

RESOLUTION 3.5

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ONLINE NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT

Recalling Resolution 1.3 on establishment of a triennial national report format,

Noting the low rate of submission of National Reports to MOP2 and MOP3,

Taking into account the results from the analysis of difficulties encountered by certain Contracting Parties in delivering their national reports (see Resolution 3.4),

Aware that implementation of the Agreement and its Action Plan will be enhanced by regular reviews of national implementation,

Further noting that the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Committee recommended the development of an online report facility as a tool for better harmonisation of the AEWA reporting templates,

Aware that as the information submitted by Parties improves over time, both in terms of comprehensiveness and precision, the facility will be an extremely valuable tool for assessing implementation and identifying gaps.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Instructs* the Agreement Secretariat, in close cooperation with the Technical Committee and the CMS Secretariat, to develop an online national report format to be submitted for approval to MOP4. The format should seek to advance harmonization of reporting with other international biodiversity agreements through the development of common reporting modules;

2. *Instructs* the Agreement Secretariat to report progress on this activity to each meeting of the Standing Committee.