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Activities of the Secretariat
Executive Summary

Title: Activities of the Secretariat

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Introduction/Background: On April 9, 2010, the previous Executive Director (C Summerhayes) retired. Following an extensive search, Dr. M. Sparrow (the previous Executive Officer) was appointed from an international field of 17 high calibre applicants to take over as ED on 1 April. A further recruiting exercise was then needed to replace the EO. Forty-five applications from 15 countries were received, and a short list of 3 candidates was interviewed on February 1. The successful candidate was Dr Renuka Badhe. Renuka is from India, and holds dual Indian (OCI) and British citizenship. She has a Masters degree in Environmental Policy and a PhD in Antarctic Marine Biology, and has recently been working with the IUCN on climate change and species in polar regions.

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Important Issues or Factors: 2010 represents a changeover period for the Secretariat. Part of the new Secretariat’s workload includes training, particularly for the new EO.

Budget Implications: Total salary costs are lower for the new Secretariat, though for 2010 there was a period of overlap for Colin Summerhayes and Mike Sparrow.