



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS



6th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

9-14 November 2015, Bonn, Germany

“Making flyway conservation happen”

RESOLUTION 6.20

TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS

Recalling that at the 5th Session of the Meeting of Parties no host country was identified for the 6th Session of the Meeting of Parties,

Further recalling Resolution 5.27 on the *Venue of the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties* which invited interested Parties to communicate to the Secretariat their interest in hosting the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties within six months and requested the Standing Committee to decide on behalf of the Meeting of the Parties, the venue of the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties, taking into account the expressions of interest received from Parties,

Aware that no Party was identified as host country until 2014, although the Secretariat called for offers in 2012 and in 2013, and *recalling* that the Secretariat, in close consultation with the Chair of the Standing Committee, decided in February 2014 that the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties would take place in Bonn, Germany, where the Secretariat is located,

Appreciating the financial support provided by the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, the Czech Republic and Norway to facilitate the logistical organisation of the current Session of the Meeting of the Parties and the participation of as many Contracting Parties as possible,

Also appreciating the support and services to the delegates of the current Session of the Meeting of Parties provided by the City of Bonn,

Taking note of the mutual agreement between the Executive Secretaries of the UNEP/CMS and UNEP/AEWA Secretariats to increase the effectivity and success of Meetings by exchanging relevant staff, as in the case of the CMS COP11, where a number of staff members from the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat were able to support the servicing of COP11 before, during and after the session,

Aware that thanks to the excellent office and conference facilities provided to the UN agencies located in Bonn by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Secretariat could organise the current Session of the Meeting of the Parties on the UN Campus without major venue-related costs,

Thanking the Government of South Africa for having hosted the African preparatory meeting for the 6th Session of the AEWA Meeting of Parties in Cape Town in August 2015,

Appreciating the financial support provided by the Government of Switzerland as well as the European Commission (EC) through its Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Including Energy (ENRTP) Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the EC Directorate-General for the Environment and UNEP, towards the organisation of the African preparatory meeting for the 6th Session of the AEWA Meeting of Parties.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for all the financial support of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, the Czech Republic and Norway, which contributed to the organisation of the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties, thus facilitating the participation of many Contracting Parties and the logistical and substantial preparation of the current Session of the Meeting of Parties;
2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in its capacity as host country of the Agreement's Secretariat for providing the excellent office and conference facilities of the UN Campus to the Bonn-based UN agencies, thus enabling the Agreement Secretariat to organise meetings of the Agreement such as the current Session of the Meeting of the Parties without major venue-related costs;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the City of Bonn for all the additional support and services offered to the Meeting and the delegates;
4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretariat for the logistical organisation and preparation of the documents for the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement;
5. *Further expresses its appreciation* to the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) for having provided additional staff support towards the running of the current Session of the Meeting of the Parties;
6. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Government of South Africa for the arrangements and financial investment made to provide an excellent venue, facilities and services for the African preparatory meeting for the 6th Session of the AEWA Meeting of Parties.