

## **Report and Decisions of the resumed session of the 59th Meeting of the Standing Committee**

**Monday 15 November 2021**

**13:00 – 15:15      Plenary Session of the Standing Committee**

1. The **Chair** resumed the session. The sole agenda item was to set the process of recruitment of a new Secretary General, as the second term of the current Secretary General would end on 21 August 2022.
2. The **Chair** then took the Standing Committee into closed session. On resumption of an open session, and following some further discussion, the following were agreed:

**Decision SC59-39: The Standing Committee agreed to appoint the Contracting Parties of the Management Working Group as the selection committee for the next Secretary General with the addition of one voluntary representative from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Oceania to ensure regional representation, and the future COP host, China. The process will take place virtually and should be completed such that a decision regarding the successful candidate can be made at the resumed session of SC59 beginning 23 May 2022 with the assistance of IUCN Human Resources and the Subgroup on Finance.**

**Decision SC59-40: The Standing Committee entrusted the Management Working Group to develop a draft resolution to guide the process for recruiting a new Secretary General.**

3. The Standing Committee requested that the Secretariat ask regions to nominate the additional representatives to the selection committee and urged that the report of the present meeting be distributed to all Contracting Parties as soon as possible so that the selection process could begin.
4. Interventions were made by **Australia, Belgium, Mexico, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uruguay.**
5. Thanking all participants, the **Chair** adjourned the current session of the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee.