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**STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION
OF ANIMALS KEPT FOR FARMING PURPOSES (T-AP)**

48th meeting

Strasbourg, 21-23 November 2006

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The T-AP held its 48th meeting in Strasbourg on 21-23 November 2006.
2. The Secretariat informed the T-AP about the most recent developments in the Council of Europe with regard to the Council of Europe activities in the field of animal welfare. In particular, the slow progress of the signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe conventions in the field of animal welfare was underlined. Moreover, the T-AP welcomed the organisation of the joint CoE-EU-OIE Workshop "Animal Welfare in Europe: achievements and future prospects", which will take place at the venue of the T-AP meeting, on 23-24 November 2006.
3. The T-AP monitored the implementation by Representatives and Observers of the adopted Recommendations and other measures taken with regard to the implementation of the adopted Recommendations. It also took note of information of relevance for the current activities of the T-AP.
4. The T-AP adopted the summary of proceeding of the 47th meeting.
5. The T-AP examined the draft Recommendation concerning rabbits in the light of comments and information sent by Representatives and Observers. Revised version of the draft Recommendation will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent out to Representatives and Observers for comments which should be received before **1 March 2007**.
6. The T-AP examined the draft Recommendation concerning cattle in the light of comments and information sent by Representatives and Observers. Revised version of the draft Recommendation will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent out to Representatives and Observers for comments which should be received before **1 March 2007**.
7. As for activities stemming from Recommendation concerning farmed fish, the T-AP finalised the draft Appendix on Emergency Stunning and Killing Methods, the draft Appendices on Salmon and Trout and the draft Appendix

on Ammonia according to pH level and temperature. Unless objections are received from Representatives and Observers before **[1 February 2007]**, the Secretariat is instructed to send these documents to European Commission. The next steps will depend on the mandate that the European Commission obtains from the Council of Ministers of the European Union to negotiate the adoption of these Appendices. The T-AP also thanked the Working Groups for their friendly cooperation and preparation of the aforementioned Appendices. Two Expert Groups, on European Eel/farmed Catfish and on Sea Bass and Sea Bream, were created. Delegations were encouraged to nominate their representatives for these expert groups and to inform the Council of Europe Secretariat accordingly.

8. The T-AP took note of comments received on draft Appendix on Carp and agreed to transmit them to the Group of Experts on Carp with a view to preparing the second draft of the document for the first meeting of the Bureau of the T-AP in 2007 (13-15 March 2007).
9. The T-AP agreed to give a follow-up to the preparation on voluntary basis of country profiles on national capacities with regard to protection and welfare of animals with the view of them being published on the website
10. The T-AP took note of the deadlines for reviewing the Recommendations adopted by the T-AP. It agreed that given existing resources it would not be appropriate to undertake further revisions prior to finalisation of on-going work and the availability of further scientific knowledge on certain species. States Parties to the Convention and Observers were invited to submit to the Bureau any relevant information on this matter.
11. The T-AP adopted a triennial report on its work and on the functioning of the Convention and instructed the Secretariat to submit it to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.
12. The T-AP decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg from **27 to 29 November 2007 (tentative dates)**. The Secretariat was instructed to prepare an extensive summary of proceedings and to convene the plenary meeting of the T-AP in the due time.