

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION 3.8**

### **INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES FOR 2006 - 2008**

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*Recalling* Resolution 2.4 on International Implementation Priorities for the Agreement for the period 2003-2007;

*Being encouraged* by the good progress in the implementation of the previously adopted International Implementation Priorities for 2000-2004 and for 2003-2007;

*Appreciating* the support provided by the Global Environment Facility to implement the major project "Enhancing Conservation of the Critical Network of Wetlands required by Migratory Waterbirds on the African-Eurasian Flyways";

*Further appreciating* the support provided by Contracting Parties, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations for the implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007;

*Noting the* conclusions of the review of status of migratory waterbirds within the Agreement area which, *inter alia* highlighted the critical status of several globally threatened species and the poor status of wader populations - three times as many of which are in decline as are increasing;

*Recalling* the need for pro-active and targeted conservation measures so as to achieve the target set by the World Summit on Sustainable Development of reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010;

*Reaffirming* the particular importance of:

- (a) the contribution that conservation of migratory waterbirds and the wise use of their wetland habitats can make to sustainable development, especially in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
- (b) the need to identify functional networks of key sites through an understanding of the migratory flyways of populations covered by the Agreement; and
- (c) the need to support the maintenance of the International Waterbird Census in Europe and its further development in Africa, the Middle, East and Central Asia as the basis of assessing the international status and trends of waterbird populations and thus the effective implementation of the Agreement;

*The Meeting of the Parties:*

1. *Adopts* the International Implementation Priorities for 2006-2008, as contained in document, AEW/MOP 3.12 appended to this Resolution, which is updated and amended on the basis of the International Implementation Priorities adopted for 2003-2007 as the medium-term priorities for international co-operation activities for implementation of the Agreement;

2. *Urges* Contracting Parties and specialised international organisations to develop new international co-operation projects for the implementation of the Agreement, according to the priorities outlined in AEW/MOP 3.12, to keep the Agreement Secretariat fully informed of progress, and to report conclusions at future Meetings of the Parties;

3. *Further urges* Contracting Parties, the Agreement Secretariat and specialised international organisations to seek innovative mechanisms and partnerships to enable implementation of the priorities listed in AEW/MOP 3.12, in particular by providing matching funds to the full African-Eurasian Flyways

project, including joint ventures, twinning arrangements, secondments and exchange programmes, corporate sector sponsorships and species adoption programmes;

4. *Requests* bilateral and multilateral donors to provide financial assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of the Agreement, by supporting implementation of the priorities listed in AEWA/MOP 3.12;

5. *Instructs* the Agreement Secretariat to disseminate the International Implementation Priorities for 2006-2008 (AEWA/MOP 3.12), to co-ordinate closely with related conventions and international organisations for their implementation, to seek appropriate donors;

6. *Requests* the Technical Committee to review the structure of the International Implementation Priorities to enhance their responsiveness to key and emerging issues identified by the next review of waterbird status and trends and the other international context reviews specified in paragraph 7.4 of the Action Plan, and to undertake this task alongside the assessment of these reviews as specified in paragraph 7.6 of the Action Plan;

**Kommentar [DA1]:** Deleted text is already agreed in Res 2.4 so does not need to be repeated