



10th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
8-10 July 2015, Kampala, Uganda

DRAFT RESOLUTION 6.5¹

REVISION AND ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

Recalling Article IV paragraph 4 of the Agreement, and paragraph 7.3 of the Agreement's Action Plan, which require the development and review of conservation guidelines in order to assist Contracting Parties with their implementation of the Agreement,

Further recalling Resolutions 1.10, 2.3 and 4.13 and 5.10, which adopted 14 conservation guidelines focusing on various aspects of waterbird conservation practice,

Noting that these conservation guidelines, although legally non-binding, provide a common framework for action, which aids the coherent implementation of the Agreement by the Contracting Parties to the Agreement, as well as other Range States and interested parties,

Recalling the request to the Technical Committee by MOP5 for a fundamental review of the format of AEWA's conservation guidance so as to ensure that this information is easily understood by Contracting Parties and other stakeholders and is presented in ways that make best use of new technologies,

Recalling also the potential to develop joint guidance with other bodies on matters of mutual concern, including with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the CMS Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU) and the Ramsar Convention,

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The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Adopts* the following newly developed and revised conservation guidelines:
 - a) Guidelines on national legislation for the protection of species of migratory waterbirds and their habitats (document AEWA/MOP 6.XX),
 - b) Guidelines for avoiding/mitigating the conflict between migratory animals of all taxa and renewable technologies deployment (document AEWA/MOP 6.XX), and
 - c) Guidelines on sustainable harvest of migratory waterbirds (document AEWA/MOP 6.XX),

in accordance with Article IV.4 of the Agreement, as guidance for the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Agreement and its Action Plan;

¹ The numbering of draft resolutions presented to MOP6 may change.

2. *Calls upon* Contracting Parties to utilise these guidelines in a practical way that leads to a minimum of additional bureaucracy and that recognises the different social, economic and environmental conditions within the Agreement area;
3. *Instructs* the Secretariat to disseminate these guidelines to all Range States, and relevant international governmental and non-governmental organisations, and to monitor their use to the extent that this is possible;
4. *Requests* the Technical Committee, as a matter of priority to complete its review of the style and format of AEWA's Conservation Guidelines as outlined by Resolution 5.10, make inter-sessional recommendations to the Standing Committee, and – resources permitting – put in place a rolling programme to revise and update existing guidance as necessary, developing any new guidance according to new formats as agreed.