

## RESOLUTION 1.6

### GUIDELINES FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND

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*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds,*

*Recalling* the Final Act of the Negotiation Meeting on the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds held in The Hague, in June 1995 which “invited the Meeting of the Parties to consider at its first session the possibility of accepting from a given Party contributions in kind in lieu of contributions in cash to the budget of the Agreement, with the understanding that such contributions in kind from a given Party should be permitted only in exceptional circumstances and that the nature of the contribution must correspond to the needs and objectives of the Agreement”,

*Aware* of the need to create such circumstances that all Range States can contribute to the functioning and implementation of the Agreement,

*Recalling* resolution 5.7 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention held in Geneva in 1997 which gave guidance to the Convention secretariat on the acceptance of contributions, both financial and in kind,

*Convinced* that the rules applied under Agreements, memorandums of understanding and other legal arrangements under the Convention must be similar or harmonized as far as possible,

1. *Instructs* the secretariat to examine, in close consultation with the Technical Committee, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Convention secretariat, the feasibility of countries making their contributions to the Agreements budget in kind instead of in cash and to report to the next Meeting of the Parties;

2. *Further instructs* the secretariat of the Agreement, if such a possibility is an option, to develop, with the Technical Committee and in close consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme and the Convention secretariat, criteria to establish a preliminary list of Range States to which this decision might apply, for discussion at the first meeting of the Technical Committee;

3. *Also instructs* the secretariat to apply the Convention Guidelines for Acceptance of Financial Contributions, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Agreement.