

Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention  
CONSERVATION OF THE HOUBARA BUSTARD (*CHLAMYDOTIS UNDULATA*)

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OBSERVING that houbara bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata*) is listed in Appendix I of the Convention;

NOTING with concern the critical conservation status of this species over large spans of its range in Asia and North Africa;

CONCERNED that uncontrolled hunting and international trade of the houbara bustards still take place in breeding and nesting areas of its range;

ACKNOWLEDGING recommendations 1.27 and 1.28 adopted at the World Conservation Congress at its 1st Session held in Montreal, Canada, 14-23 October 1996, regarding the conservation of houbara bustards;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING recommendation 5.6 adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Geneva, 10-16 April 1997, concerning the conservation of this species;

APPRECIATING the recent efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the representative of Asia in the Standing Committee of CMS in developing a multilateral agreement on the conservation of the Asiatic houbara bustard;

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URGES all Parties to the Convention that are range States for the houbara bustards, to take all appropriate action to prohibit all illegal hunting, trapping and egg collection activities in breeding and nesting areas of this species; and

CALLS UPON all range States of the Asiatic subspecies of the houbara bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata maqueenii*) to review the Draft Agreement officially circulated by the Government of Saudi Arabia and communicate their comments to the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development (NCWCD), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.