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“Beyond 2020: Shaping flyway conservation for the future”

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY

This report provides the latest information on the accession of Range States to the Agreement and on reservations made by Parties within the ninety days period following the Session of the 6th Meeting of the Parties to AEWA in Bonn, 9-14 November 2015.

In 2016 Belarus acceded to the Agreement. In 2016 the Czech Republic, Denmark, the European Union, Sweden and Belarus entered reservations.

In 2017 Botswana acceded to the Agreement. In 2017 the Arabic translation of the Agreement text was approved.

In 2018 the withdrawal of the reservations by the Czech Republic entered into force. In 2018 Eswatini was registered as the new name for Swaziland.

Parties

Party	Ratification	Entry into force
Belarus	15-01-2016	01-04-2016
Botswana	22-08-2017	01-11-2017

Reservations, declarations and objections

Belarus, 15-01-2016

The Republic of Belarus, on the basis of Article XV of the Agreement, shall not apply Annex 3 to the Agreement with respect to:

- the prohibition referred to in paragraph 2.1.2(a) of Annex 3 to the Agreement on the taking of birds belonging to the populations listed in column B of table 1 of Annex 3 to the Agreement at various stages of reproduction and rearing and during their return to their breeding grounds if the taking has an unfavourable impact on the conservation status of the population concerned;
- the prohibition referred to in paragraph 2.1.2(b) of Annex 3 to the Agreement on the use of all indiscriminate means of taking out and means capable of causing mass destruction, the local disappearance, as well as causing serious anxiety to the birds belonging to the populations listed in column B of table 1 of Annex 3 to the Agreement;
- paragraph 4.1.4 of Annex 3 to the Agreement.

Reservations concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement, (Bonn, Germany, 9-14 November 2015):

Czech Republic, 11-02-2016

The Government of the Czech Republic makes a reservation in accordance with Article X of the Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement (Bonn, Germany, 9-14 November 2016), within the ninety days period.

Denmark, 21-01-2016

Consequently, Denmark hereby wishes to enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the Western Siberia/North European population of Long-tailed Duck and the Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW European population of the Velvet Scoter in Category 1b of Column A of Table I to the Agreement.

European Union, 18-01-2016

The European Union would therefore like to hereby enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the Western Siberia/North European population of Long-tailed Duck and the Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW European population of the Velvet Scoter in Category 1b of Column A of Table I to the Agreement and the North-west & Central Europe population of Red-breasted Merganser and the population of Common Redshank in Category 3c of Column A of Table 1 of the Agreement.

Sweden, 11-02-2016

Sweden hereby wishes to enter a reservation with respect to the inclusion of the Western Siberia/North European population of Long-tailed Duck (*Melanitta fusca*) and the Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW European population of the Velvet Scoter (*Clangula hyemalis*) in Category 1b of Column A of Table I to the Agreement, as well as the Northwest/Central Europe populations of Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) included in Category 3c of Column A of Table I to the Agreement.

WITHDRAWAL OF RESERVATION:

Czech Republic, 22-12-2017

With reference to depositary notifications No. 03/2012 of 31 August 2012 and No. 05/2016 of 19 February 2016.

The Government of the Czech Republic withdraws the reservations, which were made in accordance with Article X of the abovementioned Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 5th Session (La Rochelle, France, 14-18 May 2012) and 6th Session (Bonn, Germany, 9-14 November 2015) of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement, in the ninety days period. As provided for in paragraph 6 of Article 10 of the Agreement, the Amendments shall enter into force for the Czech Republic on the thirtieth day after the date of the withdrawal of the reservation.

The amendments entered into force for the Czech Republic on 21 January 2018.

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