

AEWA National Focal Points

Date: 1 December 2021

Ref.: 21-119-cl

Subject: Resolutions on postponing MOP8 and on a budget for 2022 adopted via silence procedure

Dear National Focal Points to AEWA,

In reference to my previous correspondence of 18 October 2021 (ref: 21-108-cl), sent to you through [Notification 21/011](#), I have the honour to inform you that Resolution Ex. 2 on Postponing the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA and Resolution Ex. 3 on Financial and Administrative Matters are considered as adopted effective 1 December 2021, in the absence of any formal objection received by National Focal Points to AEWA. Both Resolutions were submitted to you for adoption on 18 October under the written silence procedure established through Resolution Ex. 1.

At the request of the Government of Germany, in correspondence dated 30 November 2021, I would like to clarify two conditions under which this budget for 2022 has been adopted under these exceptional circumstances:

- 1. The increase in personnel costs and the transfer of funds from voluntary contribution funded positions to core budget funded ones only serves as a transitional solution for the year 2022 and for the good preparation of the MOP8. It does not create a precedent for the following years 2023 to 2025 nor does it automatically lead to an obligation by Parties to accept a similar approach in the future.*
- 2. The Resolution 7.12 and the APPENDIX II „APPROVED STAFFING TABLE FOR 2019 – 2021“ remains valid in the year 2022 and any changes thereto would have to be renegotiated and decided at MOP 8 in 2022.”*

I wish to thank you for your understanding and willingness to adopt the two Resolutions under such exceptional circumstances. It is especially crucial for the further work of the Agreement and its Secretariat to now have a budget in place for the year 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Secretariat in case you have a question or require additional information.

Best regards

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Simon Mackown
Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee

Encl.:

- Resolution Ex.2 on Postponing the 8th session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA, effective as at 1 December 2021
- Resolution Ex.3 on Financial and Administrative Matters, effective as at 1 December 2021