

DECISIONS OF THE 4TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Decision IV/1

Harmonization of Parties' National Wildlife Enforcement/Management Laws and Regulation

The Governing Council,

Emphasizing the need for harmonization of the Parties' National Wildlife Enforcement/Management laws and regulations,

1. *Calls upon* the parties to undertake measures to review, develop and strengthen their national wildlife management laws and regulations to incorporate the provisions of the Lusaka Agreement and to facilitate the operations of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force;
2. *Further calls* upon the Parties to undertake measures to harmonize their national wildlife management laws and regulations to incorporate the provisions of the Lusaka Agreement and to facilitate the operations of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force;
3. *Directs* the Director of the Task Force, in collaboration with UNEP and other Partners to assist the Parties with the process of the development, harmonization and strengthening of national wildlife management laws and regulations of the member states;
4. *Calls upon* the Director to report on the progress of implementation of this decision at the fifth Governing Council Meeting.

Decision IV/2

Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening

Commending those Parties that have fully established or designated operational National Bureaux;

Appreciating the commitment of the Task Force in providing relevant wildlife data and information, including technical expertise to the National Bureaux and contribution to the implementation of the Lusaka Agreement;

Appreciating further the capacity building activities, in particular, training programmes undertaken by the Task Force for the National Bureaux and Task Force Officers;

Taking note that some Parties are yet to make nominations of their national law enforcement officers to be seconded to the Task Force and that efforts towards nomination are underway;

Acknowledging the need and importance of capacity building, including training in wildlife law enforcement for the effective implementation of the Lusaka Agreement

1. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force to assist and facilitate the establishment and strengthening of National Bureau
2. *Requests* each Party to undertake necessary measures at National level to develop an independent wildlife protection fund to enable the Parties to adequately fund the operations of the National Bureau and contribute to the operations of the Task Force;
3. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force, in collaboration with Executive Director of UNEP and other partners, to undertake concerted measures to continue to assist and support the Task Force in its capacity building programmes, including national institutional capacity building;
4. *Directs* the Director of the Task Force to undertake periodic law enforcement awareness training programs for other relevant institutions;
5. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force and the Parties to report on the Implementation of this decision at the fifth Governing Council Meeting.

Decision IV/3

Budget and Programme of Work for the Lusaka Agreement Task Force 2001/2002 budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force;

Appreciating the partial advance contribution already made by one Party towards the 2001/2002 budget of the Task Force;

Noting with appreciation the report of the Director of the Task Force on the operations and activities of the Task Force for the period 2000/2001;

Acknowledging the generous financial support provided to the Task Force by the donors for various activities and operations;

1. *Approves* the proposed work programme and budget for the year 2001/2002 at US\$ 972,400;
2. *Further approves* the assessed contribution for each party to the budget of the LATF for the year 2001/2002 at US\$ 163,000;
3. *Directs* the Director of the Task Force to develop a more comprehensive format for the presentation of future budget proposals and work programme;
4. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force to continue consultations on necessary modalities for the establishment of a Trust Fund of the Task Force;
5. *Calls upon* those Parties that have not yet paid their full annual assessed contributions and for those in arrears to the budget of the Task Force to do so as soon as possible so as to permit the Task Force to implement the approved Programme of Work;
6. *Calls upon* the donor community to continue supporting the Task Force;

7. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force to sustain and enhance efforts towards mobilizing additional resources;
8. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force and Parties to report on the implementation of this decision of the fifth Governing Council Meeting

Decision IV/4

National Bureaux and nominations of Field Officers

Having considered the reports of the States Parties on the implementation of the Lusaka Agreement at national level;

Taking note that the Republic of Congo, Uganda and Zambia have nominated and seconded national law enforcement officers to the Task Force;

Commending those Parties that have fully established or designated operational National Bureaux;

1. *Reiterates* its earlier decision urging those Parties that have not yet designated National Bureaux and/or nominated national law enforcement officers to do so as soon as possible and to notify the depository on the designated national entities;
2. *Calls upon* Parties to identify and designate competent authorities for purposes of co-ordinating and facilitating the work of the National Bureaux and the Task Force;
3. *Calls upon* the Director of the Task Force and the Parties to report on the implementation of this decision at the fifth Governing Council Meeting.

Decision IV/5

Expanding of Membership

Appreciating efforts being made by the Director of the Task Force in sensitising other African States especially through collaboration in training and law enforcement operations;

Noting that bringing other States on board is a matter of concerted effort of current member states of Lusaka Agreement;

1. *Calls upon* the Ministers responsible for the implementation of the Lusaka Agreement to undertake individually and jointly efforts aimed at encouraging other African Governments to join the Lusaka Agreement;

2. Further calls upon the President of the Governing Council to undertake specific efforts towards expanding the membership of the Agreement;
3. Calls upon Parties and the Director to report on the implementation of this decision at the Fifth Governing Council Meeting.