

RESOLUTION 3.20

REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Senegal is the current interim Secretariat of the Environmental Component of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD),

Aware of the important role of the African Ministerial Council on Environment (AMCEN) in the Implementation of the Environmental Component of NEPAD,

Conscious of the link with regard to biodiversity between the Environmental Component of NEPAD and the Multi-Lateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) including especially CMS, AEW, CBD, CITES and Ramsar,

Conscious of the problems of coordination and the need for consultations among African countries before and during the Meeting of Parties to fully benefit from the outcomes of the MEAs.

The Meeting of Parties:

1. *Requests* the Government of the Republic of Senegal to approach the African Union to support African Contracting Parties and to enhance regional coordination and to assess the legal aspects of a possible ratification in view of the provisions of the CMS and the Agreement;
2. *Further requests* the Government of the Republic of Senegal to approach the African Union (AU) to ensure that the Union obtains an observer status to the MEAs in the interim period.