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

**49<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting**

Strasbourg, 25-27 November 2008

**ABRIDGED REPORT**

1. Following the decision of the Council of Europe's Secretary General to continue the work of the T-AP at the 2006 budgetary level, the T-AP held its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, on 25-27 November 2008.
2. The T-AP heard communications from the Secretariat and the State parties on ratification of conventions in the field of animal welfare and the implementation of adopted recommendations in this field. It urged contracting parties that had not yet done so to ratify the Protocol of Amendment to the convention.
3. The T-AP examined and adopted the report of its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. The T-AP elected the following Bureau for a term of two years:
  - Mr David Pritchard (United Kingdom) as Chair;
  - Ms Birte Broberg (Denmark) as first Vice-Chair;
  - Mr Ernst Fröhlich (Switzerland) as second Vice-Chair;
  - Ms Pilar Leon Arnaiz (Spain) as third Vice-Chair;
  - Mr Denis Simonin (European Commission) as Bureau member;
  - Ms Branka Bukovic Sosic (Croatia) as Bureau member.
5. The T-AP examined the draft Recommendation concerning rabbits (16<sup>th</sup> revision) with a view to its finalisation. It agreed to send it out to Representatives and Observers for comments which should be received **before 16 February 2009** and asked the Bureau to produce a document for consideration for adoption by the Parties. Following agreement of the Parties the final text of the draft recommendation will then be sent to the European Commission for co-ordination at Community level.
6. The T-AP examined and revised the draft Recommendation concerning cattle (6<sup>th</sup> revision) and agreed to send it out to Representatives and Observers for comments which should be received **before 16 February 2009**. The comments received will be considered by the Bureau at its next meeting.
7. As for activities stemming from Recommendation concerning farmed fish, the T-AP thanked the Working Groups for their work. It finalised the draft Appendix on Carp (4<sup>th</sup> revision) and agreed to send it to the European Commission for co-ordination.
8. The T-AP examined the draft appendices on European Eel and African Catfish with a view to finalisation. It agreed to send them out to Representatives and Observers for comments which should be received **before 16 February 2009** and asked the Bureau to produce a document for consideration for adoption by the Parties. Following agreement of the Parties the final text of the draft appendices will then be sent to the European Commission for co-ordination at Community level.

9. The T-AP noted the revised draft appendices on sea bass and sea bream (1<sup>st</sup> revision) and requested that the Representatives and Observers send comments which should be received **before 16 February 2009**. The comments received will be considered by the Bureau at its next meeting.
10. The T-AP agreed on the future workplan for Appendices to the Recommendation concerning farmed fish and requested Parties to contribute to expert groups on cod, turbot, tuna and arctic charr.
11. The T-AP noted the request for observer status to the UECBV and agreed to ask for further information.
12. The T-AP agreed to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg **from 1-3 December 2009**. It also agreed to hold two Bureau meetings, from **31 March-2 April** and **22-24 September 2009**.