

4th Session of the Meeting of Parties

Sofia, Bulgaria, 22 – 24 September 2003

Annotated Agenda



1. **Opening remarks:**
 - the host Government**
 - the Chair of the Advisory Committee**
 - the Executive Director of UNEP**
 - the Executive Secretary of UNEP/CMS**
 - the Secretariat**

2. **Adoption of the Rules of Procedure (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.4)**

The Draft Rules of Procedure are identical to those adopted at MoP 3. No changes are suggested.

3. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Parties will be requested to nominate candidates for the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Meeting.

4. **Adoption of the Agenda (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.1)**

5. **Election of the Chairpersons of the Administrative and Scientific Working Groups**

The Parties will be requested to nominate candidates for the posts of Chair of these two working groups.

6. **Establishment of the Credentials Committee**

The Parties will be requested to nominate candidates for the posts of Chair and two more members of the Committee.

7. **Admission of observers**

Unless more than one third of the Parties object, observers will be admitted to the plenary sessions and the scientific working group(s). The administrative working group will be restricted to Parties only.

8. **Welcoming addresses**

The delegates and observers are kindly requested to submit their welcoming addresses in written form in advance. They will be circulated on the first day of the Meeting.

9. **Report of the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.5)**

The Chair of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Peter Lina (The Netherlands), will report about the Advisory Committee's work in the past triennium.

10. Secretariat Report (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.6)

The Executive Secretary will report about the Secretariat's work in the past triennium, on the recruitment of the new Parties and on the income and expenditure of the Secretariat for the financial years 2001 and 2002 (Inf.EUROBATS.MoP4.4).

11. Report of the Depositary

The Depositary (United Kingdom) will report on the accession of new Parties to the Agreement and to the second Amendment of the Agreement.

12. Review of the implementation of the Agreement

The Parties will be requested to give brief reports on their implementation of the Agreement (see also Inf.EUROBATS.MoP4.9). Non-Party Range States will be invited to report on their preparations to accede to the Agreement.

13. Report of the Credentials Committee

14. Draft Resolution 4.1: Financial and Administrative Matters (Budget 2004 - 2006)

The Secretariat will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.7), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

15. Draft Resolution 4.2: Headquarters Agreement for and Juridical Personality of the Agreement Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.8), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

16. Draft Resolution 4.3: Guidelines for the Protection and Management of important Underground Habitats

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.9), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

17. Draft Resolution 4.4: Bat Conservation and sustainable Forest Management

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.10), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

18. Draft Resolution 4.5: Guidelines for the Use of remedial Timber Treatment

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.11), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

19. Draft Resolution 4.6: Guidelines for the Issue of Permits for Bat-Ringing or other Marking Activities

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.12), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

20. Draft Resolution 4.7: Wind Turbines and Bat Populations

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.13), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

21. Draft Resolution 4.8: Amendment of the Annex to the Agreement

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (**Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.14**), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

22. Draft Resolution 4.9: Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan (2003 – 2006)

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (**Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.15**), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

23. Draft Resolution 4.10: Format of National Implementation Reports

The Chair of the Scientific Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (**Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.16**), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

24. Draft Resolution 4.11: Recognising the important Role of NGOs in Bat Conservation

The Secretariat will introduce this Draft Resolution (**Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.17**), which has been prepared in co-operation with the Advisory Committee.

25. Draft Resolution 4.12: Priority Species for Autecological Studies

The Convenor of the Intersessional Working Group will introduce this Draft Resolution (**Doc.EUROBATS.MoP4.17**).

26. CMS/CBD Joint Work Programme (JWP)

The Secretariat will introduce the JWP, which the AC 7 and AC 8 Meetings have forwarded to the MoP 4 for further consideration.

27. Bat Rabies Workshop

The United Kingdom will introduce the project to hold workshop on bat rabies in conjunction with the AC 8 Meeting in May 2004.

28. Arrangements for the 5th Session of the Meeting of Parties

The Parties will be requested to make suggestions for the approximate date and the venue of the 5th Session of the Meeting of Parties.

29. Any other business

30. Adoption of the Record of the Meeting

31. Close of Meeting