

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENT

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To the attention of the Contracting Parties of the Bern Convention

As you are aware, the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention decided on 6 December 2024 to change the protection status of the wolf (*Canis lupus*) from Appendix II to Appendix III of the Bern Convention, i.e. from “strictly protected fauna species” to “protected fauna species”, in agreement with a proposal by the European Union.

According to Article 17, paragraph 3, of the Bern Convention, this change will enter into force three months after its adoption (i.e. as of 6 March 2025), unless at least one third of the 50 Parties to the Council of Europe’s Bern Convention (17) notify objections, in which case it will not enter into force. If fewer than one third of the Parties object, the decision will enter into force only for those Contracting Parties, which have not notified objections.

Should you wish to object to the decision to change the protection status of the wolf, you are kindly requested to notify the secretariat of said objection **before 5 March 2025**, by email to bern.convention@coe.int or by post:

Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats
Council of Europe
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Thank you very much in advance.

Best regards,



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