

4th Session of the Meeting of Parties

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Resolution No. 4.2

Headquarters Agreement for and Juridical Personality of
the Agreement Secretariat



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

Recalling the Resolution on the Establishment and the Location of the EUROBATS Secretariat adopted at its First Session (Bristol, July 1995);

Further recalling Resolution No. 1 adopted at its Third Session (Bristol, July 2000), accepting the offer of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to administer the Agreement Secretariat within the Agreements Unit to be established from 1 January 2001 in co-location with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (UNEP/CMS) in Bonn;

Appreciating that the establishment of the Agreements Unit became effective on 1 January 2001;

Aware that for the functioning of the Agreement Secretariat a similar legal status as granted by the Government of Germany to other United Nations bodies located in Germany is desirable;

Acknowledging the efforts made by the Government of Germany, the United Nations and the UNEP/CMS Secretariat to conclude a Headquarters Agreement, which will provide a legal status to the Convention Secretariat;

Appreciating that a provision has been made in Article 2, Paragraph 2, of the Headquarters Agreement, subject to the consent of the competent bodies of Agreements concluded under Article IV of the Convention, to apply the Headquarters Agreement *mutatis mutandis* to the Secretariats of such Agreements, which have been administratively integrated within the Convention Secretariat and are institutionally linked to the United Nations by agreement among such Secretariats, the Convention Secretariat and the United Nations;

1. *Welcomes and endorses* the agreement between the Government of Germany, the United Nations and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals concerning the headquarters of the Convention Secretariat;
2. *Endorses* that in accordance to Article 2, Paragraph 2, of the Headquarters Agreement, the agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats; and
3. *Expresses* its sincere gratitude to the Government of Germany for the financial and other support to the Agreement Secretariat.