



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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**Proposed Terms of Reference for Measuring the
Effectiveness of the Secretariat of the Agreement on the
Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels**

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PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

Article VIII (14) requires the Parties to review the effectiveness of the Secretariat in facilitating the achievement of the objectives of the Agreement at every third session of the Meeting of the Parties. The Agreement also requires that the Terms of Reference for this review are to be agreed to at the previous session of the Meeting of the Parties (the 2nd Meeting of the Parties).

A process for establishing the review body and possible terms of reference are provided below to assist the Parties consideration of these issues.

Process for Establishment of a Review Body

The Chair of the Meeting of the Parties should call for nominations from Parties for participants on the review body. The review body should comprise individuals representing no less than two thirds of the Parties present at the meeting. The review body shall nominate a Chair from within its members.

The body shall be convened at the Meeting of the Parties and identify the time and manner in which it shall meet and the way in which it shall conduct its work, in order that it may complete its review of the effectiveness of the Secretariat by the end of every third Meeting of the Parties.

Draft Terms of Reference

In accordance with the requirements of Article VIII (14) of the Agreement the Meeting of the Parties agreed to convene a Review Body with the following terms of reference:

1. Review the effectiveness of the Secretariat in facilitating the achievement of the objectives of the Agreement;
2. Provide a report to the next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties on the process followed in conducting the review and the criteria used to assess the effectiveness of the Secretariat;
3. Provide recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties for enhancing the effectiveness of the Secretariat in facilitating the achievement of the objectives of the Agreement; and
4. Provide recommendations to the Secretariat for improving its performance indicators.