

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

Sofia, Bulgaria, 22 – 24 September 2003

### Report of the Chair of the Advisory Committee



#### **Introduction**

This report summarizes the activities of the Advisory Committee between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of Parties. Details of the reported Advisory Committee Meetings, held in this period, are available in the respective Records of these Meetings.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee**

The Ministry for Territorial Planning and Nature Conservation with assistance of the Institute of Nature Conservation was hosting on behalf of the Portuguese Government this Meeting that was held on 19-21 March 2001 in Sintra. Eighteen of the at that time twenty-two Parties at that time and thirteen Non-Party Ranges-States were represented by one or more delegates. In addition, three NGOs from respectively France, Germany and United Kingdom and one and two individuals from respectively Austria and Croatia. The respective work of the Intersessional Working Groups (IWGs) were reported and discussed. Having completed their tasks, some groups could be dissolved. A new IWG was established to point out all the actions that were still to be implemented by the Parties.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee**

The Meeting was hosted on behalf of the Romanian Government by the Ministry of Waters and Environmental Protection and was held on 27-29 May 2002 in Bucharest. Nineteen of the at that time 24 Parties and twelve Non-Party Ranges States were represented by one or more delegates. Six NGOs from respectively Finland, Romania and the United Kingdom had also sent delegates. The Intersessional Working Groups had made a substantial progress with their work and four groups having completed their work could be dissolved.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee**

The Meeting was held on 12-14 May 2003 and was hosted on behalf of the Norwegian Government by the Directorate for Nature Management. Twenty of the at that time 26

Parties and nine Non-Party Range-States were represented, and delegates of three NGO's from respectively Germany, Norway and the United Kingdom took also part in the Meeting. As a result of this Meeting, the previous two Advisory Committee Meetings and the work of several Intersessional Working Groups eleven Draft Resolutions could be prepared for submission to the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of Parties.

### **Chair and Vice-Chair**

At the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee Mr. Peter Lina (The Netherlands) and Ms. Luisa Rodrigues (Portugal) were re-elected as respectively Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee.

### **Contact with the Agreement Secretariat**

There was a frequent mutual feedback between the Agreement Secretariat, the Chair and the Vice-Chair about current business and special issues. If it was considered necessary, the Chair and the Executive Secretary had meetings at the Agreement Secretariat.

### **Recruitment of the Executive Secretary**

Because of the integration of the EUROBATs Secretariat into the UNEP/CMS Agreements Unit, effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, the recruitment for the post of Executive Secretary was required once more. In accordance to paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Terms of References for Secretariat Arrangements (see Doc.EUROBATs.MoP3.6. Annex1) the Chair was involved in the recruitment procedures and was, therefore, acting as a member of the recruitment panel.

### **Recruitment of Parties**

The Chair was on mission to the following authorities of the at that time Non-Party Range-States to encourage accession to the Agreement:

- The Ministry of Environment of Lithuania (15 May 2001);
- The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia (22 may 2001);
- The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia (25 May 2001).

### **Representation**

The Chair was representing the Agreement at the following meetings:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Carpathian Bats (Rakhiv, Ukraine, 8-12 September 2000);
- 14<sup>th</sup> National Polish Bat Conference (Rogów, Poland, 10-12 November 2000);

- Workshop “A Strategy for Bat Conservation” (Busteni, Romania, 30 May – 1 June 2002);
- 16<sup>th</sup> National Polish Bat Conference (Gorzynie, Poland, 15-17 November 2002);
- Réunion des Centers de Traitement Antirabique (Paris, (28 March 2003).

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