



## 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

08 - 11 May 2005, Flic en Flac, Mauritius

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### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

#### *Introduction*

Since the second session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP2) to AEWA a number of developments have taken place that are of influence on the functioning and/ or composition of the Technical Committee. In short, these developments are:

1. Establishment of the AEWA Standing Committee
2. Enlargement of the European Union
3. Central Asian Flyway initiative

In addition to these developments, the Technical Committee (TC) noted that at the third session of the Meeting of the Parties more than 50 percent of its members will have to step down because their term of office is about to expire. Together with the development mentioned above, this has prompted the TC to review the Rules of Procedure for its meetings as well as the division of the AEWA Agreement Area into 9 geographical regions.

In addition to these institutional issues the TC, has also reviewed its activities over the last few years. Based on this, a discussion has taken place at the last two meetings of the TC about the role of the TC and, linked to that, on a work programme for the TC.

The outcome of this review has led to a number of proposals to amend the Rules of Procedure, to revise the division of the Agreement Area into 9 regions and for a work programme for the TC.

#### *Division of the Agreement Area into nine regions*

At its first session in 1999, the Meeting of the Parties agreed to divide the Agreement Area into the following nine geographical regions: 1) North and South Western Europe, 2) Central Europe, 3) Eastern Europe, 4) Southwestern Asia, 5) North Africa, 6) Western Africa, 7) Central Africa, 8) Eastern Africa and 9) Southern Africa.

Since MOP1, a number of developments have taken place that justifies a review of how the Agreement Area could be divided into 9 different regions. One of these developments is the enlargement of the EU. With the accession of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Cyprus and Malta, the EU has grown to 25 Member States. Taking into account that the EU has regular meetings on e.g. the implementation of the Bird or Habitat Directive, it makes sense to group these 25 countries together in one region.

A second development of influence on the division of the Agreement Areas is linked to the progress made regarding the Central Asian Flyway (CAF) initiative. From XX – XX May 2005, the workshop 'Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats in the Central Asian Flyway' took place in New Dehli, India. One of the recommendations agreed by the workshop was to propose to MOP3 to extend the AEWA Agreement Area by including the CAF region. During the discussion on CAF it was noted that this region was dealing with some specific problems. Taking this into account, the Technical Committee agreed that this would justify the creation of a South-eastern Asian region.

In accordance with Article VII paragraph 1a of the Agreement, the Technical Committee shall comprise ... *'nine experts representing different regions of the Agreement Area in accordance with a balanced geographical distribution'*. This limits the possibility to create new regions because there is only room for 9 experts. Therefore a review of all regions has taken place, and the outcome of this is as follows. As mentioned before, with the enlargement of the EU there is a need to divide Europe into EU and NON-EU countries. By doing this, the number of regions in Europe could be brought back to 2 instead of 3. As indicated before, the developments of CAF justify the creation of the South-eastern region. However, the TC noted that there is strong cooperation between the former Soviet Union countries located in the Caucasus or Central Asian region. Therefore, it is proposed to establish the Caucasus-Central Asian region. So far, the Caucasus and the AEWA part of Central Asia have been incorporated in the South-western Asia region. The TC proposes to merge the Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East with North Africa into a new region, North Africa-Middle East. No changes in the other regions of Africa are proposed at this stage.

### **Amendments to the Rules of Procedure**

One of the developments that are of influence on the Rules of Procedure for the meeting of the TC is the establishment of the AEWA Standing Committee as adopted by MOP2 and implemented as of 1 January 2003. Now that there are two Committees that are servicing the Meeting of the Parties, there is clearly a need to make clear each other's role and responsibility. The TC decided at its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to insert in Rule 1, after *'The Technical Committee, established in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement ...'*, the words *..'in coordination with the Standing Committee'*. Also, a provision is made in Rule 8 that the Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee can attend the meetings of the TC as an Observer.

The TC has noted that out of the 15 members according to the Rules of Procedure, 8 have to step down when their term of office expires at the end of the third session of the Meeting of the Parties. The foreseen high turnover might impede the ongoing work of the Technical Committee. Things would not become easier if the current division of the Agreement Area were revised, as proposed above, as well. Establishing new regions or merging regions creates vacancies, and in other cases we end up with more than one member. The TC doesn't propose to change the Rules of Procedure regarding the term of office but requests the Meeting of the Parties on an ad hoc basis to agree with the extension of the terms of office of the following TC members:

Region	Representative
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### **Future role of the TC**

The TC has reviewed its activities so far and discussed its future role. From this discussion it became obvious that the TC should take a leading role in implementing the Agreement. The attached work programme stipulates the activities the TC will carry out in the coming years.

(Draft 1 March 2005)

**RESOLUTION 3. XX**

**INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

*Pursuant to* article VII of the Agreement, the first session of the Meeting of the Parties, through Resolution 1.8, established and determined the composition of the Technical Committee;

*Recalling* that through Resolution 1.8 the Meeting of the Parties also approved the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Technical Committee, which include amongst other issues the terms of office of the Members of the Technical Committee;

*Further recalling* that the second session of the Meeting of the Parties amended the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Technical Committee, *inter alia*. Rules 7 regarding replacements of Members that have to step down owing to their term of office expiring;

*Noting* that pursuant to the above Resolutions 8, Members of the Technical Committee<sup>1</sup> are obliged to step down at the end of the third session of the Meeting of the Parties;

*Expressing concern* that a turnover of over half of the Technical Committee Members will impede the ongoing work of the Technical Committee;

*Aware* as to AEWA being in the initial stages of its development, the future role of the Technical Committee is a timely issue;

*Further aware* that by the inclusion of the Central Asian Flyway in the AEWA Agreement Area as adopted under Resolution 3.XX there is a need to review the current geographical representation within the Technical Committee;

*Considering* the recommendation of the Technical Committee from its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding extension of the terms of office of its Members, the role of the Technical Committee and the geographical representation within the Technical Committee;

*Bearing in mind* that in accordance with Article VII paragraph 2 to the Agreement the Technical Committee shall:

- (a) provide scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties and, through the Agreement Secretariat, to Parties;
- (b) make recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out,
- (c) prepare for each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on its activities which shall be submitted to the Agreement Secretariat not less than one hundred and twenty days before the session of the Meeting of the Parties,

and copies shall be circulated forthwith by the Agreement Secretariat to the Parties;

*Further bearing in mind* that pursuant to Article VII paragraph 2 d. the Technical Committee shall carry out any other tasks referred to it by the Meeting of the Parties;

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<sup>1</sup> 6 Regional Representatives, the Expert of Rural Economic and the Expert on Environmental Law

*Acknowledging with appreciation* the recommendation of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee to take a leading role in the implementation of the Agreement;

*Further acknowledging* the Technical Committee's recommendation to develop AEWA as a major player amongst biodiversity-related Conventions regarding migratory Waterbird in African-Eurasian region;

*Appreciating* the work of the Technical Committee in fulfilling its task as stipulated by Article VII paragraph 2 of the Agreement and its contribution to the implementation of the Agreement;

*Further appreciating* that the Technical Committee submitted its proposed work programme for approval by the Meeting of the Parties;

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

1. Agrees to divide the AEWA Agreement area into 9 regions as laid down in Appendix I;
2. Appoints to the Technical Committee, taking into account terms of office in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedures for meetings of the Technical Committee and the geographical representation as laid down in the Appendix, the members and alternates named in Appendix II to the present Resolution;
3. Approves the extension of the term of office until the end of the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties of the following Technical Committee Members:

<b>REGION XX</b>	NAME XX
<b>EXPERT XX</b>	NAME XX

4. Adopts the revised rules of procedure for the meetings of the Technical Committee, as attached hereto in Appendix III;
5. Further adopts the work programme of the Technical Committee as attached hereto in Appendix IV and decides that each regional Representative shall:
  - a) serve as the Technical Committee's contact point for the Range States and, in particular, Contracting Parties of that geographical region, and as such maintain contact with the Contracting Parties' technical focal points towards synchronising regional activities for the implementation of AEWA;
  - b) prepare, submit and present to the Technical Committee at each of its meetings a report on the implementation of AEWA in that geographical region represented by him/her;
  - c) provide information on activities undertaken by the Range States, Contracting Parties and others in the region on implementation of AEWA;
  - d) disseminate to the Contracting Parties' technical focal points information on the outcomes of discussions of the meetings of the Technical Committee.
6. 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 3. XXX.

## Appendix 1: DIVISION OF THE AGREEMENT AREA INTO NINE REGIONS

In accordance with Article VII paragraph 1a, the Technical Committee shall comprise nine experts representing different regions of the Agreement Area, in accordance with a balanced geographical distribution. With the inclusion of the Central Asian Flyway in the Agreement Area, the existing geographical distribution has been reviewed and revised as follows:

Region	Name of Range States/regional economic organisations
EUROPEAN UNION (25)	Austria, <u>Belgium</u> <sup>2</sup> , Cyprus, Czech Republic <b>DENMARK</b> <sup>3</sup> (including Greenland) Estonia, <b>FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY</b> , Greece, <b>HUNGARY, IRELAND</b> , Italy, Latvia, <b>LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG</b> , Malta, <b>THE NETHERLANDS, Poland, PORTUGAL, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND</b> and the <u>European Union</u> .
NON-EU COUNTRIES	<b>ALBANIA</b> , Andorra, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, <b>BULGARIA</b> , Canada, <b>CROATIA</b> , Iceland, <b>ISRAEL</b> , Liechtenstein, <b>ROMANIA</b> , San Marino, <b>THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, MONACO</b> , Norway, Russian Federation (European part), <b>SWITZERLAND</b> , Turkey, <b>UKRAINE</b> , <u>Yugoslavia</u>
CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA	Afghanistan <sup>4</sup> , Armenia, Azerbaijan, <b>GEORGIA</b> , Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, <i>Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia</i> , Russian Federation (Asian part), <i>Tajikistan</i> , Turkmenistan, <b>UZBEKISTAN</b>
SOUTH-EAST ASIA	<i>Bangladesh, Bhutan, China (People's Republic of), India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; UK territory of Chagos Islands</i>
NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	Algeria, <b>EGYPT</b> , Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, <u>Morocco</u> . Tunisia, Bahrain, Iraq, <b>JORDAN</b> , Kuwait, <b>LEBANON</b> , Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, <b>SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC</b> , Yemen, United Arab Emirates
WESTERN AFRICA	<b>BENIN</b> , Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, <b>GAMBIA</b> , Ghana, <b>GUINEA</b> , Guinea Bissau, Liberia, <b>MALI</b> , Mauritania, <b>NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL</b> , Sierra Leone and <b>TOGO</b>

<sup>2</sup> Underlined Range States signed but did not ratify the Agreement yet.

<sup>3</sup> Range States in capitals and bold are Contracting Parties to the Agreement.

<sup>4</sup> Central Asian Flyway Range States not part of the original AEWA Range States.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Name of Range States/regional economic organisations</b>
CENTRAL AFRICA	Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, <b>CONGO</b> , Democratic Republic of Congo, <b>EQUATORIAL GUINEA</b> , Gabon, Rwanda and Sao Tome & Principe
EASTERN AFRICA	<b>DJIBOUTI</b> , Eritrea, Ethiopia, <b>KENYA</b> , Somalia, <b>SUDAN</b> , <b>UGANDA</b> , <b>TANZANIA</b> (United Republic of)
SOUTHERN AFRICA	Angola, Botswana, Comoros Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, <b>MAURITIUS</b> , Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, <b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> , Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe, St. Helena (UK), Ascension Island (UK), Reunion (France) and Mayotte (France ).

## Appendix II

### REPRESENTATIVES/ ALTERNATES OF THE REGIONS

#### EUROPEAN UNION

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant (2)<sup>5</sup>

**ALTERNATE**

Petri Nummi PhD., Docent (1)<sup>6</sup>/ Finland

#### NON-EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Dr. Olivier Biber (1)/ Switzerland

**ALTERNATE**

Prof. Dr. Dan Munteanu (0)<sup>7</sup>

Dr. Valentin Serebryakov (0)

#### CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant (2)

**ALTERNATE**

Dr. Elena Kreuzberg-Mukhina (1)

#### SOUTH-EAST ASIA

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant (2)<sup>8</sup>

**ALTERNATE**

Vacant (2)

#### NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Eng. Khalaf Aoloklah (0) /Jordan

**ALTERNATE**

Mr. Mohammed Haffane (1)/ Morocco

Mr. Sherif Baha El Din (0)/ Egypt

#### WESTERN AFRICA

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Momodou Lamin Kassama (1)/ Gambia

**ALTERNATE**

Mr. Mohamed Abdoulaye (1) Benin

#### CENTRAL AFRICA

**REPRESENTATIVE****ALTERNATE**

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<sup>5</sup> Term of office expiring at end of MOP5

<sup>6</sup> Term of Office expiring at end of MOP4

<sup>7</sup> Term of Office expiring at end of MOP3

Mr. Ikonga Jerome Mokoko (0)/ Congo

Mr. Kasulu Seya Makonga (0)/ DRC

### **EASTERN AFRICA**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Dr. Charles Mlingwa (0)/ Tanzania

#### **ALTERNATE**

Mr. Olivier Nasirwa (0)/ Kenya

### **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Yousoof Mungroo (1)/ Mauritius

#### **ALTERNATE**

Prof. Les Underhil (1)/ South Africa

## **REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANISATIONS (3)<sup>9</sup>**

### **IUCN**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Dr. Mariono Gimines-Dixon

#### **ALTERNATE**

Dr. Susan A. Mainka

### **WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Ward Hagemeyer

#### **ALTERNATE**

Mr. Simon Delany

### **CIC**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Prof. Dr. Heribert Kalchreuter

#### **ALTERNATE**

Dr. Christian Krogell

## **EXPERTS**

### **RURAL ECONOMICS**

Mr. Elijah Danso (0)/ Ghana

### **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

Ms. Rachelle Adam (0)/ Israel

### **GAME MANAGEMENT**

Dr. Preben Clausen (1)/ Denmark

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<sup>9</sup> Term of office to be decided by the Organisation

## **RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)**

### General functions

#### **Rule 1**

The Technical Committee, established in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement provides scientific and technical advice and information, to the Meeting of the Parties and, through the Agreement Secretariat, to the Parties. Its functions are defined in Article VII paragraph 3. The Technical Committee works closely with the Standing Committee to ensure consistency across the Agreement's work.

#### **Rule 2**

In particular the Technical Committee makes recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out.

#### **Rule 3**

In the event of an emergency, the Technical Committee may request the Agreement Secretariat to urgently convene a Meeting of Parties concerned to avoid deterioration of the conservation status of one or more migratory waterbird species.

### Representation and attendance

#### **Rule 4**

1. In accordance with Article VII paragraph 1, the Committee membership shall comprise:

(a) nine experts representing the different regions of the Agreement Area (north & south west Europe, central Europe, eastern Europe, south-western Asia, north Africa, central Africa, west Africa, and east and southern Africa) elected among all the Parties on the recommendation of the Parties of the region in question;

(b) one representative appointed by each of the following organisations: the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Wetlands International, the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC); and

(c) one expert from each of the following fields: rural economics, game management, and environmental law; elected by the Parties.

2. Any Party has the right to recommend an expert in the fields of rural economics, game management and environmental law for nomination by the Meeting of the Parties.

3. With the exception of the experts in the field of rural economics, game management and environmental law, all the above-mentioned representatives shall name an Alternate Member for each position to be approved by the Meeting of the Parties.

### **Rule 5**

Except as provided for in Rule 8, attendance at meetings of the Technical Committee shall be limited to members of the Technical Committee or their Alternates and observers of the Parties.

### **Rule 6**

Only Members shall exercise the voting rights. In his/her absence, the Alternate shall act in his or her place.

### **Rule 7**

1. The term of office of the members shall expire at the close of the second ordinary Meeting following that at which they were elected. At each ordinary meeting of the Meeting of the Parties, elections shall be held only for those regional members whose term of office will have expired at the close of the meeting and for any regional member who indicates a desire to stand down without completing a full term of office. The same provisions shall apply with respect to the alternate/ members nominated in accordance with Rule 4.

2. In the instance of a Member and his/her Alternate standing down simultaneously without completing a full term of office, the Chair of the Technical Committee, in close cooperation with the region/organisation involved and in consultation with the Agreement Secretariat, is permitted to nominate an expert of the region or organisation involved to replace the Member and Alternate intersessionally with full voting rights. The term of office of the replacement member/alternate shall expire at the close of the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties with the possibility that the Meeting appoints him/ her as a representative or Alternate.

### **Rule 8**

1. The Chairperson may invite observers of non-contracting Parties and the Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee.

2. Furthermore he may invite or admit a maximum of four observers from specialized international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

3. In addition, at each meeting of the Technical Committee, the Chairperson may invite guests to contribute to specific agenda items.

### **Officers**

### **Rule 9**

The members of the Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from their regional representatives of the Parties, for terms corresponding to those of the Meetings of the Parties. This election will normally take place immediately before the Meeting of the Parties, and the newly elected officers shall assume their functions at the conclusion of the corresponding Meeting of the Parties.

### **Rule 10**

The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Committee, approve the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat for circulation, and liaise with committees between meetings of the Committee. The Chairperson may represent the Committee as required within the limits of the Committee mandate, and shall carry out such other functions as may be entrusted to him/her by the Committee.

#### **Rule 11**

The Vice-Chairperson shall assist in the execution of the Chairperson's duties, and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

#### **Rule 12**

The Agreement Secretariat shall serve the meetings of the Committee.

#### **Elections**

#### **Rule 13**

If in an election to fill one place no candidate obtains an overall majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken, restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If the votes are equally divided in the second ballot, the presiding officer shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

#### **Rule 14**

If in the first ballot there is a tie amongst candidates obtaining the second largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held amongst them to reduce the number of candidates to two.

#### **Rule 15**

In the case of a tie amongst three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the first ballot, a special ballot shall be held amongst them to reduce the number of candidates to two. If a tie then results amongst two or more candidates, the presiding officer shall reduce the number to two by drawing lots, and a further ballot shall be held in accordance with Rule 13.

#### **Meetings**

#### **Rule 16**

Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Agreement Secretariat in conjunction with each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties and at least once between ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties.

#### **Rule 17**

Where in the opinion of the Committee an emergency has arisen that requires the adoption of immediate measures to avoid deterioration of the conservation status of one or more migratory waterbird species, the Chairperson may request the Agreement Secretariat to urgently convene a meeting of the Parties concerned.

### **Rule 18**

Notice of meetings, including date and venue, shall be sent to all Parties by the Secretariat at least 45 days in advance and, in the case of extraordinary meetings, at least 14 days in advance.

### **Rule 19**

A quorum for a meeting shall consist of half of the members of the Committee. No decision shall be taken at a meeting in the absence of a quorum.

### **Rule 20**

Decisions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus unless a vote is requested by the Chairperson or by three members.

### **Rule 21**

Decisions of the Committee by voting (pursuant to Rule 20) shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the members present. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be considered rejected.

### **Rule 22**

A summary record of each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretariat as soon as possible and shall be communicated to all members of the Technical Committee.

### **Working groups**

### **Rule 23**

The Committee may establish such ad hoc working groups as may be necessary to deal with specific tasks. It shall define the terms of reference and composition of each working group.

### **Rule 24**

Insofar as they are applicable, these Rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of working groups.

### **Rule 25**

The Committee shall receive reports from other committees and working groups established under the Agreement as necessary.

### **Communication procedure**

### **Rule 26**

Any member or the Technical Committee, or the Secretariat, may submit a proposal to the Chairperson of the Technical Committee for a decision by correspondence. Upon request by the Chairperson, the Secretariat shall communicate the proposal to the members for comments within 60 days of the date of communication. Any comments received within these limits shall also be thus communicated.

#### **Rule 27**

If, by the date on which comments on a proposal were due to be communicated, the Secretariat has not received any objection from a member, the proposal shall be adopted, and notice of the adoption shall be given to all members.

#### **Rule 28**

If any member objects to a proposal within the applicable time limit, the proposal shall be referred to the next meeting of the Committee.

#### **Rule 29**

The Secretariat shall inform the Contracting Parties on the date and venue of the next Meeting of the Technical Committee. For each Meeting of the Technical Committee the Contracting Parties will receive at least the provisional agenda and draft minutes of the previous meeting. All other documents to be discussed will be made available through the Agreement's website.

#### **Rule 30**

The regional representative shall endeavour to ensure a flow of information between the Technical Committee and the Contracting Parties in their region.

#### **Other functions**

#### **Rule 31**

The Chairperson shall submit a written report on the Committee's work since the previous ordinary meeting to each ordinary Meeting of the Parties.

#### **Final provisions**

#### **Rule 32**

These Rules shall be applied at the first meeting of the Committee following their approval by the Meeting of the Parties, and may be amended by the Committee as required, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and decisions.



Appendix IV

**AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKPLAN: 2003-2006**

<b>Broad issue</b>	<b>TC4; Tashkent May 2003</b>	<b>Intersessional 2003/ 2004</b>	<b>TC5; Edinburgh April 2004</b>	<b>Intersessional 2004/ 2005</b>	<b>TC6; Port Louis May 2005</b>	<b>MOP3; Dakar October 2005</b>
<b>Mode of Committee working</b>	Establish Working Groups (Agreement art. VII.5) Started process of establishing intersessional working		Establish further Groups to take forward work on international reviews and draft relevant Resolutions for consideration at TC6			
			Establish Working Group 1 to review <i>modus operandi</i> of the TC and report to TC6	Discussion paper on means of improving effectiveness of TC activity; consider TC membership turnover	Consider review of <i>modus operandi</i> and effectiveness of TC and make recommendation to MOP3 including membership issues. Draft relevant Resolution including prop. Change to Rule of Procedure	Consider Resolution on further improving effective- ness of TC in 2006- 2009
	Agreement of proposals for project evaluation, peer		Establish register of expertise of TC	Use to identify gaps in expertise with respect to potential new members	Start to evaluate previously funded	
				Development of post- project evaluation		

review and quality control  
issues first considered at TC3

guidelines

projects as possible and  
relevant

Broad issue	TC4; Tashkent May 2003	Intersessional 2003/ 2004	TC5; Edinburgh April 2004	Intersessional 2004/ 2005	TC6; Port Louis May 2005	MOP3; Dakar October 2005
			<p>Review progress with establishment of national TC focal points</p> <p>Discussion as to how to enhance liaison between Regional Representatives and relevant Contracting Parties. Considered as part of Communication Strategy</p>	<p>Secretariat to write to CPs (copied to regional Reps) to urge identification of TC focal points</p>	<p>Review progress with establishment of national TC Focal Points and discuss how they can be more closely involved in TC work</p>	
	<p>Agreement on need for guidelines on acceptance of funding proposals. Working Group 7 established</p>			<p>WG 7 to draft guidelines on acceptance of funding proposals ahead of TC6</p>	<p>TC6 to discuss and agree guidelines on acceptance of funding proposals.</p>	
<p><b>Development of AEWA guidance</b></p>		<p>Ensure Ramsar 'Toolkit' is flagged with relevant AEWA Guidance documents</p>				
	<p>Consideration of draft guidance on avoiding introduction of alien species</p>			<p>Comments due by end of May 2004 recirculation of draft to TC</p>	<p>Sign off of guidance at TC6</p>	

<b>Broad issue</b>	<b>TC4; Tashkent May 2003</b>	<b>Intersessional 2003/ 2004</b>	<b>TC5; Edinburgh April 2004</b>	<b>Intersessional 2004/ 2005</b>	<b>TC6; Port Louis May 2005</b>	<b>MOP3; Dakar October 2005</b>
	Consideration of draft guidance on legislation	RA commented and circulated revised draft to TC for comment	Discussion	Comments due by end May 2004. Comments from IUCN Law Centre due spring 2004 (more user-friendly redraft) Circulate to TC for formal sign-off ahead of TC6		
<b>TC report to MOP3</b> (Agreement Art. VII.3c)			Consider what TC encouragement can be given to enhance rate of national reporting for MOP3	Chairman and Secretariat to draft TC report to MOP3 for discussion at TC6  Secretariat to encourage more reporting from CPs (involving Regional Reps.)	Discussion and agreement of TC report to MOP3, including TC conclusions on status of Mallard, Eider & Pintail populations; expansion of AEW taxonomic scope; definition of long-term decline; definition of 'biogeographic population'; progress with establishing TC Focal Points; review of policies to eliminate use of lead gunshot in wetlands. Report needed not later than 3 months ahead of MOP3	TC's report considered by MOP3; probably sweep-up Resolution on issues included



Broad issue	TC4; Tashkent May 2003	Intersessional 2003/ 2004	TC5; Edinburgh April 2004	Intersessional 2004/ 2005	TC6; Port Louis May 2005	MOP3; Dakar October 2005
				Working group 2 to consider possible improvements to format of national reporting	Consider recommendations on improvement of the format of national reporting to MOP3. Include in TC report if necessary; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution
<b>MOP2 tasks for TC</b>	<p>Review Eider populations status and trend (Done)</p> <p>Review Pintail population status and trends (initial discussion)</p> <p>Review Mallard population status and trends (initial discussion)</p> <p>Expansion of taxonomic scope of AEWA (Working Group 5 established to consider)</p>	<p>WG 5 to draft Discussion paper outlining issues for consideration for TC5</p>	<p>Working group 4 established to consider Pintail populations in light of definition of biogeographical populations</p> <p>Consideration of Discussion paper</p>	<p>WG 4 to discuss (in light of ADU research) and develop paper with conclusions for consideration at TC6</p> <p>PC to further review European Mallard data and report to TC6</p> <p>WG 5 to further discuss issues and revise paper. Circulation of revised paper to TC by end of 2004</p>	<p>Include conclusion in TC MOP3 report</p> <p>Discussion of conclusion and decision on recommendation to Mop3; include conclusion in TC Mop3 report; draft Resolution if necessary</p> <p>Decision on Mallard population trends</p> <p>Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MOP3; include conclusions in TC3 MOP3 report; draft Resolution if</p>	<p>Possible Resolution.</p> <p>Possible Resolution</p>

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	Definition of term 'significant long-term decline'	Working Group 6 to circulate current relevant work on this issue and prepare discussion paper for TC5	Consideration of Discussion paper	WG 6 to further discuss issues and revise paper. Circulation of revised paper to TC by end of 2004	Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MOP3; include conclusions in TC3 MOP3 report; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution
	Definition of 'biogeographical population' (Working Group established)	Analysis to be undertaken in context of ringing project by ADU	Working Group 4 to consider Pintail populations in light of work on definition of biogeographical populations	WG 4 to discuss (in light of ADU research) and develop paper with conclusions for consideration at TC6	Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MOP3; include conclusions in TC3 MOP3 report; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution
	Review of good practice policies on phasing out use of lead gunshot from Wetlands (Resolution 2.2)			Review experiences and lessons learnt. Secretariat to work with hunting organisations to develop good practice guidance/ lessons learnt from existing	Review current status of Small Grants Fund and procedures for evaluating projects submitted for funding (Resolution 2.9)  Finalise good practice guidance for MOP3 as requested by MOP2; include in TC report to MOP3; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution

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<b>International Status reviews (Action Plan 7.4)</b>	Issue raised regarding Tech Comm requirement to provide international status reviews to each MOP		Further discussion of issues			
	Population status report (AP 7.4a)[initial discussion of enhancement of analytical content, agreement to produce major review every three years with a more user- friendly document for each MOP. Working Group 3 established]	WG 3 circulate proposal for enhanced analytical content of Status Review	Discussion of WG 3 paper on Status Report, including suggested enhancements of reporting, indicators and targets.	<p>1. WG3 to revise paper in light of TC5 discussion May/ June 2004 and make specific proposal for next Status Report. WG 3 to discuss with D. Pritchard re commonality within parallel performance indicators work for the Ramsar Convention</p> <p>2) Final paper + proposals to Secretariat early October 2004 for discussion/ agreement at StC November 2004</p> <p>3) Contract placed to draft Status Review for MOP3; draft for early 2005</p>		

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				4) Draft text of Status Review circulated to TC in advance of meeting	TC to discuss and review and agree 'top-level' conclusion for inclusion in Status Review and summary document, agree implications for Int. Implementation Priorities (2006-2010) and draft pertinent Resolution for MOP3 (AP7.6)	Status Report submitted to MOP3
	International review of gaps in information from surveys (AP 7.4b)		Agree how to progress review for submission to MOP3	To be developed in context of GEF project	Discussion of progress and next steps (Wetlands International)	IIP 2006-2010 submitted to MOP3  Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MOP3
	International review of networks of sites used by each waterbird population and protection status of these sites (AP 7.4c)		Agree how to progress review for submission to MOP3	To be developed in context of GEF project and using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps (Wetlands International)	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MOP3
	International review of hunting and trade legislation in each country (AP 7.4d)		Agree how to progress review for submission to MOP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MOP3

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	International review of preparations and implementation of single species action plans (AP 7.4e)		Agree how to progress review for submission to MOP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MOP3
	International review of re-establishment projects (AP 7.4f)		Agree how to progress review for submission to MOP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MOP3
	International review of status of non-native waterbird species in the Agreement Area (AP 7.4g)		Agree how to progress review for submission to MOP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MOP3
<b>AEWA Funded projects from International Implementa- tion Priorities</b>		Draft Communication Strategy prepared	Project to report to TC and be subject to post-project evaluation	Start to implement Communication Strategy. Standing Committee to discuss	TC6 to discuss progress	
	Discussion on project proposal for pilot review of waterbird ringing data	Project proposal revised and contracted to ADU			Project to report to TC and subject to post-project evaluation	
	Discussion on project proposal for development of AFRING	Project proposal revised and contracted to ADU			Phase 1 of project to report to TC and be subject to post-project evaluation	

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<b>Other issues</b>	GROMS Working Group 8 was established by TC3			WG 8 to consider any issues arising from CMS Scientific Council discussions of GROMS in April 2004	TC6 to consider any recommendations on GROMS WG8	

### Issues carried forward

**TC7 (2006):** Consider priorities for review and update of AEWA Conservation Guidelines

### Membership of working groups

#### Issue

#### Members

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|---|---|
| 1. Review to TC <i>modus operandi</i>   | Adam, Biber, Secretariat                                    |
| 2. Improvements to national reporting   | Birdlife International, Biber, Clausen                      |
| 3. Developing scope and style of Status Report (incl. Indicators and targets) | Stroud, UNEP-WCMC, Wetland International                    |
| 4. Definition of biogeographical populations (incl. Pintail)                  | Clausen, Stroud   |
| 5. Expansion of taxonomic scope of AEWA                                       | UNEP-WCMC, Biber, Wetlands International, Adam, Secretariat |
| 6. Definition of long-term decline  | Clausen, Stroud, Wetlands International, Deplanque          |
| 7. Criteria and guidelines for acceptance of funding                          | Biber, Stroud, Wetlands International, Secretariat          |

proposals

8. GROMS

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International