DRAFT RESOLUTION 7.10

**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, 5.17 and 6.16,

 *Acknowledging* the active role, the Standing Committee has played in overseeing, as representative 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. *Adopts* the revised regionalization scheme for the operation of the AEWA Standing Committee as presented in Annex 1;

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

Region Representative Alternate

Europe and Central Asia (1) XXX (to be completed) XXX

Europe and Central Asia (2) XXX XXX

Middle East and Northern Africa XXX XXX

Western and Central Africa XXX XXX

Eastern and Southern Africa XXX XXX;

3. *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;

4. *Agrees* that the Standing Committee will meet at least once between the 7th and the 8th Sessions of the Meeting of the Parties;

5. *Decides* to make a provision in the Budget 2019-2021 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;

6. *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.

**Annex 1: AEWA regionalization scheme for the operation of the Standing Committee[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| **EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA**  |
| **Europe:**ALBANIA, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, BELARUS, BELGIUM, Bosnia-Herzegovina, BULGARIA, Canada, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, Greece[[2]](#footnote-2), HUNGARY, ICELAND, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, LATVIA, Liechtenstein, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, Malta, MONACO, MONTENEGRO, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, Poland, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, Turkey, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND | **Central Asia:**Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, UZBEKISTAN |
| **EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA** |
| **Eastern Africa:**BURUNDI, DJIBOUTI, Eritrea, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, RWANDA, Somalia, South Sudan, SUDAN, UGANDA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA |

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| **Southern Africa:**Angola, BOTSWANA, Comoros, ESWATINI, Lesotho, MADAGASCAR, Malawi, MAURITIUS, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, SOUTH AFRICA, Zambia, ZIMBABWE |

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| **WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA** |
| **Western Africa:**BENIN, BURKINA FASO, Cabo Verde, CÔTE D’IVOIRE, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, Liberia, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone, TOGO | **Central Africa**Cameroon, Central African Republic, CHAD, CONGO, Democratic Republic of Congo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON, Sao Tome and Principe  |
| **MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA** |
| **Middle East:**Bahrain, Iraq, JORDAN, Kuwait, LEBANON, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, United Arab Emirates, Yemen | **North Africa:**ALGERIA, EGYPT, LIBYA, MOROCCO, TUNISIA |

1. AEWA Contracting Parties are indicated in capital letters. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Signed but not ratified. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)