



THIRD MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE
CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)
TANZANIA, 27-28 MAY 2002

Draft RESOLUTION

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Recalling that pursuant Article VII of the Agreement, the First Meeting of the Parties, through Resolution 1.8 established and determined the composition of the Technical Committee,

Further recalling the decision of the First session of the Meeting of the Parties, as laid down in Resolution 1.8, Parties are entitled to attend the Meetings of the Technical Committee by an observer;

Noting that the composition of the Technical Committee reflects the original idea to establish a small Committee existing of 9 regional representatives, one representative of IUCN, one of Wetlands International, one from the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) and one expert from each of the following fields: rural economics, game management and environmental law.

Further noting that the Chairman may admit a maximum of four observers from specialized international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to attend the meeting

Bearing in mind that no provisions have been made for payment of travel costs for representatives of developing countries or from countries with economies in transition.

Further bearing in mind that the number of Contracting Parties is steadily growing and that this might lead to increasing number of Parties willing to attend the Technical Committee Meetings by an observer, which will have an impact on logistical and financial arrangements,

Conscious of the need to improve the communication between the Technical Committee and all Range States and in particular with the Contracting Parties,

Recalling that Article VII of the Agreement describes the tasks of the Technical Committee and that it shall inter alia:

- a) provide scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties and , through the Agreement Secretariat, to the Parties;
- b) make recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out;
- c) prepare for each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on its activities, which shall be submitted to the Agreement Secretariat not less than one hundred and twenty days before the session of the Meeting of the Parties, and copies shall be circulated forthwith by the Agreement Secretariat to the Parties, and

- d) carry out any other tasks referred to it by the Meeting of the Parties.

Acknowledging with appreciation that the Technical Committee has taken up its role by e.g. providing scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties and, through the Agreement Secretariat, to the Parties,

Aware of the concerns of the Technical Committee, that besides involvement in scientific and technical issue, the Technical Committee has been requested to provide advice to the Meeting of the Parties, through the Agreement Secretariat on administrative and financial matters, without having the necessary expertise.

Aware that the members and alternates, as mentioned in Annex II of Resolution 1.8 has been appointed in the first instance until the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

1. Agrees that the Technical Committee shall restrict itself to provide scientific and technical advice as indicated in Article VII of the Agreement,
2. Instructs the Technical Committee in close cooperation with the Agreement Secretariat to improve the communication with all Range States and in particular with the Contracting Parties,
3. Decides that Contracting Parties shall be entitled at their own expenses to be represented at meetings of the Technical Committee by one observer.
4. Adopts the rules of procedures for the Technical Committee, as attached in annex 1 to the present resolution;
5. Instructs the secretariat to provide the necessary support to the Technical Committee in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement, the provisions in the budget for the Agreement and the activities of the Technical Committee or the Agreement Secretariat as adopted in Resolution XX;
6. Appoints to the Technical Committee, taking into account term of office in accordance to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedures for meeting of the Technical Committee, the following members and their alternates, as mentioned in annex II to the present Resolution.
7. Request each Contracting Party to nominate before 1 January 2003 a suitable qualified technical expert in that country to act as a focal point for the Technical Committee matters, and, as appropriate, to provide input into the work of the Technical Committee either directly or through liaison with other suitably qualified technical experts and to disseminate the work of the Committee in their country.

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