

## 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties

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### *Draft Resolution 7.14. Rev.1*

## Quality of Assessments and Experience and Skills of Experts



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

*Recalling* Article III of the Agreement;

*Recalling* the Council Directive No. 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment and the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council No. 2001/42/EC of June 27 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, both of which state that the scope of information required for the purposes of impact assessments should be consistent with the current state of knowledge and methods of such assessments;

*Referring to* the Resolution 7.5 Wind Turbines and Bat Populations and the Resolution 7.9 Impact of Roads and other Traffic infrastructures;

*Taking into account* the increasing number of plans and projects with possible impact on populations of European Bats that require assessments;

*Noting* the rising demand of expertise and experts conducting environmental assessments on bats;

*Recognising* the importance of comparable high quality of assessments concerning bats in consistence with the above mentioned Directives;

*Requests* the Advisory Committee

To develop criteria of the required standard experience and skills of experts assessing the impact of projects, plans and programmes on populations of European Bats.