

AEWA National Focal Points

Date: 18 October 2021

Ref.: 21-108-cl

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

Dear National Focal Points to AEWA,

In reference to my previous correspondence of 1 October 2021 (ref: 21-107-cl), sent to you through [Notification 21/010](#), I have the honour to submit to you, in your capacity as National Focal Point to AEWA, two draft Resolutions on the postponement of MOP8 and on Financial and Administrative Matters (budget for 2022) for adoption by the Contracting Parties through a written silence procedure.

As you may recall the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat, decided to postpone MOP8, which had been scheduled for 5 – 9 October 2021, to the second half of 2022 due to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through correspondence of 1 October 2021 I submitted a draft Resolution Ex. 1 establishing a procedure for Contracting Parties to AEWA to adopt Resolutions on organizational, administrative and financial matters during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was itself placed under a silence procedure. In the absence of any formal objection received by National Focal Points to AEWA until the formal deadline of 15 October 2021, the **Resolution Ex. 1** is considered as **adopted effective 16 October 2021**. As a consequence, Resolution Ex. 1 enables me, in my capacity of Chair of the Standing Committee, after consultation with the Secretariat, to submit to you the two attached draft Resolutions under a silence procedure.

In line with the provisions described in Resolution Ex.1 I am placing these draft Resolution Ex.2 and Ex.3 under a written silence procedure. Comments on draft Resolution Ex.2 or Ex.3 should be sent to me and the Secretariat until **30 November 2021**. Both draft Resolutions have been approved by the Standing Committee at StC19 meeting. In the absence of any formal objection by National Focal Points to AEWA, the Resolutions shall be considered as adopted effective 1 December 2021. In the event of an objection, I will try to resolve the problem with the National Focal Point and in close consultation with the Secretariat, and, if required, circulate (a) new draft Resolution(s).

Please direct any objection to the annexed draft Resolution Ex.2 and/or Ex.3 through official letter or Note Verbale to both:

Mr. Simon Mackown, simon.mackown@defra.gov.uk and
Mr. Jacques Trouvilliez, awea.secretariat@unep-awea.org

I wish to point out that it will be crucial for the further work of the Agreement and its Secretariat to have a budget in place for 2022 by the end of this year. It will therefore not be possible to consider an extension to the deadline.

Finally, I wish to thank you for your understanding and willingness to consider the two draft Resolutions under such exceptional circumstances.

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.:

- Draft Resolution Ex.2 on Postponing the 8th session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA
- Draft Resolution Ex.3 on Financial and Administrative Matters
- Resolution Ex.1 on Adoption of Resolutions on organizational, administrative and financial matters during the COVID-19 pandemic and between regular sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA via a silence procedure, effective 16 October 2021