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Report of the Intersessional Working Group
on the Implementation of the Agreement

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Work has continued since AC18 on the draft guidance document. This “Handbook” will be called: *A guide to the implementation of the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS), with an overview of the Implementation Status of Resolutions adopted by the 1st – 6th Sessions of the Meeting of Parties*. It contains several sections, including an Introduction to the Agreement which describes its legal framework, the roles of the Secretariat and the Committees, the relationship with other Conventions and Directives. There is also a section on Resolutions relating to the Preamble and Article 1 of the Agreement. The meat of the document, however, is contained in Section 3 which provides a detailed review of the “Fundamental Obligations” as expanded on in Resolutions relating to Article 3 of the Agreement.

The “Handbook” also includes a number of concluding sections and several appendices. The document is at an advanced stage with Version 6 currently on the Eurobats Workspace for comment from IWG members. We expect it to be ready for presentation at the MoP7 in September.

The IWG plans to meet once more in Crete to discuss the draft report and decide on final content and format. This IWG meeting will also draft a Resolution which we hope the Plenary will approve for submission to the MoP.