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**T-PVS (2017) Misc**

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Standing Committee**

37<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Strasbourg, 5-8 December 2017

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Opening of the meeting: 9:30am, Tuesday 5 December 2017, Room 9

**LIST OF DECISIONS  
AND ADOPTED TEXTS**

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## **PART I – OPENING**

### **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Relevant documents: T-PVS (2017) 1 - Draft agenda  
T-PVS (2017) 27 - Annotated draft agenda

The Chair of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention opened the meeting. Mr Matthew Johnson, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation addressed the Standing Committee.

The draft agenda was adopted.

### **2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DELEGATIONS AND FROM THE SECRETARIAT**

Relevant documents: T-PVS (2017) 9 and 25 - Reports of the Bureau meetings in March and September  
2017 T-PVS (2016) 29 – Report of the 36<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee meeting

The Standing Committee took note of the information presented by the Chair on the activities carried out to implement the Convention's Programme of Work for 2017.

## **PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS**

### **3. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION**

#### **3.1 Biennial reports 2013-2014, 2015-2016 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 – 2012 and 2013 - 2016**

Relevant documents: T-PVS/Inf (2017) 12 – Summary tables of reporting under the Bern Convention  
T-PVS/Inf (2017) 24 – Registered users to the ORS System

The Standing Committee took note of the successful update of the Bern Convention Online Reporting System (ORS) operated in 2017. It further noted that the 2015-2016 reporting form is now available in the ORS and that an official reporting request for that period will be sent to Parties after the 37<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee meeting.

#### **3.2 Legal analysis of the draft Law on the conservation of natural habitats, biodiversity and landscape of Andorra**

The Standing Committee welcomed the cooperation implemented throughout 2017 with Andorra in support of the development of a new legislation on nature conservation for the country.

#### **3.3 Proposal for amendment of the Convention: Proposal for listing the Balkan lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*) in the Appendix II of the Bern Convention**

Relevant document: T-PVS (2017) 17 – Proposal for amendment of Appendix II to the Bern Convention + Annex1 + Annex2

The Standing Committee examined the proposal and the scientific justifications presented by Albania in favor of listing the Balkan lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*) in the Appendix II of the Bern Convention. The Standing Committee welcomed the proposal and adopted it by consensus.

#### **3.4 Gender mainstreaming and the Bern Convention**

Relevant documents: T-PVS (2017) 21 – Draft Recommendation on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in the implementation of the Convention  
Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2014 - 2017