on financial and budgetary matters;

*Recognising* the need to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat of the Agreement to enable it to better serve the Parties;

*Referring* to Resolution No. 3.1 adopted at this session, which provides for the integration of the Agreement Secretariat into the UNEP/CMS Agreements Unit;

*Acknowledging* with appreciation the substantial contribution of the German Government in providing, and agreeing to continue to provide, the accommodation for the Secretariat on a rent-free basis and its annual voluntary contribution of DEM 50,000 in support of special measures and projects aimed at improving the implementation of the Agreement;

1. *Confirms* that all Parties shall contribute to the budget adopted at the scale agreed upon by the Meeting of Parties in accordance with Article V (1) of the Agreement;
2. *Approves* the audit reports presented by the German Government for the years 1998 and 1999;
3. *Discharges* the budget inasmuch as it relates to 1998 and 1999, agreeing to consider the audit report for 2000 at its next session;
4. *Adopts* the budget for 2001 - 2003 attached as Annex 1 to this resolution;

5. *Agrees* to the scale of contributions of Parties to the Convention as listed in Annex 2 to this resolution [subject to revision by the Secretariat as soon as the UN scale of contributions for 2001 - 2003 becomes available] and to the application of that scale *pro rata* to new Parties;
6. *Requests* all Parties to pay their contributions promptly as far as possible but in any case not later than the end of June of the year to which they relate;
7. *Takes note* of the medium-term plan for 2001 - 2006 attached as Annex 4 to this resolution;
8. *Urges* all Parties to make voluntary contributions to support requests from countries with economies in transition to participate in and implement the Agreement throughout the triennium;
9. *Invites* Non-Party Range States, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to make voluntary contributions towards special activities for the implementation of the Agreement;
10. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNEP to establish a Trust Fund for the administration of the budget;
11. *Approves* the terms of Reference for the administration of the Trust Fund as set out in Annex 3 to this resolution, for the period 2001 - 2003.
12. *Instructs* the Secretariat to report on its income and expenditure to the Advisory Committee at each of its meetings, and to report back to the Meeting of Parties at its next session.