



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS



4th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES
15 – 19 September 2008, Antananarivo, Madagascar

“Flyway Conservation at Work – Review of the Past, Vision for the Future”

RESOLUTION 4.17¹

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: STANDING COMMITTEE

Recalling Resolution 2.6 regarding the establishment of the Standing Committee and, in particular, the composition of its membership,

Further recalling the tasks given to the Standing Committee as laid down in Resolution 2.6 paragraph 1,

Acknowledging the active role the Standing Committee has played in overseeing, as representatives of the Meeting of the Parties, the implementation of the Agreement and functioning of the Secretariat,

Further acknowledging that the Standing Committee has provided guidance and advice to the Secretariat on the implementation of the Agreement, on the preparation of meetings and any other matters,

Being aware that the Term of Office of the members of the current Standing Committee will expire at the close of the 4th session of the Meeting of the Parties,

Noting that the Strategic Plan for AEWA 2009-2017 has been adopted at the 4th session of the Meeting of the Parties and that the Standing Committee should oversee and guide the implementation of this Plan, and

Also noting that an AEWA Implementation Review Process (IRP) has been established at the 4th session of the Meeting of the Parties to assist in the implementation of the Agreement pursuant to its authorities according to Article VI.9 (e) to the Agreement and that the functions of the IRP will be assumed by the Standing Committee until a further decision has been taken by the MOP.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Approves* the list of elected regional representatives for the Standing Committee, as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Europe and Central Asia	Norway	Ukraine
Middle East and Northern Africa	Syria	Tunisia
Western and Central Africa	Ghana	Equatorial Guinea

¹ Please note that the number of this resolution has changed; it was previously Draft Resolution 4.18.

2. *Re-confirms* that the Standing Committee should also include a representative of the host country for the next session of the Meeting of Parties and a representative of the Depositary;
3. *Agrees* that the Standing Committee will meet biennially;
4. *Requests* the Standing Committee to oversee and provide guidance on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for AEWAs 2009-2017;
5. *Further requests* the Standing Committee to take up the tasks defined in Resolution 4.6 regarding the Implementation Review Process (IRP) until a further decision of the MOP;
6. *Decides* to make a provision in the Budget 2009-2012 for payment, upon request, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of appointed Standing Committee members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, within the policy agreed by the Meeting of Parties; and
7. *Requests* Contracting Parties to provide financial assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are Parties to the Agreement, to be represented at meetings of the Standing Committee by an observer.