**AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN**

**MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS**

**THE HAGUE, 15-08-1996**

**Status report**

| **States** | **Signature** | **Ratification1** | **Type2** | **Entry into force** | **D/R3** | **A4** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Albania |  | 20-06-2001 | A | 01-09-2001 | No | No |
| Algeria |  | 04-07-2006 | A | 01-10-2006 | No | No |
| Belgium | 29-10-1999 | 03-03-2006 | R | 01-06-2006 | No | No |
| Benin\* |  | 26-10-1999 | S | 01-01-2000 | No | No |
| Bulgaria | 05-07-1999 | 23-11-1999 | R | 01-02-2000 | Yes | No |
| Burkina Faso\* |  | 01-07-2013 | A | 01-10-2013 | No | No |
| Burundi |  | 25-07-2014 | A | 01-10-2014 | No | No |
| Chad |  | 01-08-2011 | A | 01-11-2011 | No | No |
| Côte d'Ivoire\* |  | 01-03-2013 | A | 01-06-2013 | No | No |
| Croatia\* |  | 26-06-2000 | A | 01-09-2000 | No | No |
| Cyprus\* |  | 19-06-2008 | A | 01-09-2008 | No | No |
| Czech Republic\* |  | 23-06-2006 | A | 01-09-2006 | Yes | No |
| Denmark | 29-10-1999 | 29-10-1999 | R | 01-01-2000 | No | No |
| Djibouti\* |  | 31-12-2003 | A | 01-03-2004 | No | No |
| Egypt | 20-08-1997 | 04-03-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Equatorial Guinea\* |  | 03-10-2002 | A | 01-01-2003 | No | No |
| Estonia\* |  | 01-08-2008 | A | 01-11-2008 | Yes | No |
| Ethiopia |  | 03-11-2009 | A | 01-02-2010 | No | No |
| EU (European Union)\* | 01-09-1997 | 27-07-2005 | R | 01-10-2005 | Yes | No |
| Finland | 03-02-1999 | 29-10-1999 | R | 01-01-2000 | Yes | No |
| France | 25-11-1998 | 30-09-2003 | R | 01-12-2003 | No | No |
| Gabon |  | 10-09-2012 | A | 01-12-2012 | No | No |
| Gambia, The\* | 12-03-1999 | 12-03-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Georgia\* |  | 28-05-2001 | A | 01-08-2001 | No | No |
| Germany | 15-08-1996 | 09-12-1998 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Ghana\* |  | 25-07-2005 | A | 01-10-2005 | No | No |
| Greece | 14-05-1998 |  |  |  | No | No |
| Guinea\* |  | 04-03-1999 | S | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Guinea-Bissau\* |  | 14-08-2006 | A | 01-11-2006 | No | No |
| Hungary |  | 17-12-2002 | A | 01-03-2003 | Yes | No |
| Iceland |  | 21-03-2013 | A | 01-06-2013 | Yes | No |
| Ireland | 27-08-1996 | 30-05-2003 | R | 01-08-2003 | No | No |
| Israel |  | 14-08-2002 | A | 01-11-2002 | No | No |
| Italy |  | 01-06-2006 | A | 01-09-2006 | No | No |
| Jordan |  | 12-03-1997 | S | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Kenya |  | 09-03-2001 | A | 01-06-2001 | No | No |
| Latvia\* |  | 21-10-2005 | A | 01-01-2006 | Yes | No |
| Lebanon |  | 30-09-2002 | A | 01-12-2002 | No | No |
| Libya |  | 31-03-2005 | A | 01-06-2005 | No | No |
| Lithuania\* |  | 23-08-2004 | A | 01-11-2004 | No | No |
| Luxembourg | 27-10-1997 | 12-09-2003 | R | 01-12-2003 | No | No |
| Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of\* |  | 01-11-1999 | A | 01-02-2000 | No | No |
| Madagascar\* |  | 12-10-2006 | A | 01-01-2007 | No | No |
| Mali | 25-09-1997 | 18-10-1999 | R | 01-01-2000 | No | No |
| Mauritania |  | 25-02-2015 | A | 01-05-2015 | No | No |
| Mauritius\* |  | 26-10-2000 | A | 01-01-2001 | No | No |
| Moldova\* |  | 17-01-2001 | A | 01-04-2001 | Yes | No |
| Monaco | 10-03-1999 | 15-06-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Montenegro\* |  | 01-08-2011 | A | 01-11-2011 | No | No |
| Morocco | 19-11-1997 | 24-09-2012 | R | 01-12-2012 | No | No |
| Netherlands, the Kingdom of the |  | 15-08-1996 | S | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Niger\* | 27-04-1999 | 31-08-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Nigeria\* |  | 13-04-2004 | A | 01-07-2004 | No | No |
| Norway |  | 25-06-2008 | A | 01-09-2008 | No | No |
| Portugal |  | 11-12-2003 | A | 01-03-2004 | No | No |
| Republic of the Congo\* | 30-08-1999 | 30-08-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Romania | 07-08-1998 | 04-07-2000 | R | 01-10-2000 | No | No |
| Rwanda |  | 11-06-2014 | A | 01-09-2014 | No | No |
| Senegal\* |  | 27-04-1999 | S | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Slovakia\* |  | 23-04-2001 | A | 01-07-2001 | Yes | No |
| Slovenia\* |  | 23-07-2003 | A | 01-10-2003 | No | No |
| South Africa | 29-10-1999 | 01-01-2002 | R | 01-04-2002 | No | No |
| Spain | 20-02-1998 | 30-03-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Sudan |  | 31-12-1996 | S | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Swaziland |  | 23-10-2012 | A | 01-01-2013 | No | No |
| Sweden |  | 05-10-1998 | S | 01-11-1999 | Yes | No |
| Switzerland |  | 15-10-1996 | S | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Syria |  | 30-05-2003 | A | 01-08-2003 | No | No |
| Tanzania\* | 31-08-1999 | 31-08-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Togo\* | 02-02-1998 | 22-03-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Tunisia |  | 26-04-2005 | A | 01-07-2005 | No | No |
| Uganda |  | 22-09-2000 | A | 01-12-2000 | No | No |
| Ukraine\* | 16-10-1998 | 18-10-2002 | R | 01-01-2003 | No | No |
| United Kingdom | 23-09-1996 | 22-02-1999 | R | 01-11-1999 | No | No |
| Uzbekistan\* |  | 30-01-2004 | A | 01-04-2004 | No | No |
| Zimbabwe |  | 08-03-2012 | A | 01-06-2012 | No | No |

1) See next column for type of consent to be bound by the treaty

2) S=Signature without reservation or requirement as to ratification, R=Ratification, acceptance, approval or notification, A=Accession, Su=Succession, NK=Not known

3) Declarations or reservations

4) Authorities

\* *Benin*:Formerly Dahomey, change of name in 1975. Independent from France since 01-08-1960.

\* *Burkina Faso*:Formerly Upper Volta. Independent from France since 05-08-1960.

\* *Côte d'Ivoire*:Independent from France since 07-08-1960.

\* *Croatia*:Since 08-10-1991, after the break up of Yugoslavia.

\* *Cyprus*:Independent from the United Kingdom since 16-08-1960.

\* *Czech Republic*:Since 01-01-1993, after Czechoslovakia broke up into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

\* *Djibouti*:Independent from France since 27-06-1977.

\* *Equatorial Guinea*:Formerly Spanish Guinea. Independent from Spain since 12-10-1968.

\* *Estonia*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 20-08-1991. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.

\* *EU (European Union)*:Has exercised all rights and has assumed all obligations of the European Community and the European Coal and Steel Community since 01-12-2009.

\* *Gambia, The*:Independent from the United Kingdom since 18-02-1965.

\* *Georgia*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 09-04-1991.

\* *Ghana*:Formerly Gold Coast. Independent from the United Kingdom since 06-03-1957.

\* *Guinea*:Formerly French Guinea. Independent from France since 02-10-1958.

\* *Guinea-Bissau*:Formerly Portuguese Guinea. Independent from Portugal since 10-09-1974.

\* *Latvia*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 21-08-1991. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.

\* *Lithuania*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 11-03-1990. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.

\* *Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of*:Since 17-11-1991, after the break up of Yugoslavia.

\* *Madagascar*:Independent from France since 26-06-1960.

\* *Mauritius*:Independent from the United Kingdom since 12-03-1968.

\* *Moldova*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 27-08-1991.

\* *Montenegro*:Since 03-06-2006, after the break up of the Union of Serbia and Montenegro.

\* *Niger*:Independent from France since 03-08-1960.

\* *Nigeria*:Independent from the United Kingdom since 01-10-1960.

\* *Republic of the Congo*:Independent from France since 15-08-1960.

\* *Senegal*:Independent from France since 20-08-1960.

\* *Slovakia*:Since 01-01-1993, after Czechoslovakia broke up into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

\* *Slovenia*:Since 25-06-1991, after the break up of Yugoslavia.

\* *Tanzania*:Since 26-04-1964, due to the union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

\* *Togo*:Independent from France since 27-04-1960.

\* *Ukraine*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 24-08-1991. Previously autonomous capacity to conclude treaties.

\* *Uzbekistan*:Independent from the Soviet Union since 01-09-1991.

**Extensions**

**Kingdom of the Netherlands**

| **State** | **Entry into force** | **Termination** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Netherlands (in Europe) | 01-11-1999 |  |
| Netherlands (Bonaire) |  |  |
| Netherlands (Sint Eustatius) |  |  |
| Netherlands (Saba) |  |  |
| Aruba |  |  |
| Curaçao |  |  |
| Sint Maarten |  |  |
|  | | |

**Denmark**

| **Extended to** | **Entry into force** | **Termination** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Faroes | 01-01-2000 |  |

**United Kingdom**

| **Extended to** | **Entry into force** | **Termination** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Gibraltar | 01-11-1999 |  |
| Guernsey | 01-11-1999 |  |
| Jersey | 01-11-1999 |  |
| Man, Isle of | 01-11-1999 |  |
| Saint-Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha | 01-11-1999 |  |

**Declarations, reservations and objections**

**Bulgaria**

**22-11-1999**

The competent institutions for Bulgaria for the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds are:  
Ministry of Environment and Water  
National Nature Protection Service  
67, William Gladstone Str.  
1000 Sofia, Bulgaria  
tel.: 003592 84 72 62 53  
fax: 003592 52 16 34  
Ministry of Justice and Legal Eurointegration  
Department "Legal Eurointegration and International Legal Cooperation"  
1, "Slavianska" Str.  
1000 Sofia, Bulgaria  
tel.: 003592 988 45 89; 980 92 22  
fax: 003592 980 92 23; 981 10 96.

**Czech Republic**

**12-12-2008**

The Government of the Czech Republic presents a reservation in accordance with Article X of the abovementioned Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 4th Session of the meeting of the Parties to the Agreement (Antananarivo, Madagascar, 15-19 September 2008), in the mentioned ninety days period.

**04-06-2010**

The Government of the Czech Republic withdraws the reservation, which was made in accordance with Article X of the abovementioned Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 4th Session of the meeting of the Parties to the Agreement (Antananarivo, Madagascar, 15-19 September 2008), in the ninety days period. As provided for in paragraph 6 of Article 10 of the Agreement, the Amendments shall enter into force for the Czech Republic on the thirtieth day after the date of the withdrawal of the reservation.

**Estonia**

**01-08-2008**

According to Article XV of the Agreement the Republic of Estonia makes a following specific reservation: paragraph 4.1.4 of the Annex 3 is not applied to the hunting of waterbirds in the territory of the Republic of Estonia until the 1st of January 2013.

**EU (European Union)**

**29-01-2010**

[...] as from 1 December 2009, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community (Article 1, third paragraph, of the Treaty on European Union as it results from the amendments introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon) and has exercised all rights and assumed all obligations of the European Community whilst continuing to exercise existing rights and assume obligations of the European Union.  
The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, therefore has the honour to notify the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union that, as from 1 December 2009, the European Community has been replaced and succeeded by the European Union in respect of all Conventions/Agreements for which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is the depositary and to which the European Community, replaced from 1 December 2009 by the European Union, is a contracting party.

**Finland**

**29-10-1999**

1. In accordance with Article XV and Annex 3, paragraph 2.1.2, Finland declares that the provisions contained in the said paragraph do not apply to the Åland Islands as regards two species, Velvet Scoter (Melanitta fusca) and Common Scoter (Melanitta Nigra), mentioned in Table 1 column B, and the taking of these species is allowed in the Åland Islands.  
2. The provisions contained in Annex 3, paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 do not apply to those species which are subject to spring taking in the Åland Islands.  
3. The provisions contained in Annex 3, paragraphs 4.1.4, endeavouring to phase out the use of lead shot, do not apply to the Åland Islands.

**Hungary**

**17-12-2002**

Reservation to the point 4.1.4. of Annex 3 (Action Plan) of the Agreement:  
The Republic of Hungary reserves the right to phase out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands until 15 August 2005.

**Iceland**

**21-03-2013**

In accordance with Article XV of the Agreement, Iceland makes a reservation regarding Annex 3, paragraph 2.1, cf. Article IV, paragraph 1, with regard to the following species:  
Artic Tern (Sterna paradisaea).  
Herring Gull (Larus argentatus).  
Glaucus Gull (Larus hyperboreus).  
Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus).  
Northern Gannet (Morus bassanus).  
Great Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo).  
Black-legged Kittiwake (Rissa tridactyla).  
Razorbill (Alca torda).  
Common Guillemot (Uria aalge).  
Thick-billed Guillemot (Uria lomvia).  
Black Guillemot (Cepphus grylle).  
Atlantic Puffin (Fratercula arctica).  
Common Eider (Somateria mollissima).  
Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos).  
Eurasian Wigeon (Anas Penelope).  
Common Teal (Anas crecca).  
Greater Scaup (Aythya marila).  
Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula).  
Long-tailed Duck (Clangula hyemalis).  
Red-breasted Merganser (Mergus serrator).  
Greylag Goose (Anser anser).  
Pink-footed Goose (Anser brachyrhynchus).

**Latvia**

**21-10-2005**

In accordance with paragraph 1 article V the Republic of Latvia declares that the national authority designated is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Latvia  
Peldu Str. 25  
Riga, LV - 1494  
Tel..: +371 7026 418  
Fax: + 371 7820 442  
E-mail: pasts@vidm.gov.lv

**Moldova**

**17-01-2001**

Responsible authority of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the provisions of Article V paragraph (b) of the Agreement on the conservation of african-eurasian migratory waterbirds is the Ministry of Environment and Territorial Development of the Republic of Moldova.  
Postal address:  
9 Cosmonautilor str.,  
Chisinau, MD-2005, Republic of Moldova  
tel. + 373 2 22 62 73  
fax + 373 2 22 07 48  
Contact person: Mr. Ion Bejenaru  
chief of the Section on the bio-diversity conservation and management of protected areas  
E-mail: Biodiver@mediu.moldavo.md.

**Slovakia**

**23-04-2001**

The Slovak Republic shall not be bound by the provisions of article 4.1.4 of the Action Plan and will not phase out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands.

**Sweden**

**05-10-1998**

In accordance with Article V 1(a) and (b) of the Agreement Sweden hereby designates as implementing authority of the Agreement and contact point for the other Parties The Swedish National Environmental Protection Agency, (Statens naturvårdsverk), S-106 48 Stockholm, Sweden.   
Tel. + 46-8-698 10 00, Fax + 46-8-20 29 25.

**Depositary communications**

**Belgium**

**29-10-1999**

1. Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.  
2. Signature also for "le Gouvernement de Région wallone" and "le Gouvernement de Région de Bruxelles-Capitale".

Signed for "le Gouvernement de la Région flamande" by the Attaché de la Communauté flamande.

**Bulgaria**

**05-07-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Denmark**

**29-10-1999**

1. Upon signature with a reservation in respect of approval.  
2. Upon approval Denmark made a reservation for the application to Greenland.

**Egypt**

**20-08-1997**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification

**EU (European Union)**

**01-09-1997**

Signature with reservation in respect of approval.

**Finland**

**03-02-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of acceptance.

**France**

**25-11-1998**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Gambia, The**

**27-04-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Germany**

**15-08-1996**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Greece**

**14-05-1998**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Ireland**

**15-08-1996**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Luxembourg**

**27-10-1997**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Mali**

**25-09-1997**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Monaco**

**10-03-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Morocco**

**19-11-1997**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Niger**

**27-04-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of approval.

**Republic of the Congo**

**31-08-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Romania**

**07-08-1998**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**South Africa**

**29-10-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Spain**

**20-02-1998**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Tanzania**

**31-08-1999**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Togo**

**02-02-1998**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**Ukraine**

**16-10-1998**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.

**United Kingdom**

**23-09-1996**

Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.