

RESOLUTION 3.9

DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)

Noting that Article VI, paragraph 8 b and 9 f, of the Agreement requires the Meeting of the Parties to review the implementation of the Agreement and to decide if on any other matters relating to the implementation of the Agreement,

Aware of the development of a new Strategic Plan for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), which will be submitted to the 8th meeting of the Conference of Parties to be held from 20-25 November 2005, Nairobi, Kenya for adoption,

Further aware that the draft CMS Strategic Plan *inter alia* stresses the important role of the CMS Agreements regarding implementation of the CMS aims and objectives,

Recalling the decision taken by Standing Committee at its 3rd meeting (July 2005, Germany) to urge the 3rd session of the Meeting of the Parties to take the development of a Strategic Plan for the Agreement in consideration,

Conscious that the purpose of the strategy will be to effectively halt the current rate of loss of biodiversity and in particular of waterbirds in order to secure the continuity of their beneficial use through the conservation and sustainable use of their components and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of their genetic resources,

Conscious also of the need to establish clear priorities to guide the work of the Standing Committee, the Technical Committee, the Secretariat and individual Parties implementing the Agreement.

The Meeting of Parties:

1. *Decides* to develop a Strategic Plan for the Agreement taking into account the new CMS Strategic Plan;
2. *Instructs* the Standing Committee to prepare a Strategic Plan for the Agreement in close cooperation with the Technical Committee and the Agreement Secretariat and to submit this Plan to the Meeting of the Parties for formal adoption at its 4th session;
3. *Requests* Parties and Organisations to support the development of the Strategic Plan for the Agreement.