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## **Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles Third Conference of the Parties**

*September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Mazatlán, México*

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**COP3/2006/R-4**

### **Complementing the terms of reference of the Consultative Committee of Experts of the IAC**

**CONSIDERING** that the Consultative Committee is a subsidiary body of the Convention that carries out important functions, such as, the revision and analysis of the annual reports submitted by the Parties; examination of the reports related to the environmental, socio-economical and cultural impacts in the communities, of the measures foreseen in this Convention, the evaluation of the effectiveness of the different measures to reduce the incidental capture and mortality of sea turtles, among others;

**GIVEN** the need of maintaining full representation of the sectorial members of the Consultative Committee;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that some sectorial members of the Consultative Committee have not been able to attend the periodical meetings or have expressed the impossibility of attending these meetings; and

**AWARE** of the need to consolidate and strengthen the Consultative Committee of the Convention;

**THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:**

**1-** In conformity with numeral 8 of the Terms of Reference in use, renew the designation of 7 of the 9 members, for a period of two years, as follows:

Scientific Community:

Scott A. Eckert

Hedely J. Guada

Maria Angela Marcovaldi

Private and Productive Sector:

Les Hodgson

José Kowalski

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Juan Carlos Cantú

Carlos Drews



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**2-** Name the two new representatives to the Consultative Committee, one corresponding to the Private and Productive Sector and the other corresponding to Non-Governmental Organizations, according to the following procedure. The Secretariat will receive nominations within 45 days of the end of COP3IAC. Once this information is compiled, the Secretariat will inform Parties about the received nominations so they can indicate their preferences back to the Secretariat within 30 days. The Secretariat will inform the Parties about the results within 8 days so they can ratify the designations to the Consultative Committee.

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