



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and
Conservation of Sea Turtles
Fifth Conference of the Parties
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CIT-COP5-2011-R4

Extension of the *Pro Tempore* Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to revise the term of the *Pro Tempore* Secretary as stated in CIT-COP4-2009-R1;

RECOGNIZING that the Parties desire that the legal personality of the Permanent Secretariat must be addressed prior to the establishment such Secretariat;

CONSIDERING that the exceptional circumstances that necessitated adoption of CIT-COP4-2009-R1 still exist while the Parties continue their efforts to clarify the legal personality of the Permanent Secretariat;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the United States has offered to continue the arrangements for the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to operate in the United States for two more years in accordance with CIT-COP-2009-R4, which provided that the United States would host the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat for up to four years;

CONSIDERING that the *Pro Tempore* Secretary's term expires this year;

**THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES THE INTERAMERICAN
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA
TURTLES**

RESOLVE TO:

1. To reaffirm that it remains the consensus of the Parties that the Secretary shall be a national of one of the Parties as established in Resolution CIT-COPE-2007-R1.
2. To approve that for an additional two years, in response to the continuing exceptional circumstances, the *Pro Tempore* Secretary position may be held by a person who is a not a national of one of the Parties, but is a national of a Signatory state. This continuation of the exception in response to exceptional circumstances shall not be considered in terms of setting a precedent for the future.
3. To extend the contract of the current Secretary Pro Tempore for an additional two years.
4. To urge the Chair of the COP6 to request candidates from the Parties for the Secretary position 180 days before the end of the term of the current Secretary and/or the COP6, according to that established in Annex II of Resolution CIT-COPE-2007-R1.