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Italy, as Party to the Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species has noted that during the last Conference of the Parties, held in Quito on November 2014, particular emphasis has been assigned in the CMS Working Program to promote actions for migratory birds and other migratory species, with the development of a Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 (SPMS) ; we have also taken into account the initiative of EURING (European Union for Bird Ringing) willing to produce a European Atlas of Bird Migration, based on recoveries of ringed birds, with the support of the CMS Secretariat; in this context the “African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP)” (the Action Plan) has been adopted, including within major and more urgent tasks the development of an African Eurasian region migratory birds atlas.

We are now in the position to financially support the latter activity to produce a “Migration Atlas for birds migrating from Eurasia to Africa”; in order to fully accomplish to the task assigned we deem necessary that:

- the Atlas will collate and harmonize data already in the ownership of EURING, within the Euring Data Bank, and other data bank available on the subject;
- the Atlas will give guidelines for activities connected with other CMS cross-cutting issues such biodiversity conservation in ecological network, climate change and connectivity;
- when planning activities on taxa and group of species, huntable species in the European Union will be prioritized, in order to provide useful elements in an adaptive decision-making process;
- when considering migration periods, data analysis could be based on decades, allowing consistency and use of results within the EU;
- results on the first group of species will be made available as soon as possible, and within the first year from the onset of analysis;
- the analysis will be completed within three years;

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- a relevant part of results will be made promptly available to the public and shaped for a routine update based on EURING databank contents;
- web instruments will be suitable to integrate other useful data as those coming from species-specific monitoring program based with different technologies;
- a peer-review process will take place.

To allow to perform this task, we are pleased to make available around 1,000,000.00 euros.

After preliminary acceptance of our offer, to be addressed to this Administration, we should receive modality and timing of Atlas's realization, in order to set formal agreement for the signature.

This Act is digitally signed according with Decree n. 445 on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000, and Legislative Decree n. 82 on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Such procedure is a substitute for printed text and handwritten signature.