

**References to the CMS Gorilla Agreement Technical Committee  
in Official Documents**

**TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF GORILLAS AND THEIR  
HABITATS (GORILLA AGREEMENT)**

**ARTICLE VI**

**Technical Committee**

1. The Technical Committee shall comprise:

- (a) one representative of each Range State of the Agreement;
- (b) one representative from GRASP;
- (c) one expert from each of the following fields: forest management and conservation, environmental law, wild animal health.

2. The procedure for the appointment of the experts, the term of their appointment and the procedure for designation of the Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be determined by the Meeting of the Parties. The Chairman may admit observers from specialized international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

3. Unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise, meetings of the Technical Committee shall be convened by the Agreement secretariat in conjunction with each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties and at least once between ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties.

4. The Technical Committee shall:

- (a) provide scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties and, through the Agreement secretariat, to Parties;
- (b) make recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out;
- (c) prepare for each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on its activities, which shall be submitted to the Agreement secretariat not less than one hundred and twenty days before the session of the Meeting of the Parties, and copies shall be circulated forthwith by the Agreement secretariat to the Parties; and
- (d) carry out any other tasks referred to it by the Meeting of the Parties.

5. Where in the opinion of the Technical Committee there has arisen an emergency which requires the adoption of immediate measures to avoid further deterioration of the conservation status of one or more gorilla taxa, the Technical Committee may request the Agreement secretariat to convene urgently a meeting of the Parties concerned. These Parties shall meet as soon as possible thereafter to establish rapidly a mechanism to give protection to the taxon identified as being subject to particularly adverse threat. Where a recommendation has been adopted at such a meeting, the Parties concerned shall inform each other and the Agreement secretariat of measures they have taken to implement it, or of the reasons why the recommendation could not be implemented.

6. The Technical Committee may establish such working groups as may be necessary to deal with specific tasks.

## **Report of the First meeting of the Parties to the Agreement, 29 November 2009**

### **10. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

36. The Chair, introducing the item, said that the composition of the Technical Committee was covered under article VI of the Agreement. He emphasized that synergy and cost-savings would be achieved if the same Range State representative were to attend the meetings of the Parties, the Technical Committee and GRASP.

37. After discussion, it was agreed that the designated working group should draft a proposal concerning the composition of the Technical Committee.

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### **RESOLUTION 1.2**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

*Noting* Article V section 7 (c) of the Gorilla Agreement regarding the establishment of a Technical Committee, *the Meeting of Parties*:

*Decides to establish* a technical committee to “provide scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties” in line with Article VI section 4 (a),

*Requests* each Range State to appoint one expert to the Technical Committee with the professional capacity in wildlife conservation to provide such scientific and technical advice, and notify the Secretariat of this appointment in writing, by 15 February 2009,

*Decides* that the Technical Committee will elect its Chairman at its first meeting,

*Decides* that the Technical Committee will establish its rules of procedure,

*Requests* the Parties and non-Party Range States, to propose three experts in accordance with Article VI 1 (c) to the Technical Committee by the Second Meeting of Parties,

*Requests* the UNEP/GRASP Secretariat to appoint a member to the Technical Committee in accordance with Article VI 1 (b) and notify the Secretariat of this appointment.