

MOP 2: Resolution on the Establishment and the Location of the ASCOBANS Secretariat (Bonn, 1997)

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE LOCATION
OF THE ASCOBANS SECRETARIAT

The Meeting of Parties:

RECALLING the offer of the United Kingdom to host the Secretariat at the Sea Mammal Research Unit in Cambridge, at the expense of the Parties, during the years 1995 to 1997;

ACKNOWLEDGING with appreciation the support given by the Government of the United Kingdom with regard the establishment of the Secretariat;

RECALLING and APPRECIATING the offer of the German Government to host the Agreement Secretariat at the expense of the Parties;

ACKNOWLEDGING Resolution 4.4, Annex, paragraph 19 of the Fourth Conference of the Parties, and Resolution 5.5, of the Fifth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, that the Secretariats of the European Agreements concluded under the Convention should be consolidated in a special Agreement Unit within the UNEP/CMS Secretariat;

APPRECIATING that once full integration is achieved, certain economies of scale (through sharing of posts and financial/administrative expertise) can be expected;

RECOGNISING that further work will be undertaken by the Secretariat to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals to produce calculated costs of the ASCOBANS Secretariat integrated with the UNEP/CMS Secretariat;

Decide to invite Parties to:

That, from 1 January 1998, a Secretariat be established in Bonn administered by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation;

To REQUEST the German Government to enter into negotiations with the appropriate UN authorities, with a view to securing formal agreement and terms for the ASCOBANS Secretariat to be located in the UN premises in Bonn on an interim basis pending its full integration in the UNEP/CMS Secretariat from 1 January 2001;

Should such agreement be forthcoming, to REQUEST the ASCOBANS Secretariat to enter into timely discussions with the UNEP/CMS Secretariat with a view to developing an accounting system for accurately apportioning all operational costs.