

9th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
18 – 19 September 2013, Trondheim, Norway

**Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory
Waterbirds**
The Hague, 15-08-1996

Status report

States	Signature	Ratification ¹	Type ²	Entry into force	D/R ³
Albania		20-06-2001	A	01-09-2001	No
Algeria		04-07-2006	A	01-10-2006	No
Belgium	29-10-1999	03-03-2006	R	01-06-2006	Yes
Benin		26-10-1999	S	01-01-2000	No
Bulgaria	05-07-1999	23-11-1999	R	01-02-2000	Yes
Burkina Faso		01-07-2013	A	01-10-2013	No
Chad		01-08-2011	A	01-11-2011	No
Côte d'Ivoire		01-03-2013	A	01-06-2013	No
Croatia		26-06-2000	A	01-09-2000	No
Cyprus		19-06-2008	A	01-09-2008	No
Czech Republic		23-06-2006	A	01-09-2006	Yes
Denmark	29-10-1999	29-10-1999	R	01-01-2000	Yes
Djibouti		31-12-2003	A	01-03-2004	No
Egypt	20-08-1997	04-03-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Equatorial Guinea		03-10-2002	A	01-01-2003	No
Estonia		01-08-2008	A	01-11-2008	Yes
Ethiopia		03-11-2009	A	01-02-2010	No
EU (European Union)	01-09-1997	27-07-2005	R	01-10-2005	Yes
Finland	03-02-1999	29-10-1999	R	01-01-2000	Yes
France	25-11-1998	30-09-2003	R	01-12-2003	Yes
Gabon		10-09-2012	A	01-12-2012	No
Gambia, The	12-03-1999	12-03-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Georgia		28-05-2001	A	01-08-2001	No
Germany	15-08-1996	09-12-1998	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Ghana		25-07-2005	A	01-10-2005	No
Greece	14-05-1998				Yes
Guinea		04-03-1999	S	01-11-1999	No
Guinea-Bissau		14-08-2006	A	01-11-2006	No
Hungary		17-12-2002	A	01-03-2003	Yes
Iceland		21-03-2013	A	01-06-2013	Yes
Ireland	27-08-1996	30-05-2003	R	01-08-2003	Yes
Israel		14-08-2002	A	01-11-2002	No
Italy		01-06-2006	A	01-09-2006	No
Jordan		12-03-1997	S	01-11-1999	No
Kenya		09-03-2001	A	01-06-2001	No
Latvia		21-10-2005	A	01-01-2006	Yes
Lebanon		30-09-2002	A	01-12-2002	No
Libya		31-03-2005	A	01-06-2005	No
Lithuania		23-08-2004	A	01-11-2004	No
Luxembourg	27-10-1997	12-09-2003	R	01-12-2003	Yes
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of		01-11-1999	A	01-02-2000	No
Madagascar		12-10-2006	A	01-01-2007	No
Mali	25-09-1997	18-10-1999	R	01-01-2000	Yes
Mauritius		26-10-2000	A	01-01-2001	No
Moldova		17-01-2001	A	01-04-2001	Yes
Monaco	10-03-1999	15-06-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Montenegro		01-08-2011	A	01-11-2011	No
Morocco	19-11-1997	24-09-2012	R	01-12-2012	Yes

Netherlands, the Kingdom of the -Netherlands: -in Europe -Bonaire -Sint Eustatius -Saba -Aruba -Curaçao -Sint Maarten		15-08-1996	S	01-11-1999	No
Niger	27-04-1999	31-08-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Nigeria		13-04-2004	A	01-07-2004	No
Norway		25-06-2008	A	01-09-2008	No
Portugal		11-12-2003	A	01-03-2004	No
Republic of the Congo	30-08-1999	30-08-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Romania	07-08-1998	04-07-2000	R	01-10-2000	Yes
Senegal		27-04-1999	S	01-11-1999	No
Slovakia		23-04-2001	A	01-07-2001	Yes
Slovenia		23-07-2003	A	01-10-2003	No
South Africa	29-10-1999	01-01-2002	R	01-04-2002	Yes
Spain	20-02-1998	30-03-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Sudan		31-12-1996	S	01-11-1999	No
Swaziland		23-10-2012	A	01-01-2013	No
Sweden		05-10-1998	S	01-11-1999	Yes
Switzerland		15-10-1996	S	01-11-1999	No
Syria		30-05-2003	A	01-08-2003	No
Tanzania	31-08-1999	31-08-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Togo	02-02-1998	22-03-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Tunesia		26-04-2005	A	01-07-2005	No
Uganda		22-09-2000	A	01-12-2000	No
Ukraine	16-10-1998	18-10-2002	R	01-01-2003	Yes
United Kingdom	23-09-1996	22-02-1999	R	01-11-1999	Yes
Uzbekistan		30-01-2004	A	01-04-2004	No
Zimbabwe		08-03-2012	A	01-06-2012	No

¹⁾ See next column for type of consent to be bound by the treaty

²⁾ S=Signature without reservation or requirement as to ratification, R=Ratification, acceptance, approval or notification, A=Accession, Su=Succession, NK=Not known

³⁾ Declarations or reservations

- *Benin*: Formerly Dahomey, change of name in 1975. Independent from France since 01-08-1960.
- *Burkina Faso*: Formerly Upper Volta. Independent from France since 05-08-1960.
- *Côte d'Ivoire*: Independent from France since 07-08-1960.
- *Croatia*: Since 08-10-1991, after the break up of Yugoslavia.
- *Cyprus*: Independent from the United Kingdom since 16-08-1960.
- *Czech Republic*: Since 01-01-1993, after Czechoslovakia broke up into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- *Djibouti*: Independent from France since 27-06-1977.
- *Equatorial Guinea*: Formerly Spanish Guinea. Independent from Spain since 12-10-1968.
- *Estonia*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 20-08-1991. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.
- *EU (European Union)*: Has exercised all rights and has assumed all obligations of the European Community and the European Coal and Steel Community since 01-12-2009.
- *Gambia, The*: Independent from the United Kingdom since 18-02-1965.
- *Georgia*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 09-04-1991.
- *Ghana*: Formerly Gold Coast. Independent from the United Kingdom since 06-03-1957.
- *Guinea*: Formerly French Guinea. Independent from France since 02-10-1958.
- *Guinea-Bissau*: Formerly Portuguese Guinea. Independent from Portugal since 10-09-1974.
- *Latvia*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 21-08-1991. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.
- *Lithuania*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 11-03-1990. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.
- *Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of*: Since 17-11-1991, after the break up of Yugoslavia.
- *Madagascar*: Independent from France since 26-06-1960.
- *Mauritius*: Independent from the United Kingdom since 12-03-1968.
- *Moldova*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 27-08-1991.
- *Montenegro*: Since 03-06-2006, after the break up of the Union of Serbia and Montenegro.
- *Niger*: Independent from France since 03-08-1960.
- *Nigeria*: Independent from the United Kingdom since 01-10-1960.
- *Republic of the Congo*: Independent from France since 15-08-1960.
- *Senegal*: Independent from France since 20-08-1960.
- *Slovakia*: Since 01-01-1993, after Czechoslovakia broke up into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- *Slovenia*: Since 25-06-1991, after the break up of Yugoslavia.
- *Tanzania*: Since 26-04-1964, due to the union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar.
- *Togo*: Independent from France since 27-04-1960.
- *Ukraine*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 24-08-1991. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.
- *Uzbekistan*: Independent from the Soviet Union since 01-09-1991.

Extensions

Denmark

Extended to	Entry into force	Termination
Faroes	01-01-2000	

United Kingdom

Extended to	Entry into force	Termination
Gibraltar	01-11-1999	
Guernsey	01-11-1999	
Jersey	01-11-1999	
Man, Isle of	01-11-1999	
Saint-Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	01-11-1999	

Declarations, reservations and objections¹

BULGARIA

22-11-1999

The competent institutions for Bulgaria for the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds are:

Ministry of Environment and Water

National Nature Protection Service

67, William Gladstone Str.

1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

tel.: 003592 84 72 62 53

fax: 003592 52 16 34

Ministry of Justice and Legal Eurointegration

Department "Legal Eurointegration and International Legal Cooperation"

1, "Slavianska" Str.

1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

tel.: 003592 988 45 89; 980 92 22

fax: 003592 980 92 23; 981 10 96.

CZECH REPUBLIC

12-12-2008

The Government of the Czech Republic presents a reservation in accordance with Article X of the abovementioned Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 4th Session of the meeting of the Parties to the Agreement (Antananarivo, Madagascar, 15-19 September 2008), in the mentioned ninety days period.

04-06-2010

The Government of the Czech Republic withdraws the reservation, which was made in accordance with Article X of the abovementioned Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 4th Session of the meeting of the Parties to the Agreement (Antananarivo, Madagascar, 15-19 September 2008), in the ninety days period. As provided for in paragraph 6 of Article 10 of the Agreement, the Amendments shall enter into force for the Czech Republic on the thirtieth day after the date of the withdrawal of the reservation.

¹ Please see Annex I for reservations entered by Parties in connection with the amendments adopted to the annexes 2 and 3 and to table 1 of the Agreement by Resolution 5.6 on 18 May 2012 during the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWB, 14-18 May 2012 in La Rochelle, France.

ESTONIA

01-08-2008

According to Article XV of the Agreement the Republic of Estonia makes a following specific reservation: paragraph 4.1.4 of the Annex 3 is not applied to the hunting of waterbirds in the territory of the Republic of Estonia until the 1st of January 2013.

EU (EUROPEAN UNION)

29-01-2010

[...] as from 1 December 2009, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community (Article 1, third paragraph, of the Treaty on European Union as it results from the amendments introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon) and has exercised all rights and assumed all obligations of the European Community whilst continuing to exercise existing rights and assume obligations of the European Union.

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, therefore has the honour to notify the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union that, as from 1 December 2009, the European Community has been replaced and succeeded by the European Union in respect of all Conventions/Agreements for which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is the depositary and to which the European Community, replaced from 1 December 2009 by the European Union, is a contracting party.

FINLAND

29-10-1999

1. In accordance with Article XV and Annex 3, paragraph 2.1.2, Finland declares that the provisions contained in the said paragraph do not apply to the Åland Islands as regards two species, Velvet Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) and Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*), mentioned in Table 1 column B, and the taking of these species is allowed in the Åland Islands.
2. The provisions contained in Annex 3, paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 do not apply to those species which are subject to spring taking in the Åland Islands.
3. The provisions contained in Annex 3, paragraphs 4.1.4, endeavouring to phase out the use of lead shot, do not apply to the Åland Islands.

HUNGARY

17-12-2002

Reservation to the point 4.1.4. of Annex 3 (Action Plan) of the Agreement:
The Republic of Hungary reserves the right to phase out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands until 15 August 2005.

ICELAND

21-03-2013

Translation

In accordance with Article XV of the Agreement, Iceland makes a reservation regarding Annex 3, paragraph 2.1, cf. Article IV, paragraph 1, with regard to the following species:

- Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*).
- Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*).
- Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*).
- Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*).
- Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*).
- Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*).
- Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*).
- Razorbill (*Alca torda*).
- Common Guillemot (*Uria aalge*).
- Thick-billed Guillemot (*Uria lomvia*).
- Black Guillemot (*Cepphus grylle*).

Atlantic Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*).
Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*).
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*).
Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas Penelope*).
Common Teal (*Anas crecca*).
Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*).
Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*).
Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*).
Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*).
Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*).
Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*).

LATVIA

21-10-2005

In accordance with paragraph 1 article V the Republic of Latvia declares that the national authority designated is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Latvia

Peldu Str. 25
Riga, LV - 1494
Tel.: +371 7026 418
Fax: + 371 7820 442
E-mail: pasts@vidm.gov.lv

MOLDOVA

17-01-2001

Responsible authority of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the provisions of Article V paragraph (b) of the Agreement on the conservation of african- Eurasian migratory waterbirds is the Ministry of Environment and Territorial Development of the Republic of Moldova.

Postal address:
9 Cosmonautilor str.,
Chisinau, MD-2005, Republic of Moldova
tel. + 373 2 22 62 73
fax + 373 2 22 07 48

Contact person: Mr. Ion Bejenaru
chief of the Section on the bio-diversity conservation and management of protected areas
E-mail: Biodiver@mediu.moldavo.md.

SLOVAKIA

23-04-2001

The Slovak Republic shall not be bound by the provisions of article 4.1.4 of the Action Plan and will not phase out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands.

SWEDEN

05-10-1998

In accordance with Article V 1(a) and (b) of the Agreement Sweden hereby designates as implementing authority of the Agreement and contact point for the other Parties The Swedish National Environmental Protection Agency, (Statens naturvårdsverk), S-106 48 Stockholm, Sweden.

Tel. + 46-8-698 10 00, Fax + 46-8-20 29 25.

Depositary Communications

Belgium

29-10-1999

1. Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.
2. Signature also for "le Gouvernement de Région wallone" and "le Gouvernement de Région de Bruxelles-Capitale". Signed for "le Gouvernement de la Région flamande" by the Attaché de la Communauté flamande.

Bulgaria

05-07-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Denmark

29-10-1999

1. Upon signature with a reservation in respect of approval.
2. Upon approval Denmark made a reservation for the application to Greenland.

Egypt

20-08-1997

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification

EU (European Union)

01-09-1997

Signature with reservation in respect of approval.

Finland

03-02-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of acceptance.

France

25-11-1998

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Gambia, The

27-04-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Germany

15-08-1996

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Greece

14-05-1998

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Ireland

15-08-1996

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Luxembourg

27-10-1997

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Mali

25-09-1997

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Monaco

10-03-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Morocco

19-11-1997

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Niger

27-04-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of approval.

Republic of the Congo

31-08-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Romania

07-08-1998

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

South Africa

29-10-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Spain

20-02-1998

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Tanzania

31-08-1999

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Togo

02-02-1998

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

Ukraine

16-10-1998

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

United Kingdom

23-09-1996

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
THE HAGUE**

**AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS
(The Hague, 15 August 1996)**

Notification pursuant to Article XVII of the Agreement

During the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the above-mentioned Agreement held from 14-18 May 2012 in La Rochelle, France, amendments were adopted to the annexes 2 and 3 and to Table 1 to the Agreement.

These amendments were formally adopted by Resolution 5.6 on 18 May 2012. In accordance with article X, paragraphs 5 and 6, the amendments to the annexes will enter into force on the 90th day after the date of adoption, except for Parties which have entered a reservation during the period of 90 days.

RESERVATIONS

Czech Republic, 15-08-2012

The Government of the Czech Republic makes a reservation in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article X of the Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement (La Rochelle, France, 14-18 May 2012), in the period of ninety days provided for in paragraph 5 of Article X of the Agreement.

Denmark, 09-08-2012

Consequently, Denmark hereby wishes to enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the North-East European/Black Sea, South West-Asian and Eastern African population of the Baltic Lesser Blackbacked Gull (*Larus fuscus fuscus*) and the North-East Europe/North-West Europe population of Taiga Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis fabalis*) in category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, marked with an asterisk concerning the Taiga Bean Goose.

European Union, 11-06-2012

The European Union would therefore like to hereby enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the North-East Europe/North-West Europe population of Taiga Bean Goose *Anser fabalis fabalis* and the North-East Europe/Black Sea, SW Asian & Eastern Africa population of Lesser Blackbacked Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus* in category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds.

Finland, 07-08-2012

The Government of the Republic of Finland would therefore like to enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the North-East Europe/North-West Europe population of Taiga Bean Goose *Anser fabalis fabalis* in category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds.

Sweden, 06-07-2012

Sweden would therefore like to hereby enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the North-East Europe/North-West Europe population of Taiga Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis fabalis*) in category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds.

ENTRY INTO FORCE

The amendments entered into force for the Parties to the Agreement which did not enter a reservation, on 16 August 2012.

The Hague, 31 August 2012

The Depositary Notifications are accessible on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at <http://www.minbuza.nl/depositary>.

Migratory Waterbirds No. 3/2012