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**3rd SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE
CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)**
23 – 27 October 2005, Dakar, Senegal

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening

The Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee will make an opening statement and will conduct the proceedings through to and including Election of Officers (Agenda Item 5).

2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (doc: MOP 3.2/Rev. 3) will be proposed for adoption.

3. Election of Officers

In accordance with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure, a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Meeting shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present.

4. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

The agenda (doc: MOP 3.3/Rev. 3) as well as the work programme (doc: MOP 3.4/Rev. 3) will be proposed for adoption.

5. Establishment of Credentials Committee and Sessional Committees

The Meeting is invited to establish a Committee of five members, with appropriate linguistic and geographic composition, for the purpose of reviewing the original credentials of official delegates. The Meeting may wish to establish additional Sessional Committees as the need arises.

6. Admission of Observers

The Meeting is invited to admit as Observers representatives of Non-Contracting Parties, IGOs, international and national NGOs (doc: MOP 3.5) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement.

7. Opening Statements¹

Written statements will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the Meeting. While such statements, as a general rule, will not be presented orally, the Chair may invite representatives of non-Party Observers to give an indication of their Government's considerations regarding accession to AEWA.

8. Reports by

a) Standing Committee

The Chair of the Standing Committee will briefly introduce his report (doc: MOP 3.6) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP2.

¹ Opening statements will not be presented orally but should be submitted in writing for distribution and incorporation into the report of the Meeting.

b) Technical Committee

With reference to his written report (doc: MOP 3.7), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the meeting on the activities of the Technical Committee.

c) Depositary

The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report (doc: MOP 3.8) on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification.

d) Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce briefly its report (doc: MOP 3.9/Rev.1) regarding its activities since MOP2.

9. Report on the Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of AEWA in 2005

The Secretariat will orally inform the meeting on its activities to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of AEWA during the year.

10. Review of the Implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007

The Meeting will be invited to review the progress made towards the implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007 (doc: MOP 3.10/Rev.1).

11. Report on the Implementation of the African-Eurasian Flyways GEF Project

A representative of Wetlands International will orally inform the Meeting on progress made regarding the implementation of this project.

12. Register of International Projects

The Secretariat will introduce the proposal to close the Register of International Projects (doc: Res. 3.1/Rev.1).

13. Official Opening Ceremony

A representative of the Host Government will open the meeting at 09.00 hrs. In addition a representative of UNEP will convey a message of the Executive Director of UNEP Dr. Klaus Töpfer.

14. AEWA Award Presentation Ceremony

The Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee will present the AEWA Awards.

15. Avian Influenza

Presentation by Wetlands International

16. Scientific and Technical Issues

The Chair of the Technical Committee and the Secretariat will report on the following scientific and technical issues:

- (1) Guidance on the term “long-term decline” (doc: MOP 3.11/Rev.1);*
- (2) Clarification of the procedures used to delimit biogeographical populations of waterbirds (doc: MOP 3.12; Res. 3.2/Rev.1);*
- (3) Developing guidelines for interpretation of criteria used in Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan (doc: Res. 3.3/Rev.1);*

17. Implementation of the Agreement and Action Plan

The Secretariat will introduce the synthesis report based on the information contained in the National Reports. Unfortunately not all reports have been received and therefore Resolution 3.4. has been drafted and will be proposed for adoption.

- (1) Synthesis of National Reports (doc: MOP 3.13);*
- (2) Reports on the phasing-out of lead shot for hunting in wetlands (doc: MOP 3.14);*
- (3) Request for submission of missing National Reports (doc: Res. 3.4/Rev.1);*

18. Proposals for Monitoring of the Implementation of the Agreement and Action Plan

The Secretariat will introduce the proposal for an online reporting system to be used for National Reports. In addition the Meeting will be informed about the need for international reviews for the implementation of the Agreement as laid down in paragraph 7.4 of the Action Plan.

- (1) Proposal for an online format for National Reports (doc: Res. 3.5/Rev.2);*
- (2) Proposal to draft international reviews for MOP4 (doc: MOP 3.15).*

19. Development of an International Partnership for Waterbird Population Assessments

The Secretariat will introduce this issue and the related draft Resolution 3.6. The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt the Resolution.

20. Follow-up to the Global Flyway Conference and Climate Change and Waterbirds

As a follow-up to the Global Flyway Conference and in particular the Edinburgh Declaration the meeting is requested to review and adopt draft Resolution 3.7.

A representative of the United Kingdom will introduce the topic of Climate Change and Waterbirds and in particular draft Resolution 3.17 (doc: Inf. 3.12).

21. Proposal for Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement

Status review of four populations of three species of ducks (Common Eider Somateria mollissima, Mallard Anas platyrhynchos and Pintail Anas acuta) (doc: MOP 3.31; Inf. 3.11).

The Secretariat will introduce the proposal (doc: MOP 3.16) to amend the AEWA annexes by inclusion of some seabird species. Based on the Conservation Status Report (doc: Inf. 3.1/Rev.1), amendment of Table 1 of the Action Plan is proposed (doc: MOP 3.29/Rev.2). The Meeting will be requested to review these amendments and to adopt the draft Resolution (doc: Res. 3.8/Rev.2).

22. Proposal for the Development of a Strategic Plan for the Agreement

The Secretariat will orally introduce this proposal. Reference will be made to the draft Strategic Plan developed for CMS (doc: Inf. 3.2). The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt draft Resolution 3.9.

23. Draft Communication Strategy for the Agreement

A representative of the consults that drafted the Communication Strategy will introduce this document (doc: MOP 3.17/Rev.1). The Meeting will be requested to review the Strategy and to adopt the draft Resolution (doc: Res. 3.10) on this subject.

24. Draft International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008

The Secretariat will introduce the draft International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008 (doc: MOP 3.18). The Meeting will be requested to review this document and to adopt draft Resolution 3.11.

25. Draft International Single Species Action Plans

The Secretariat will briefly introduce the different International Single Species Action Plans. The Meeting will be requested to review these Plans and adopt draft Resolution 3.12.

- (1) Light-bellied Brent Goose ECHA – Branta bernicla hrota (doc: MOP 3.19);*
- (2) Northern Bald Ibis – Geronticus eremita (doc: MOP 3.20);*
- (3) Ferruginous Duck – Aythya nyroca (doc: MOP 3.21);*
- (4) White-headed Duck – Oxyura leucocephala (doc: MOP 3.22);*
- (5) Corncrake – Crex crex (doc: MOP 3.23).*

26. Institutional arrangements

a) Headquarters agreement and juridical personality

The representative of the Government of Germany will inform the Meeting on the conclusion and ratification of the Headquarters agreement. In addition the Meeting will be informed on the development of the new UN campus in Bonn.

b) Standing Committee

The Meeting will be requested, in accordance with Resolution 2.6 paragraph 2 f, to review the Membership of the Standing Committee. The term of office of the current Members nominated on a geographical basis expires at the close of MOP4.

c) Technical Committee

The Secretariat will introduce the proposal to change the modus operandi of the Technical Committee. In addition the Meeting will be requested to review the proposal of the Technical Committee regarding reducing costs related to TC meetings. The Meeting will be requested to adopt draft Resolution 3.13.

- (1) Institutional arrangements: Technical Committee (doc: MOP 3.24; Res. 3.13/Rev.2);*
- (2) Proposal to reduce costs related to TC meetings (doc: MOP 3.25)*

d) Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes

The Secretariat will inform the Meeting orally on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies with whom institutional linkages are desirable.

- (1) Joint Work Programme Wetlands International, CMS and AEWA (doc: Inf. 3.3);*
- (2) Joint Work Programme Ramsar Bureau, CMS and AEWA (doc: Inf. 3.4).*

27. Financial and Administrative Matters

The Secretariat will report on income and expenditure 2003-2005, followed by introduction of the draft Budget proposal for 2006-2008. The Meeting will be requested to review the Budget proposal and to adopt it via the draft Resolution 3.14.

- (1) Income and expenditure 2003-2005 (doc: MOP 3.26);*
- (2) Proposal for determining priorities for financial support by AEWA (doc: MOP 3.27/Rev.1/Corr.1)*
- (3) Draft Budget proposal 2006-2008 (doc: MOP 3.28/Add.1; Res. 3.14/Rev.2)*
- (4) Private sector fundraising for the UNEP/CMS family (doc: MOP 3.30)*

28. Future Development of the Agreement

The Secretariat and/or CMS Secretariat will inform the Meeting on recent developments that are or could be of importance to the Agreement. The Meeting will be requested to take note of these developments and to provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on this.

- (1) Agreement/MoU on Raptors and Owls in the African-Eurasian region (doc: Inf. 3.5);*
- (2) Agreement/MoU for the Central Asian Flyway (doc: Inf. 3.6);*
- (3) Other developments.*

29. Reports of Sessional Committees

Reports of the Sessional Committees will be presented on an ad hoc basis.

30. Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement

The Meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final session, the text of resolutions and recommendations forwarded to the plenary following the discussion in the working groups. Furthermore, the Meeting will be invited to adopt the agreed amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement (Res. 3.16).

31. Date and Venue of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties

It is hoped that immediately prior to or during MOP3 one or more of the AEWA Parties will announce their candidacy to host the 4th Session of the Meeting of Parties, to be held in 2008 (Res. 3.15).

32. Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

A draft report of the Meeting will be presented for adoption as far as possible in the two working languages, with the understanding that the Secretariat will be entrusted with finalizing the text in the weeks following the Meeting.

33. Other matters

Any other matters not covered under the previous agenda items may be raised under this agenda item.

34. Closure of the meeting.

The Meeting is expected to close on Thursday, 27 October at 17.00 hrs at the latest.