

12th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

31 January – 01 February 2017, Paris, France

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY

This report provides the latest information on the accession of Range States to the Agreement and on reservations made by Parties within the ninety-day period following the Session of the 6th Meeting of the Parties to AEWA in Bonn, 9-14 November 2016.

In 2016 Belarus has accessed the agreement and the Czech Republic, Denmark, the European Union, Sweden and Belarus have made reservations.

Parties (2 February 2016)

Party	Signature	Provisional application	Ratification	Entry into force	Renunciation	Termination
Belarus			15-01-2016 (T)	01-04-2016		

Reservations, declarations and objections (2 February 2016)

Belarus, 15-01-2016

The Republic of Belarus on the basis of Article XV of the Agreement shall not apply Annex 3 to the Agreement with respect to:

- the prohibition referred to in paragraph 2.1.2(a) of Annex 3 to the Agreement on the taking of birds belonging to the populations listed in column B of table 1 of Annex 3 to the Agreement at various stages of reproduction and rearing and during their return to their breeding grounds if the taking has an unfavourable impact on the conservation status of the population concerned;
- the prohibition referred to in paragraph 2.1.2(b) of Annex 3 to the Agreement on the use of all indiscriminate means of taking out and means capable of causing mass destruction, the local disappearance, as well as causing serious anxiety to the birds belonging to the populations listed in column B of table 1 of Annex 3 to the Agreement;
- paragraph 4.1.4 of Annex 3 to the Agreement.

Czech Republic, 11-02-2016

The government of the Czech Republic makes a reservation in accordance with Article X of the Agreement due to the impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement, (Bonn, Germany, 9-14 November 2015), within the ninety days period.

Denmark, 21-01-2016

Consequently, Denmark hereby wishes to enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the Western Siberia/North European population of Long-tailed Duck and the Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW European population of the Velvet Scoter in Category 1b of Column A of Table I to the Agreement.

EU (European Union), 18-01-2016

The European Union would therefore like to hereby enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the Western Siberia/North European population of Long-tailed Duck and the Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW European population of the Velvet Scoter in Category 1b of Column A of Table I to the Agreement and the North-west & Central Europe population of Red-breasted Merganser and the population of Common Redshank in Category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement.

Sweden, 11-02-2016

Sweden hereby wishes to enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the Western Siberia/North European population of Long-tailed Duck (*Melanitta fusca*) and the Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW European population of the Velvet Scoter (*Clangula hyemalis*) in Category 1b of Column A of Table I to the Agreement, as well as the Northwest/Central Europe populations of Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) included in Category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement.

All the relevant information can be found on the depository website:

<https://verdragenbank.overheid.nl/en/Treaty/Details/007342>