

7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

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Draft Resolution 7.3

Implementation of the Agreement



The Meeting of Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (hereafter "the Agreement");

Referring to the commitments by the Parties to the conservation of bats in accordance with the Agreement, especially the fundamental obligations placed upon Parties in Article III;

Referring also to the commitments by the Parties to the conservation of bats in accordance with the Resolutions adopted at successive Sessions of the Meeting of Parties, especially through the programme of work identified in the Conservation and Management Plan;

Recognising the value to the conservation of bats of the work carried out under the above commitments;

Noting the efforts of Parties, as outlined in their National Implementation Reports, to carry out the above plans, and the progress achieved;

Further noting the Advisory Committee, as well as the Secretariat to the Agreement, to assist Parties in meeting their commitments;

Recognising that there may be a need to clarify what commitments have been adopted by Parties;

Noting the decision in Para 1(b) of Annex 1 to Resolution 6.16 on the Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan (2011-2014), that 'The Advisory Committee should establish an Intersessional Working Group to review the implementation of the Agreement and relevant Resolutions and assess setting up a system to review requests for advice concerning the implementation addressed to the Secretariat from MoP6 onwards';

Recognising that such a working group was established following MoP6;

Decides to

1. *Acknowledge* the production of an Implementation Guide intended to help Parties, other range states, the Secretariat and other interested organizations and individuals to understand the commitments undertaken by Parties to the Agreement and give some guidance on implementation;
2. *Acknowledge* further the inclusion of a simple checklist of commitments that should be accounted for in National Implementation Reports;
3. *Request* Parties and non-Party Range States to use this Guide when planning measures to implement the Agreement;
4. *Request* the Advisory Committee to reexamine, with the Chairman of the Standing Committee, the need for a system to review requests for advice addressed to the Secretariat concerning the implementation of the Agreement;
5. *Instruct* the Secretariat to make the Implementation Guide publicly available and to ensure that it is regularly updated to take account of new commitments.