

**RESOLUTION 3.28**  
**SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT**

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area:*

*Recalling:*

- Article IV of the Agreement establishing the Secretariat of ACCOBAMS and defining its functions;
- Resolution 1.2 annex1 encouraging Parties to support the staff Secretariat through secondment;
- Resolution 1.6 (Annex 3) related to the Terms of Reference for the Administration of the Trust Fund of the Agreement;

*Recalling also* that ACCOBAMS was negotiated under the auspices of UNEP and CMS

*Desirous* of strengthening the capacity of the Secretariat of ACCOBAMS;

*Expressing* its gratitude to the Government of the Principality of Monaco for hosting the Secretariat and for its valuable human and financial support;

*Appreciating also* the voluntary contributions provided by Monaco, United Kingdom and Italy to support the Secretariat during the six past years;

*Conscious* of the need and the interest to increase synergy and consistency between the CMS-related agreements;

*Desirous*, although appreciating the work fulfilled by the Permanent Secretariat during the past years, to sustain the potential of the permanent Secretariat and to increase it in order to fulfil the new tasks assigned by the Contracting Parties;

1. Invites Parties to continue and improve the help to the Secretariat of ACCOBAMS by covering the costs of seconded staff , or financial support, of administrative, scientific or legal staff;
2. Invites the Host Country to facilitate the administrative steps needed for the stay in Monaco of the staff appointed by Parties to support the Secretariat of ACCOBAMS;
3. Charges the Executive Secretary of CMS, in consultation with the Chair of the Bureau and the assistance of the Executive Secretary of ACCOBAMS, to investigate with the host country authorities ways and means to facilitate the implementation of this Resolution and, in particular, to harmonize, as far as necessary, the status of the Permanent Secretariat with those of the Secretariats of CMS Agreements.