

Agenda item 7.8

**Review of past COP decisions – options for provision of
information to COP10**

Action requested: The Standing Committee is invited to note the information below and to receive an update at its 37th meeting.

1. In Decision SC36-11, “The Standing Committee noted the current state of progress on the review of COP decisions and requested the Secretariat to discuss with Dave Pritchard the options for providing information to COP10, and to report to SC37 on progress in that regard.”
2. Owing to his commitments in completing his employment with the RSPB only shortly before the timing of preparation of this paper, it has not yet been possible to further discuss with Dave Pritchard possible options for the provision of such information to COP10.
3. The Secretariat and Dave Pritchard will provide an update on any such progress at the 37th meeting of the Standing Committee.
4. It should be noted, however, that the review report and its recommendations prepared by Dave Pritchard has already proved valuable in several ways in guiding the preparation and review of draft Resolutions for the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, notably in providing a ‘source-book’ of past COP decision elements on topics that are the subject of COP10 draft Resolutions; in leading to the development of general guiding principles for the preparation of draft Resolutions, as endorsed by Decision SC36-1; and in helping to ensure that for draft COP10 Resolutions that have similar subjects to earlier COP decisions it can be made very clear where such new draft decisions supersede or update earlier decisions or their annexed guidance.