



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

Interim Secretariat provided by the Australian Government

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At the First Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP1), held in Hobart in November, 2004 it was agreed that the Agreement Secretariat should have a legal identity established through a 'Headquarters Agreement' (HQA), negotiated by the Parties with the Secretariat host country, Australia. It was also agreed that the privileges and immunities for the Secretariat's staff would be set out in this Agreement.

MOP 1 adopted Resolution 1.1 which agreed:

To request the Interim Secretariat, working with the host country, Australia, to negotiate a headquarters agreement providing for:

- (a) legal personality;
- (b) employment terms and conditions for Secretariat staff; and
- (c) the privileges and immunities to be enjoyed by the Secretariat and staff to be presented to Parties for their agreement.

The Interim Secretariat is currently involved in discussions with relevant Departments of the Australian Government to develop the draft of a HQA for consideration by the Parties.

It is proposed that the HQA be considered for adoption at MOP 2. In order to achieve this target it is suggested that the Advisory Committee 1 (AC1) give consideration to the following work-plan:

31 Oct 2005	draft HQA circulated to Parties by Interim Secretariat
1 Feb 2006	Parties comments on draft HQA forwarded to Secretariat
4 April 2006	revised HQA incorporating amendments from Parties and the Australian Government circulated for consideration
May 2006	consideration of the HQA by Advisory Committee 2 (AC2)
Sept 2006	revised HQA distributed incorporating amendments from AC2 and the Australian Government
Nov 2006	consideration of the HQA by MOP 2

Adoption of this work-plan would require detailed consideration of the draft HQA to be undertaken at AC2. If this is acceptable to the Parties it is recommended that a specific agenda item be included on the agenda for AC 2 for consideration of this issue.

ACTION REQUIRED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is invited to:

1. Endorse the work-plan proposed by the interim Secretariat to progress the development of the HQA.
2. Include an agenda item for the consideration of the draft HQA in AC2.