

## RESOLUTION 2.11

### HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT FOR AND JURIDICAL PERSONALITY OF THE AGREEMENT SECRETARIAT

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*Recalling* article VI, paragraph 7 (a), of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds and Resolution 1.1 adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its first session (Cape Town, 1999) to establish a permanent Secretariat for the Agreement co-located with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals under the administration of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Aware* that the co-location of the Agreement's Secretariat with the Convention Secretariat under the administration of the UNEP has come into effect as of 17 July 2000,

*Further aware* that for functioning of the Agreement's Secretariat a similar legal status as granted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to other United Nations bodies in the Federal Republic of Germany would be desirable,

*Acknowledging* the efforts made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Nations and the Convention Secretariat to conclude a headquarters agreement, which will provide a legal status to the Convention Secretariat,

*Aware* that the headquarters agreement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Nations and the Convention Secretariat has been concluded and signed on 18 September 2002 in Bonn,

*Appreciating* that a provision has been made in article 2, paragraph 2, of the headquarters agreement, subject to the consent of the competent bodies of Agreements concluded under article IV of the Convention, to apply the headquarters agreement *mutatis mutandis* to the secretariats of such Agreements, which have been co-located with the Convention Secretariat and are institutionally linked to the United Nations,

#### *The Meeting of the Parties:*

1. *Welcomes and endorses* the agreement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Nations and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals concerning the headquarters of the Convention Secretariat;
2. *Endorses* that, in accordance to article 2, paragraph 2, of the headquarters agreement, the agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds;
3. *Expresses* its sincere gratitude to the Federal Republic of Germany for the financial and other support to the Agreement Secretariat.