



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles**  
**Eighth Conference of the Parties**  
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**CIT-COP8-2017-R1**

**EXTENSION OF THE SECRETARIAT PRO TEMPORE**

**RECALLING** that COP1/2002/R-1 established a *Pro Tempore* Secretariat and that the government of Costa Rica graciously hosted the Secretariat for several years;

**RECOGNIZING** that by Resolution CIT-COP6-2013-R3 and CIT-COP-Inter-sesion-2014-R1, Parties asked the United States of America to host the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat until a headquarters arrangement is agreed and implemented, and extend the contract of the current *Pro Tempore* Secretary for an additional two years and six months;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the desire to continue in the process to establish the Permanent Secretariat;

**CONSIDERING** that the Government of the United States of America has been hosting the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat since 2009 and has proposed that the IAC authorize extending that arrangement;

**NOTING** that the Working Group on the Legal Framework of the Convention and Permanent Secretariat worked with interested Parties in the process to establish a Permanent Secretariat as requested in Resolution CIT-COP6-2013-R3;

**RECOGNIZING** the need to provide the appropriate means for the functioning of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat, as well as the quality of the work of the current Secretary;

**THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES**

**RESOLVE:**

1. To accept the United States of America's offer to continue to host the Secretariat *Pro Tempore* for an additional four years.
2. To authorize the extension of the contract of the current *Pro Tempore* Secretary until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.
3. To explore potential avenues to provide for a permanent Secretariat in the United States after 2021.