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Draft Resolution 6.3
Geographical Scope of the Agreement

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

Recalling Resolutions 2.5 and 5.11 on the Geographical Scope of the Agreement;

Further recalling the second Amendment to the Agreement giving additional emphasis to non-European Range States in which populations of European bats are occurring;

Noting that European bats migrate to and from beyond the previously designated geographical scope of the Agreement;

Recognising that populations of European bats are occurring throughout the Western Palaeartctic region;

Recognising the potential for bat agreements to be developed for the conservation of non-European bat populations;

Decides:

1. To repeal Resolutions 2.5 and 5.11;

2. That for the purposes of the Agreement, its geographical scope shall be defined as the Western Palaeartctic region, with the Svalbard Archipelago as the northern boundary, to the south the countries of the Mediterranean basin (extending to The Canary and Madeira islands), to the East the longitude 50° East and to the West the Azores at 30° West as boundaries;

3. To accept the list attached as Annex to this Resolution as the countries and Regional Economic Integration Organisations falling within the “Western Palaeartctic region” as described above.
Requests the Advisory Committee to keep abreast of new research on bat migration and to review the geographic scope of the Agreement accordingly, should this become necessary.
Annex

Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Egypt
Estonia
European Union
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Holy See
Hungary
Iran
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait

Latvia
Lebanon
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macedonia (FYR)
Malta
Moldova
Monaco
Montenegro
Morocco
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
San Marino
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Tunisia
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom