

RESOLUTION ON LOCATION OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

RECALLING the offer of the United Kingdom Government to host the Secretariat for the Agreement at the Sea Mammal Research Unit in Cambridge, at the expense of the Parties, for the first three years after the Agreement has entered into force (and subject to renewal thereafter); and

RECALLING the acceptance of the United Kingdom offer to host the Secretariat, in the Final Act of the ASCOBANS Agreement, signed in Geneva 1991; and

RECALLING that the Agreement came into force on 29 March 1994; but

ACKNOWLEDGING the resolution of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Resolution 4.4, Annex, paragraph 19) that the Secretariats of European Agreements concluded under the Bonn Convention should be consolidated in a special Agreement Unit co-located with the Secretariat of the Convention;

RECOGNIZING that the establishment of a permanent Secretariat in the United Kingdom does not preclude future relocation;

DECIDES

1. that the permanent Secretariat be established at the Sea Mammal Research Unit in the United Kingdom, and remains there for the triennium; and
2. that this arrangement be reviewed at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties, taking into account Resolution 4.4 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994) as well as further developments with regard to other agreements.