



**4<sup>th</sup> 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”*

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 4.13

**PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE  
ANNEXES TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF  
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS**

*Determined* to maximize the use of the Agreement including its Annexes as an effective and efficient legal tool for the protection and conservation of migratory waterbirds;

*Noting* that in accordance with Article X.2 to the Agreement, proposals to amend the Agreement including its Annexes “*may be made by any Party*”;

*Further noting* that proposals for amendments to the Agreement including its Annexes must be “*communicated to the Agreement secretariat not less than one hundred and fifty days before the opening of the session*” of the Meeting of the Parties (Article X.3);

*Aware* that in accordance with Article IV.2, the Action Plan (Annex 3) “*shall be reviewed at each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties*” and it thus could be necessary to amend the Action Plan at each session of the MOP;

*Understanding* that to ensure an efficient mechanism for this process, for the purposes of Article X.2, “*Party*” can mean the Standing Committee, thus contributing greatly to the use of the Action Plan as a flexible and effective instrument for waterbird conservation;

*Emphasizing* that the Standing Committee is comprised of regional representatives of the Parties to the Agreement;

*Taking into account* that the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention has the mandate to propose Resolutions to its Conference of the Parties and that this has been an effective means of facilitating the work of the Convention.

*The Meeting of the Parties:*

*Decides* that concerning proposals for amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, and in the context of Article X.2, the Standing Committee shall be considered a “*Party*”.