

RESOLUTION 3.15

DATE, VENUE AND FUNDING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Recalling Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Agreement, which states that the Agreement Secretariat shall convene, in consultation with the Convention Secretariat, ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise,

Noting that the Government of Senegal hosted the third session of the Meeting of the Parties, to be held in Dakar, 23-27 October 2005,

Appreciating the benefits that may accrue to the Agreement and to Parties, particularly those with developing economies, to host sessions of the Meeting of the Parties in different regions in the Agreement area.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Decides* that the Fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP4) shall take place before the end of 2008, and urges the Secretariat to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention to ensure that MOP4 takes place after the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention;
2. *Welcomes* and accepts with great appreciation the offer from Madagascar to host the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds.