



FIRST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
24 - 25 November 2003, Bonn, Germany

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Venue: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU),
Heinrich von Stephan Strasse 1, 53113 Bonn.

1. Opening
The representative of the Host country will open the meeting at 09.30 hrs.
2. Welcome addresses
For this first Meeting of the AEW/STC all Standing Committee members and Observers are invited to deliver a welcome address.
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
The Rules of Procedure (doc. 1.3) will be proposed for adoption.
4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
In accordance with Rules 18 of the Rules of Procedure the members of the Standing Committee shall elect the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting after the Meeting of the Parties.
5. Adoption of the Agenda and Work schedule
The agenda (doc.1.2) as well as the work programme (doc. 1.4) will be proposed for adoption.
6. Admission of Observers
The Chairperson will orally inform the members about the international and inter-governmental organisations and non-governmental organisations that have been invited to participate.
7. Report of the Standing Committee members and Observers
The members of the Standing Committee and Observers will be invited to report on any progress made regarding accession to AEW/STC of Range States in their region, on implementation of the Agreement, on activities of interest for the Agreement, on any developments in their specific region/ organisation, etc.
8. Report of the Depositary
The representative of the Depositary will provide the Meeting with the latest information on accession of Range States to the Agreement (doc 1.5).
9. Report of the Technical Committee
The Chairman of the Technical Committee will report on the 4th meeting of the Technical Committee (doc. INF 1.4) and on other activities of his Committee since MOP2.
10. Report of the Secretariat
The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (doc 1.6) since MOP2.

11. Implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007
The Secretariat will introduce its report (doc 1.7) on the implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007. The Meeting will be requested to take note of the progress made so far and to come up with some ideas on supporting the Secretariat to accrue voluntary contributions for further implementation of International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007.
12. Update on the development of the Communication Strategy for the Agreement
The representative of SPAN Consultants will orally inform the Meeting on progress made regarding the development of the Communication Strategy for the Agreement (doc 1.8).
13. Update of the African-Eurasian Flyways GEF Project
The representative of Wetlands International will orally inform the Meeting on the progress made on the African-Eurasian Flyways GEF project.
14. Future development of the Agreement
The Secretariat/ Wetlands International will orally inform the Meeting on the progress made regarding the following issues:
 - a. Central Asian Flyway
 - b. Additional Species to be included
 - c. Other developments
15. Institutional matters
The representative of the Government of Germany/ Agreements Secretariat will orally inform the Meeting on the developments regarding the issues mentioned-below:
 - a. Headquarters Agreement and Secretariat international juridical personality
 - b. Cooperation with other bodies and processes
 - c. Cooperation with CMS and its Agreements
 - d. Any other institutional matters
16. Administrative and financial matters
The Secretariat will report on income and expenditures 2003 (doc 1.9). Furthermore the Secretariat will introduce its proposal regarding allocating fund accrued from contributions of new Parties that acceded to AEWA after the 1st of January 2003. The Standing Committee will be requested to approve this proposal. Later on the Secretariat will orally report on progress made regarding 1) recruitment of new Staff, 2) recruitment of Staff for posts being upgraded and 3) request for Junior Professional Officer (doc: Inf 1.5). The Standing Committee is requested take note and regarding the JPO request to provide some guidance to the Secretariat.
 - a. Budget 2003-2005
 - b. Allocation of funds accrued from new Parties
 - c. Recruitment of new Staff
 - d. Recruitment of Staff for posts being upgraded
 - e. Request for Junior Professional Officer for information management.
17. Date and venue 3rd Meeting of the Parties
The Secretariat will inform the members of the Standing Committee in a closed session on the offers received so far for hosting MOP3. In addition the Secretariat will propose a certain period to convene the next Meeting of the Parties. The members of the Standing Committee will be requested to provide some guidance to the Secretariat.
18. Developments regarding the new UN campus in Bonn
A representative of the Government of Germany will orally inform the Meeting on the developments regarding the new UN campus in Bonn.
19. Global Flyway Conference 2004
The representative of Wetlands International will inform the meeting on preparations made so far for the Global Flyway Conference in 2004 and on the provisional programme.
20. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Standing Committee
21. Any other business

22. Closure of the meeting