

Agenda Item 12.1

Accession and Agreement Amendment

Report of the Secretariat

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**Status of Accession and Acceptance
of the Agreement's Amendment**

Action Requested

- Take note
- Parties that have not yet accepted the Amendment to provide oral report on progress

Submitted by

Secretariat



**NOTE:
DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS
TO THE MEETING**

Secretariat's Note

This document contains the official status register for the ASCOBANS Agreement and its Amendment, as published by the Depositary on 25 July 2013.

Parties that have not yet accepted the Amendment will be given opportunity to update the meeting on progress made.

**9. AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF SMALL CETACEANS OF THE BALTIC,
NORTH EAST ATLANTIC, IRISH AND NORTH SEAS ***

New York, 17 March 1992

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 29 March 1994, in accordance with article 8(5).¹
REGISTRATION: 29 March 1994, No. 30865.
STATUS: Signatories: 6. Parties: 10.
TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1772, p. 217; and C.N.338.1995.TREATIES-2 of 22 November 1995 (procès-verbal of rectification of the French authentic text).

Note: The Agreement was approved at Geneva on 13 September 1991, during the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals pursuant to article IV (4) of the said Convention, which was done at Bonn on 23 June 1979 ("Bonn Convention"). The Agreement was open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 17 March 1992 and will remain open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

* The Amendment to the Agreement (see Chapter XXVII-9(a) herein), which entered into force on 3 February 2008, changed the name of the Agreement. The Agreement was previously known as "Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas".

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA)</i>
Belgium.....	6 Nov 1992	14 May 1993	Netherlands ²	29 Jul 1992	29 Dec 1992 AA
Denmark.....	19 Aug 1992	29 Dec 1993 AA	Poland		18 Jan 1996 a
European Union	7 Oct 1992		Sweden.....		31 Mar 1992 s
Finland		13 Sep 1999 a	United Kingdom of		
France.....		3 Oct 2005 a	Great Britain and		
Germany.....	9 Apr 1992	6 Oct 1993	Northern Ireland ³	16 Apr 1992	13 Jul 1993
Lithuania		27 Jun 2005 a			

Notes:

¹ "Any State that becomes a Party to the Agreement after the entry into force of an Amendment shall, failing an expression of a different intention by that State:

a) be considered as a Party to the Agreement as amended; and

b) be considered as a Party to the unamended Agreement in relation to any Party not bound by the Amendment."

² For the Kingdom in Europe.

³ For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Bailiwick of Guernsey. For the Bailiwick of Jersey (notification received on 26 September 2002).

**9. a) Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans
of the Baltic and North Seas**

Esbjerg, 22 August 2003

ENTRY INTO FORCE 3 February 2008, in accordance with article 6.5.3.
REGISTRATION: 3 February 2008, No. 30865.
STATUS: Parties: 7.¹
TEXT: Depositary notification C.N.346.2006.TREATIES-1 of 9 May 2006.

Note: By Resolution No. 4, adopted on 22 August 2003 at the 4th meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the conservation of small cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas, held in Esbjerg, Denmark, from 19 to 22 August 2003, the Parties adopted an amendment to the Agreement, in accordance with paragraph 6.5. The Amendment, *inter alia*, changes the name of the Agreement as follows: "Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas".

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Denmark	19 Dec 2006 A	Poland.....	1 Jul 2009 A
Finland.....	5 Nov 2007 A	Sweden	1 Oct 2010 A
France	3 Oct 2005 A		
Germany	15 Jan 2007 A		
Netherlands ²	24 May 2007 A		

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(Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas, Esbjerg, 22 August 2003)

² For the Kingdom in Europe.