

RESOLUTION 2.10

DATE, VENUE AND FUNDING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Recalling article VI, paragraph 2, of the Agreement, which states that the Agreement Secretariat shall convene, in consultation with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise,

Noting that the second session of the Meeting of the Parties was hosted by the Federal Government of Germany, in conjunction with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Bonn, from 18 to 25 September 2002,

Appreciating the benefits that may accrue to the Agreement and to Parties, particularly those with developing economies, to host sessions of the Meeting of the Parties in different regions in the Agreement area,

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Decides* that the third session of the Meeting of the Parties shall take place before the end of 2005 or early 2006 at the latest, ideally after the ninth Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention;
2. *Agrees* to welcome and accepts with great appreciation any future suitable offer to host the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds.