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ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN  
MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS

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**REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY**

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Agreement on the conservation of African-Eurasian  
migratory waterbirds  
The Hague, 15 August 1996

The Agreement was signed for the following States:

Germany <sup>1)</sup> .....	15 August 1996
the Kingdom of the Netherlands .....	15 August 1996
Ireland <sup>1)</sup> .....	27 August 1996
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>1)</sup> .....	23 September 1996
Switzerland .....	15 October 1996
Sudan .....	31 December 1996
Jordan .....	12 March 1997
Egypt <sup>1)</sup> .....	20 August 1997
the European Community <sup>2)</sup> .....	1 September 1997
Mali <sup>1)</sup> .....	25 September 1997
Luxemburg <sup>1)</sup> .....	27 October 1997
Morocco <sup>1)</sup> .....	19 November 1997
Togo <sup>1)</sup> .....	2 February 1998
Spain <sup>1)</sup> .....	20 February 1998
Greece <sup>1)</sup> .....	14 May 1998
Romania <sup>1)</sup> .....	7 August 1998
Sweden <sup>3)</sup> .....	5 October 1998
Ukraine <sup>1)</sup> .....	16 October 1998
France <sup>1)</sup> .....	25 November 1998
Finland <sup>4)</sup> .....	3 February 1999
Guinea .....	4 March 1999
Monaco <sup>1)</sup> .....	10 March 1999
Gambia <sup>1)</sup> .....	12 March 1999
Niger <sup>2)</sup> .....	27 April 1999
Senegal .....	27 April 1999
Bulgaria <sup>1)</sup> .....	5 July 1999
the Republic of Congo <sup>1)</sup> .....	30 August 1999
Tanzania <sup>1)</sup> .....	31 August 1999
Belgium <sup>1)5)</sup> .....	29 October 1999
Benin .....	26 October 1999
Denmark <sup>2)</sup> .....	29 October 1999
South Africa <sup>1)</sup> .....	29 October 1999

<sup>1)</sup> Subject to ratification

<sup>2)</sup> Subject to approval

<sup>3)</sup> The Government of Sweden declared the following:

"... 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."

4) Subject to acceptance

5) 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.

The following States ratified (R), accepted (A) or approved (a) the Agreement:

Germany (R) .....	9 December 1998
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>1)</sup> (R) .....	22 February 1999
Egypt (R) .....	4 March 1999
Gambia (R) .....	12 March 1999
Togo (A) .....	22 March 1999
Spain (R) .....	30 March 1999
Monaco (R) .....	15 June 1999
the Republic of Congo (R) .....	30 August 1999
Niger (a) .....	31 August 1999
Tanzania (R) .....	31 August 1999
Mali (R) .....	18 October 1999
Denmark <sup>2)</sup> (a) .....	29 October 1999
Finland <sup>3)</sup> (A) .....	29 October 1999
Bulgaria <sup>4)</sup> (R) .....	23 November 1999
Romania (R) .....	4 July 2000
South Africa (R) .....	1 January 2002

<sup>1)</sup> Also for the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey, Isle of Man, Gibraltar and St. Helena and Dependencies.

<sup>2)</sup> With a reservation for the application to Greenland.

<sup>3)</sup> With the following reservations:

"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."

<sup>4)</sup> By note of 22 November 1999 the Embassy of Bulgaria at The Hague communicated the following: "... 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."

The following States acceded to the Agreement:

the Macedonian Republic .....	1 November 1999
Croatia.....	26 June 2000
Uganda.....	22 September 2000
Mauritius.....	26 October 2000
Moldova <sup>1)</sup> .....	17 January 2001
Kenya.....	9 March 2001
the Slovak Republic <sup>2)</sup> .....	23 April 2001
Georgia.....	28 May 2001
Albania.....	20 June 2001
Israel.....	14 August 2002

<sup>1)</sup> With the following declaration:

"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.

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and management of protected areas  
e-mail: Biodiver@mediu.moldavo.md".

<sup>2)</sup> With the following declaration:

"[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."

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*Entry into force*

In accordance with Article XIV, first paragraph, the Agreement entered into force on 1 November 1999 for the Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gambia, Germany, Guinea, Jordan, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Monaco, Niger, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Sudan, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Entry into force for:

Benin.....	1 January 2000
Denmark.....	1 January 2000
Finland.....	1 January 2000
Mali.....	1 January 2000
the Macedonian Republic.....	1 February 2000
Bulgaria.....	1 February 2000
Croatia.....	1 September 2000
Romania.....	1 October 2000
Uganda.....	1 December 2000
Mauritius.....	1 January 2001
Moldova.....	1 April 2001
Kenya.....	1 June 2001
the Slovak Republic.....	1 July 2001
Georgia.....	1 August 2001
Albania.....	1 September 2001
South Africa.....	1 April 2002
Israel.....	1 November 2002