

Decision of the GRASP Council

GRASP Programme of action

September 8, 2005

The Council

Having reviewed and adopted the outline work plan 2003-2007 (document 1.4) and the GRASP Partnership: a Distinctive Approach (document 1.6) describing respectively, the work plan for 2003-2007 prepared by the expert group that met in Paris in November 2003 and the strategic priorities guiding the work plan for the period 2005-2007 as proposed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Interim Executive Committee,

Noting the fact that the Council has unanimously adopted the Rules for organization and management of GRASP and recommended the adoption of the global strategy for the conservation of the great apes by the high-level segment of the Intergovernmental Meeting scheduled to meet in Kinshasa on Friday, 9 September 2005,

Recognizing the need for identifying a set of clearly defined and realistic actions and activities that the GRASP Partnership can commit itself to implementing before the next meeting of the Council that is in line with the 2003-2007 plan and the strategic priorities identified in documents 1.4 and 1.6 respectively,

1. *Decides* to entrust the Executive Committee and Scientific Commission with the preparation of a detailed programme of action for the period 2006-2007 clearly identifying actions, activities, duration for their completion, indicators, and distribution of responsibilities among members of the GRASP Partnership;

2. *Invites* the Executive Committee to consult fully with all current Members of the GRASP Partnership, in order to coordinate the 2006-2007 programme of action with national strategies, and invite their in-kind and financial contributions for the preparation and implementation of the 2006-2007 programme of action;

3. *Requests* the Executive Committee to ensure that the 2006-2007 programme of action is circulated for comment to all Partners before 31 December 2005;

4. *Requests* the Executive Committee, on the basis of any comments received from the Partners, to finalize the 2006-2007 programme of action and circulate it to Partners;

5. *Recommends* that the Executive Committee monitor progress in the preparation and implementation of the programme of action for 2006-2007 and submit a progress report to the Council at its next session.