

RESOLUTION 1.8

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS

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

Recalling the Final Act of the negotiation meeting to adopt the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds held in the Hague, June 1995, inviting the interim secretariat to prepare proposals for the establishment of the Technical Committee,

Recalling the informal consultation with many Range States, governmental and non-governmental organizations during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, held in Geneva in 1997 and the Second International Conference on Wetlands and Development, held in Dakar in 1998,

Recalling Article VII of the Agreement on the general composition and tasks of the Technical Committee,

Emphasizing the need for establishing a close link between the Technical Committee and the network of waterbird scientists and experts in each Contracting Party, so that the Agreement may benefit from the array of existing knowledge and experience,

Noting that the composition of the Technical Committee with regard to regions to be represented shall be adopted by the first session of the Meeting of the Parties,

1. *Determines* that:

- (a) The membership of the Technical Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) A person chosen from the representatives of each of the nine geographical regions as outlined in document AEWA/MOP1.11;
 - (ii) One representative from the World Conservation Union (IUCN), one from Wetlands International and one from the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC);
 - (iii) One expert from each of the following fields: rural economics, game management and environmental law; and
 - (iv) Each person chosen as an alternate member for a member described in subparagraphs (i) or (ii) to be represented at meetings only in the absence of the member for which it is an alternate;
- (b) Parties shall be entitled to be represented at meetings of the Technical Committee by an observer;

2. *Adopts* as the rules of procedure for the Technical Committee, as attached in annex I to the present resolution;

3. *Instructs* the secretariat to provide the necessary support to the Technical Committee in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement, the provisions in the budget for the Agreement and the activities of the Technical Committee or the Agreement secretariat as adopted by resolution 1.2;

4. *Appoints* to the Technical Committee in the first instance until the second session of the Conference of the Parties the following persons and their alternates, as mentioned in annex II to the present resolution, in their capacity as:

- (a) Experts representing the following regions of the Agreement Area:
 - North- and Southwestern Europe
 - Eastern Europe
 - Central Europe
 - Southwestern Asia
 - Northern Africa
 - Central Africa
 - Western Africa
 - Eastern Africa
 - Southern Africa;

- (b) One representative from:
 - World Conservation Union (IUCN)
 - Wetlands International ¹⁾
 - International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC);

- (c) One expert from each of the following fields:
 - Rural economics
 - Game management
 - Environmental law;

5. *Requests* each Contracting Party to nominate by the end of April 2000 a suitably qualified technical expert in that country to act as a focal point for Technical Committee matters, and, as appropriate, to provide input to the work of the Technical Committee either directly or through liaison with other suitably qualified technical experts and to disseminate the work of the Committee in their country.

¹ Wetlands International is the legal successor of the International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB), which is mentioned in the Agreement text.

Annex I

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)

General functions

Rule 1

The Technical Committee, established in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement, provides scientific and technical advice and information, to the Meeting of the Parties or through the Secretariat to the Parties. Its functions are defined in Article VII paragraph 3.

Rule 2

In particular, it makes recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out.

Rule 3

In the event of an emergency the Technical Committee may request the Agreement Secretariat to urgently convene a Meeting of Parties involved to avoid deterioration of the conservation status of one or more migratory waterbird species.

Representation and attendance

Rule 4

The Committee shall, in accordance with Article VII paragraph 1, comprise: nine experts representing the Agreement Area, one representative from the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), one representative from Wetlands International, one representative from the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) and one expert from each of the following fields: rural economics, game management, and environmental law.

The nine experts representing the different regions shall be elected among the Parties from each of the four regions in Eurasia (Southwestern Asia, North- and Southwestern, Central and Eastern Europe) and of the five African regions (Northern, Central, Western, Eastern and Southern Africa) on the recommendation of the Parties of each of those regions. Furthermore Wetlands International, CIC and IUCN shall be invited to appoint a representative. Any Party has the right to recommend an expert in the fields of rural economics, game management and environmental law for nomination by the Meeting of the Parties. All the above mentioned fifteen Members, being experts or representatives, shall name an Alternate Member for each of position to be approved by the Meeting of the Parties.

Rule 5

Except as provided for in Rule 8, attendance at meetings of the Technical Committee shall be limited to members of the Technical Committee or their Alternates and observers of the Parties.

Rule 6

Only Members shall exercise the voting rights. In his/her absence, the Alternate shall act in his or her place.

Rule 7

The membership of experts and representatives and their Alternates other than those appointed directly by the Parties shall be reviewed at each ordinary Meeting of the Parties. The membership of the nine

experts to the Committee representing a geographical region shall be reviewed at each ordinary meeting of the Meeting of the Parties, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the meeting. The term of office of these members shall expire at the close of the second ordinary Meeting following that at which they were nominated. At each ordinary meeting of the Meeting of the Parties, elections shall be held only for those regional members whose term of office will have expired at the close of the meeting and for any regional member who indicates a desire to stand down without completing a full term of office. The same provisions shall apply with respect to the alternate members nominated in accordance with rule 4.

Rule 8

The Chairperson may invite observers of non-contracting Parties and invite or admit a maximum of four observers from specialised international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Officers

Rule 9

The members of the Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from their regional representatives of the Parties, for terms corresponding to those of the Meetings of the Parties,. This election will normally take place immediately before the Meeting of the Parties, and the newly elected officers shall assume their functions at the conclusion of the corresponding Meeting of the Parties.

Rule 10

The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Committee, approve the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat for circulation, and liaise with committees between meetings of the Committee. The Chairperson may represent the Committee as required within the limits of the Committee mandate, and shall carry out such other functions as may be entrusted to him/her by the Committee

Rule 11

The Vice-Chairperson shall assist in the execution of the Chairperson's duties, and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

Rule 12

The Agreement Secretariat shall serve the meetings of the Committee.

Elections

Rule 13

If in an election to fill one place no candidate obtains an overall majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken, restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the presiding officer shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

Rule 14

If in the first ballot there is a tie amongst candidates obtaining the second largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held amongst them to reduce the number of candidates to two.

Rule 15

In the case of a tie amongst three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the first ballot, a special ballot shall be held amongst them to reduce the number of candidates to two. If a tie then results amongst two or more candidates, the presiding officer shall reduce the number to two by drawing lots, and a further ballot shall be held in accordance with Rule 11.

Meetings

Rule 16

Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Agreement Secretariat in conjunction with each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties and at least once between ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties.

Rule 17

Where in the opinion of the Committee an emergency has arisen, which requires the adoption of immediate measures to avoid deterioration of the conservation status of one or more migratory waterbird species, the Chairperson may request the Agreement Secretariat to urgently convene a meeting of the Parties concerned.

Rule 18

Notice of meetings, including date and venue, shall be sent to all Parties by the Secretariat at least 45 days in advance and, in the case of extraordinary meetings, at least 14 days in advance.

Rule 19

A quorum for a meeting shall consist of half of the members of the Committee. No decision shall be taken at a meeting in the absence of a quorum.

Rule 20

Decisions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus unless a vote is requested by the Chairperson or by three members.

Rule 21

Decisions of the Committee by voting (pursuant to Rule 20) shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the members present. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be considered rejected.

Rule 22

A summary record of each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretariat as soon as possible and shall be communicated to all Party and Conference appointed experts/representatives.

Working groups

Rule 23

The Committee may establish such ad hoc working groups as may be necessary to deal with specific tasks. It shall define the terms of reference and composition of each working group.

Rule 24

Insofar as they are applicable, these Rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of working groups.

Rule 25

The Committee shall receive reports from other committees and working groups established under the Agreement, as necessary.

Communication procedure

Rule 26

Any member or the Secretariat may submit a proposal to the Chairperson for a decision by postal procedure. The Secretariat shall communicate the proposal to the members for comments within 60 days of the date of communication. Any comments received within these limits shall also be so communicated.

Rule 27

If, by the date on which comments on a proposal were due to be communicated, the Secretariat has not received any objection from a Party appointed member, the proposal shall be adopted, and notice of the adoption shall be given to all members.

Rule 28

If any member objects to a proposal within the applicable time limit, the proposal shall be referred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Other functions

Rule 29

The Chairperson shall submit a written report on the Committee's work since the previous ordinary meeting to each ordinary Meeting of the Parties.

Final provisions

Rule 30

These Rules shall be applied at the first meeting of the Committee following their approval by the Meeting of the Parties, and may be amended by the Committee as required, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and decisions of the Meeting of the Parties.

Annex II

MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

REGION	REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATE
NORTH AND SOUTH WESTERN EUROPE	Dr. Gerard. C. Boere	Dr. Mike. Moser
CENTRAL EUROPE	Prof. Dr. Dan Munteanu	Dr. Branco Micevski
EASTERN EUROPE	Dr. V. Serebzyabov	Dr. Ion Bejanaru
SOUTHWESTERN ASIA	(Jordan)	(still to be determined)
NORTH AFRICA	Mr. Sherif Mohammed Baha el Din	Mr. Mohamed Haffane
CENTRAL AFRICA	Mr. Ikonga Jerome Mokoko	Mr Kasula Seya Makonga
WESTERN AFRICA	Mr. Seydou Seyni	Mr. Momodou Lamin Kass
EASTERN AFRICA	Dr. Charles Mlingwa	Mr. Oliver Nasirwa
SOUTHERN AFRICA	Mr. Barry Taylor	Mr. Yousouf Mungroo
 ORGANIZATION		
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (IUCN)	Dr. Mariano Giminez-Dixon	Dr. Susan Mainka
WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL	Dr. Janine van Vessem	Mr. Simon Delany
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GAME AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (CIC)	Dr. Herby Kalchreuter	Mr. Christian Krogell
 EXPERTS		
Rural Economics	Dr. Elijah Danso	
Environmental law	Mrs. Rachel Adam	
Game Management	Dr. Jesper Madsen	