



13th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

03 - 05 July 2018, The Hague, the Netherlands

DRAFT RESOLUTION 7.XX (StC13/DR11)¹

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Article VII of the Agreement, the first Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP), through Resolution 1.8, established and determined the composition of the Technical Committee,

Considering that at the present 7th Session of the MOP (MOP7), the terms of office of five members of the Technical Committee expire - the regional representatives for Western Africa, Eastern Africa, South-western Asia, Central Europe, and Eastern Europe, and that the position of the regional representative for Central Africa remained vacant in the past triennium, as well as the term of office of the environmental law thematic expert, which also expires at MOP7,

Further considering the recommendation of the Advisory Group, as per Rule 8 of the Modus Operandi of the Technical Committee, regarding the nominated candidates for the vacant positions,

Thanking members of the Technical Committee for their work in fulfilling the task stipulated by Article VII.2 of the Agreement, thereby contributing to the implementation of the Agreement over the past triennium,

Recalling the Work Plan of the Technical Committee for 2016-2018 adopted by MOP6 and *taking note* of the Report of the Technical Committee to MOP7 (document AEWA/MOP 7.XX),

Noting that despite the dedicated work of the Technical Committee and the good results delivered to MOP7, the implementation of the Technical Committee work plan for 2016-2018 is relatively limited due to the growing volume of requests to the Committee by the Meeting of Parties, the lack of any earmarked resources with which to contract significant elements of work (e.g. technical reviews) and thus consequent reliance on prior fundraising by the Secretariat to progress these work areas, and the heavy constraints on the amount of *pro bono* input to the Committee's work by its members as a consequence of economic austerity measures,

Recognising the expanding portfolio and workload of the Secretariat and the stagnant resources allocated to the Secretariat, which impacts on its facilitative role to the Technical Committee,

Recognising the need of prior strategic review by the Meeting of the Parties of Technical Committee tasks for the forthcoming triennium, in order to allow prioritisation, and resource provision and mobilisation so as to ensure adequate work allocation and implementation,

¹ The numbering of draft resolutions presented to MOP7 may change.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Appoints* to the Technical Committee the members and alternates named in Appendix I to the present Resolution, taking into account terms of office in accordance with Rule 5 of the Modus Operandi of the Technical Committee and the geographical representation as laid down in its Annex;
2. *Approves* the work plan, summarising the scientific and technical tasks for the AEWA Technical Committee for 2019-2021 and their prioritisation as presented in Appendix II to this Resolution;
3. *Instructs* the Secretariat to provide the necessary support to the Technical Committee in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement, as well as the provisions in the budget for the Agreement and the activities of the Technical Committee or the Agreement Secretariat, as adopted under Resolution 7.XX on Financial and Administrative Matters;
4. *Urges* Contracting Parties which provide Junior Professional Officers (JPO) to the United Nations system to prioritise and allocate a JPO to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat for Technical Committee support in order to strengthen the Secretariat in its role of facilitator of the Technical Committee;
5. *Encourages* Contracting Parties to include members of the Technical Committee in their delegations to the Meeting of the Parties, finances permitting, in order to enhance synergies between the bodies of the Agreement.

Appendix I

AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

NORTH AND SOUTHWESTERN EUROPE

Ms Ruth Cromie (United Kingdom)

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CENTRAL EUROPE

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EASTERN EUROPE

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SOUTHWESTERN ASIA

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Mr Wed Abdou (Egypt)

WESTERN AFRICA

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CENTRAL AFRICA

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EASTERN AFRICA

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

Ms Lizanne Roxburgh (South Africa)

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WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL

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Mr Pierre Defos du Rau

¹ Term of office to be decided by the Organization.

Appendix II

Work Plan for the AEWA Technical Committee 2019-2021
(to be added – see document AEWA/StC 13.31)