

**28<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
*12 March 2026, Virtual Meeting Format*

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**Implementation Items for the AEWA Standing Committee as adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (November 2025, Bonn, Germany)**

**Introduction**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP9), held on 11-14 November 2025, Bonn, Germany, resulted in the adoption of eleven resolutions. Each of these resolutions contains various implementation items for the Contracting Parties, as well as for the Standing Committee, the Technical Committee, the Secretariat, and other stakeholders.

All implementation items adopted at MOP9 that are to be carried out by the Standing Committee or require its participation are listed in the following table. The items which are shaded in green are included as Priority 1 activities in the draft Programme of Work for the Secretariat for the period 2026-2028 and their implementation will be undertaken or facilitated by the Secretariat.

**Actions requested from the Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee is requested to take note of the implementation items assigned to it by the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA and to discuss and agree on the process and workflow for implementing these items during the period 2026-2028.

The list below follows the numbering of MOP9 resolutions, their full titles and relevant operative paragraphs numbered as in the resolutions.

<b>RESOLUTION 9.1: ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AEWA ANNEXES</b>
7. <i>Requests</i> the Secretariat, in consultation with the Technical and Standing Committees, following the 9 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP9) to review the Action Plan in Annex 3 to the Agreement in advance of the launch of the development of the Strategic Plan 2029-2037 and suggest possible optimisations to the Action Plan with a view to strengthening its coherence and providing for a more streamlined implementation, which are to be considered in the context of developing the next Strategic Plan, and to arrange for any resulting proposals for amendments to or interpretation of the Action Plan to be submitted to MOP10 for consideration and adoption; as part of this process the Secretariat should, inter alia, review the AEWA provisions on sustainable use with the objective of establishing consistency in the use of terminology and potentially additional definitions of terms to ensure coherence of the legal text and in undertaking this task, take into account terminology and definitions used under other relevant frameworks, including the European Union's Birds Directive;
<b>RESOLUTION 9.2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND ITS STRATEGIC PLAN</b>
<b><i>Implementation of the Agreement and its Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and associated Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027, and development of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2029-2037</i></b>
4. <i>Directs</i> the Standing Committee, with the support of the Secretariat and the assistance of Parties, as necessary, to ensure that the final evaluation Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027 is compiled and submitted to MOP10 subject to timely provision of financial resources and submission of comprehensive national reports;
6. <i>Instructs</i> the Standing Committee, working with the Technical Committee and supported by the Secretariat, to develop, building on the current Strategic Plan, a draft Strategic Plan for the period 2029-2037 and to submit it for consideration and adoption by MOP10; and in conjunction with this process, to compile guidance on relevant overarching and cross-cutting issues to be identified with respect to the Strategic Plan implementation, such as the interaction of livelihoods with the conservation of waterbirds and their habitats, while considering the applicability for AEWA of existing guidance and other relevant material already compiled and available under other relevant frameworks;
7. <i>Decides</i> to replace the Plan of Action for Africa after MOP10 with a targeted, simplified and direct implementation support mechanism or approach based on the Strategic Plan 2029-2037 and <i>requests</i> the Standing Committee, with support from the Secretariat, to conceptualise such a mechanism or approach once the draft Strategic Plan has been compiled and present it to MOP10 for consideration;
10. <i>Instructs</i> the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Standing Committee and with support from the Technical Committee, to consolidate all previously adopted MOP resolutions by subject area, including suggestions for repealing timebound decisions that extend beyond their respective deadlines and other decisions, as necessary and justified, to provide a streamlined basis for the Strategic Plan development process, and to submit the draft consolidated resolutions to MOP10 for consideration and adoption;
11. <i>Further instructs</i> the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Standing Committee, to compile a refined overview of its roles, responsibilities and tasks pursuant to Article VIII of the Agreement and based on the proposed optimisations of the AEWA Action Plan (as per Resolution 9.1), the draft consolidated resolutions and the draft Strategic Plan 2029-2037 for consideration by MOP10 which will focus the work of the Secretariat to facilitate the effective and efficient implementation of the Agreement and its Strategic Plan over the period 2029-2037 while taking into account the limited capacity and resources of the Secretariat;
<b><i>Science-policy Interface</i></b>
23. <i>Requests</i> the Standing Committee and the Technical Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, and building on the work already undertaken to review AEWA's workflow in the light of science-policy interface models under other Multilateral Environmental Agreements, to develop

and submit to MOP10 a proposal for improving the science-policy interface within AEWA's processes taking into account the proposed optimisations of the AEWA Action Plan (as per Resolution 9.1) and the draft consolidated resolutions and the draft Strategic Plan 2029-2037;

***AEWA Small Grants Fund***

25. *Instructs* the Standing Committee to develop, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Technical Committee, and subject to availability of capacity and resources, a modified or alternative/supplementary mechanism for funding AEWA relevant projects for eligible Parties, building on the conclusions in document AEWA/MOP9 Inf.7 and employing efficient and effective operational modality for consideration and adoption at MOP10 while taking into account the limitations and restricted capacity of the Secretariat to operate such a funding mechanism;

***AEWA Implementation Review Process (IRP)***

26. *Instructs* the Standing Committee, with support from the Secretariat and input from the Technical Committee, and subject to available capacity and resources, to develop in consultation with the Parties a comprehensive *modus operandi* for the IRP and a proposal for a broader framework that will support Parties in complying with AEWA while taking into account the current capacity limitations of the Secretariat, to be submitted for consideration and adoption at MOP10.

27. *Instructs* the Standing Committee to ensure that relevant processes and experiences under other MEAs are duly considered, including the Case-file system under the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats and the Ramsar Advisory Missions under the Convention on Wetlands, and where appropriate ensure processes are complementary and reduce reporting burden on the part of Contracting Parties when a similar case is raised across multiple MEAs.

**Resolution 9.3: ADOPTION, RETIREMENT, REVISION, UPDATE, EXTENSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL SPECIES ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLANS**

15. *Instructs* the Standing Committee, after receiving positive recommendations from the Technical Committee, to consider approving the conclusions of Evaluation Reports for International Species Action and Management Plans intersessionally where this is necessary to enable the processes to update or revise these Plans to commence before the next Meeting of the Parties;

**RESOLUTION 9.6: COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA)**

1. *Requests* the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Technical Committee, and subject to the availability of capacity and resources, to develop a CEPA Approach in line with Article III, paragraph 2 and Article VIII, paragraphs (c, d, e and j), which will support AEWA implementation and aid Contracting Parties, the Secretariat, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to develop and carry out CEPA activities that encourage people to take action for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats across the African-Eurasian Flyways

2. *Instructs* the Standing Committee, working with the Technical Committee and Secretariat, to produce a CEPA work plan alongside the draft Strategic Plan (2029-2037); the CEPA work plan should be a key part of putting the Strategic Plan into action and helping to achieve its goals;

**RESOLUTION 9.9: FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

5. *Requests* the Standing Committee to review and endorse the Programme of Work of the Secretariat for the period 2026-2028, taking account of the resources agreed by Parties;

29. *Instructs* the Standing Committee to examine the implications of the UN Staff Mobility Policy for the Secretariat and the Agreement and to submit a report and recommendations to MOP10;

30. *Instructs* the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Standing Committee and, as far as possible, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, to develop an AEWA partnership policy with associated procedures which are tailored to the Agreement's activities and processes

31. *Authorises* the Standing Committee to approve for implementation the AEWA partnership policy and associated procedures on behalf of the Meeting of Parties prior to MOP10.

**RESOLUTION 9.10: DATE, VENUE AND FUNDING OF THE 10th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO AEWA**

2. *Requests* the Standing Committee to decide on behalf of the Meeting of the Parties, the venue of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties, taking into account the expressions of interest received from Parties;