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### **Noted Author and Environmentalist, Stanley Johnson, Appointed CMS Ambassador**

*Bonn, 17 January 2007:* During the celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> accession by the Yemen to the Convention on Migratory Species, CMS awarded its third Ambassadorship to the British author and environmentalist Stanley Johnson in recognition of his work to preserve wildlife, promote the cause of migratory animals and publicize threats to endangered species.

Mr. Johnson is a conservationist, author, journalist, and former politician (as an MEP he was vice chairman of the European Parliament's Environment Committee). He was involved in most of the pioneering EU conservation laws such as the key Directives on Habitats, Birds, Seals and Zoos. He has been a consultant to the pioneering UNEP Great Apes Survival Project (GRASP), a trustee of Earthwatch and Plant Life International and he is currently a trustee of the Gorilla Organization.

Mr. Robert Hepworth, Executive Secretary of CMS said: "I have known Stanley Johnson a long time. He not only has played a key role within the European Union in developing nature protection legislation, such as Natura 2000, he has also written and published widely in this field. I regard his most recent report from Niger on the work CMS is doing to protect the desert antelopes as a model of environmental reporting. CMS is delighted to be able to draw on Mr. Johnson's talent and services for the future".

"I think CMS is a unique organization. It has a tremendous record already in conservation." said Mr. Stanley Johnson. "I am delighted with this appointment and very much hope to be able to help CMS both in its current vital work, as well as with future challenges, such as gorillas and pacific marine turtles", he added.

Mr. Johnson's recent report on the addax in Niger describes the CMS project for a Termit-Tin Toumma Protected Area "as a chance to save the world's last remaining population of wild addax and allow them to prosper well into the future".

For more information on Mr. Stanley Johnson please check:  
[http://www.cms.int/about/ambassadors/portrait\\_st\\_johnson.htm](http://www.cms.int/about/ambassadors/portrait_st_johnson.htm)