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**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONITORING
FRAMEWORK FOR THE AEWA FLYWAY SITE NETWORK**

Introduction

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1. Project title

Framework for the monitoring of the status of the threats to, and the effectiveness of, conservation measures implemented at flyway network sites

2. Background

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3. Duties of the contractor

The contractor shall develop a technical proposal to the Technical Committee that covers the following issues:

- i. Review site monitoring frameworks under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the EU Birds Directive and the Bern Convention Emerald Network, the World Heritage Convention and other similar instruments, including interoperability of data and processes;
- ii. Framework for and technical guidance on assessing the status of flyway network sites;
- iii. Framework for and technical guidance on assessing the pressures and threats to flyway network sites;
- iv. Framework for and technical guidance on reporting on conservation measures implemented at flyway network sites and their effectiveness;
- v. Proposal for data management and presentation on the Critical Site Network Tool.

4. Duration of the project (tentative dates)

A report on point (i) to be presented to the Technical Committee by May 2020.

Technical guidance on points (ii) - (iv) to Contracting Parties to be presented to the Technical Committee by January 2021.

Proposal for data management and presentation to be presented to the Technical Committee by January 2021

Following the review of the drafts by the Technical Committee (TC), the contractor will be expected to incorporate the views of the TC and produce and submit improved versions as required. Final draft to be submitted to the Secretariat by April 2021.