

AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS



6th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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"Making flyway conservation happen"

RESOLUTION 6.16

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: STANDING COMMITTEE

Recalling Resolution 2.6 regarding the establishment of the Standing Committee and, in particular, the composition of its membership,

Further recalling the tasks given to the Standing Committee as laid down in Resolutions 2.6, 4.6, 4.17 and 5.17,

Acknowledging the active role the Standing Committee has played in overseeing, as representatives of the Meeting of the Parties, the implementation of the Agreement and the functioning of the Secretariat,

Further acknowledging that the Standing Committee has provided guidance and advice to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat on the implementation of the Agreement, on the preparation of meetings and any other matters,

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Approves* the list of elected or reconfirmed regional representatives for the Standing Committee, as follows:

Region	<u>Representative</u>	Alternate
Europe and Central Asia (1)	France	Croatia
Europe and Central Asia (2)	Georgia	Norway
Middle East and Northern Africa	Libya	Algeria
Western and Central Africa	Ghana	Senegal
Eastern and Southern Africa	Uganda	South Africa

2. *Re-confirms* that the Standing Committee should also include a representative of the host country for the next session of the Meeting of Parties as well as a representative of the Depositary;

3. *Agrees* that the Standing Committee will meet at least once between the 6^{th} and the 7^{th} Sessions of the Meeting of the Parties;

4. *Decides* to make a provision in the Budget 2016-2018 for payment, upon request, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of appointed Standing Committee members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, within the policy agreed by the Meeting of Parties;

5. *Requests* Contracting Parties to provide financial assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are Parties to the Agreement, to be represented at meetings of the Standing Committee by an observer.