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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the Commission to submit, on behalf of the Union, a proposal for amendments to the Appendices to the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals with a view to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

COUNCIL DECISION

of

authorising the Commission to submit,

on behalf of the Union,

a proposal for amendments to the Appendices to the Convention

on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals

with a view to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Council Decision 82/461/EEC¹ the Union is a Party to the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals² ("the Convention") and, as such, may make proposals for amendments of the Appendices to the Convention which list the species to be conserved.
- (2) The Conference of the Parties is the decision-making body of the Convention. The powers conferred upon it include the capacity to assess the conservation status of migratory species and the capacity to amend Appendices I and II to the Convention.
- (3) It appears that the inclusion of the species *Coracias garrulus* and the Mediterranean subpopulation of the species *Ziphius cavirostris* in Appendix I would be scientifically sound, in line with Union legislation and the Union's commitment to international cooperation for the protection of biodiversity.

¹ Council Decision 82/461/EEC of 24 June 1982 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals (OJ L 210, 19.7.1982, p. 10).

² OJ L 210, 19.7.1982, p. 11.

- (4) It appears that the inclusion of the species *Alopias superciliosus*, *Alopias vulpinus* and *Alopias pelagicus* in Appendix II would be scientifically sound, in line with Union legislation and the Union's commitment to international cooperation for the protection of biodiversity.
- (5) The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties is to take place in Quito (Ecuador) from 4 to 9 November 2014.
- (6) With a view to that meeting, it is appropriate that the Union propose an amendment to Appendix I to include the species *Coracias garrulus* and the Mediterranean subpopulation of the species *Ziphius cavirostris* and an amendment to Appendix II to include the species *Alopias superciliosus*, *Alopias vulpinus* and *Alopias pelagicus*. The Commission is to communicate that proposal to the Secretariat of the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. With a view to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals ("the Convention"), the Commission, with respect to matters falling within Union competence and in respect of which the Union has adopted rules, is hereby authorised to propose, on behalf of the Union, an amendment to Appendix I to the Convention to include the species *Coracias garrulus* and the Mediterranean subpopulation of the species *Ziphius cavirostris* and an amendment to Appendix II to the Convention to include the species *Alopias superciliosus*, *Alopias vulpinus* and *Alopias pelagicus*.
2. The Commission shall communicate that proposal to the Secretariat of the Convention.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at

For the Council

The President
