



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”

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TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS

Recalling the offer of the Government of the Republic of Madagascar to host the fourth session of the Meeting of Parties, which was accepted by the Meeting of the Parties at its third session with great appreciation;

Aware of the effort undertaken in the organisation of the current session of the Meeting of the Parties by the Government of Madagascar;

Appreciating financial support provided by the Governments of France, Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden to facilitate the participation of as many Range States as possible;

Further appreciating financial support provided by the Governments of Belgium, Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United Republic of Tanzania, the European Commission, the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), Vogelbescherming Nederland (BirdLife partner The Netherlands) and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums for the logistical and substantial preparation of the current session of the Meeting of Parties;

Also appreciating in-kind support provided by the German Association for Technical Cooperation GTZ, the BirdLife International Programme Madagascar, Conservation International Madagascar, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, World Wide Fund for Nature Madagascar and the Peregrine Fund Madagascar.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Madagascar and the Agreement's Secretariat for the arrangements made to provide an excellent venue and facilities for the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties;
2. *Congratulates* the Agreement's Secretariat on the excellent preparation of the documents for the current fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement;
3. *Expresses* its appreciation to all the support of the Governments and Non-Governmental Organisations listed above, which contributed to the preparation of the fourth Meeting of the Parties, thus facilitating the participation of many Range States and/ or the logistical and substantial preparation of the current session of the Meeting of Parties.