

RESOLUTION 1.13

ACCEPTING CANDIDATE PARTIES FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN WATERBIRDS

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

Aware of the fact that becoming a Party to the Agreement might be a long process that many States have embarked upon but have not yet been able to bring to completion in time for the start of the first session of the meeting of the Parties, on 6 November 1999,

Informed however by the Depository that some States have in fact completed the process in time for the start of first session of the Meeting of the Parties but must wait until the first day of the third month after the completion of its formal procedures in conformity with Article XIV, paragraph 2, of the Agreement,

Convinced that the decision-making process at the first session of the Meeting of the Parties will benefit from the active participation of as many Parties as possible,

1. *Decides* that the following countries: Benin, Denmark, Finland, South Africa and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, although they are officially required to wait, meet the above criteria for being a full Party and shall exceptionally be granted the status of full participating Party with the right to vote;

2. *Instructs* the Credentials Committee to monitor the credentials of Benin, Denmark, Finland, South Africa and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia according to the accepted procedures and report to the Plenary session;

3. *Decides* that this derogation shall only apply at this first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement.