



5th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES
14 – 18 May 2012, La Rochelle, France

“Migratory waterbirds and people - sharing wetlands”

**COMMENTS FROM THE PARTIES TO THE PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO
ANNEX 3 (ACTION PLAN AND TABLE 1) OF AEWA**

1. In accordance with the provisions of *Article X, paragraphs 2 and 3* of AEWA, the Government of Kenya submitted proposals for amendments to Annex 3 (Action Plan and Table 1) of AEWA.
2. In accordance with *Article X, paragraph 3* of AEWA, Parties were requested to communicate any comments on the proposals to the Secretariat by 14 March 2012.
3. As of the deadline of 14 March 2012, the Secretariat received comments from the European Union and its Member States.
4. The present document includes a copy of the original submission by the European Union.



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Subject: Proposal from the Government of Kenya for amendments to Annex 3 of AEWAs

Dear Mr. Barbieri,

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2011 concerning the proposal for amendments to Annex 3 of AEWAs.

On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, we would like to provide some general comments in advance of the Fifth Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5). Please take note that these comments are without prejudice to the position to be taken at the MOP.

Many of the amendments proposed appear well supported from the conservation point of view. There are however a number of issues which in our view would justify the need for a broader debate at the Meeting of the Parties before any decision is taken. Such issues could include, but would not necessarily have to be limited to, the following issues:

- Up- and down-listings including the possibility to use an asterisk;
- the proposed exemption to the prohibitions for livelihood purposes;
- the phasing out of lead fishing weights;
- the risks posed by the accidental escape of captive non-native species, other than birds.

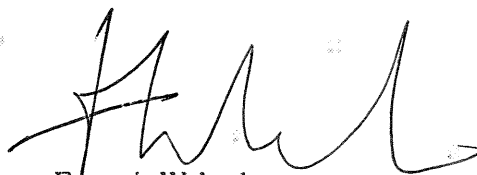
Finally, if any circumstances so require, the European Union and/or EU Member States may avail of the right to enter a reservation during the period of 90 days after the Meeting of the Parties in accordance with Article X(6) of AEWa.

Yours sincerely,



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