



**15th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
*11 – 13 December 2019, Bristol, United Kingdom*

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**REPORT OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE AEWA STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Agenda item 1. Introductory Remarks**

1. Opening the meeting at 14:30h, the outgoing Chair of the Standing Committee, Mr Akankwasah Barirega (Uganda) thanked the Committee for inviting him to Chair the present meeting until the new Chair of the Standing Committee had been elected (Agenda item 3).
2. He congratulated members and alternates on their election and agreed to Netherlands' suggestion that all members introduce themselves.
3. All members of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat staff as well as the observers present in the room briefly introduced themselves.

**Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda**

4. The Chair recalled that a short Agenda had been posted on the AEWA website. The main purpose of the meeting was to elect Standing Committee officers for the coming triennium and emphasized that ideally there should be a regional rotation.

**Agenda item 3. Election of Officers to Fill the Posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for the Triennium 2019-2021**

5. The Chair invited nominations for the position of Standing Committee Chair for the 2019-2021 triennium.
6. The Netherlands nominated the United Kingdom as Chair of the Standing Committee.
7. Hungary and Ukraine supported the nomination made by the Netherlands.
8. No other nominations were made.
9. The meeting elected by acclamation the United Kingdom as Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee for the triennium 2019–2021.
10. The Chair invited nominations for the position of Standing Committee Vice-Chair for the 2019-2021 triennium.
11. Algeria nominated South Africa as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee.
12. The Netherlands supported the nomination made by Algeria.

13. No other nominations were made.

14. The meeting elected by acclamation South Africa as Vice-Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee for the triennium 2019–2021.

15. The outgoing Chair of the Standing Committee invited the incoming Chair, Mr Simon Mackown as well as the incoming Vice Chair, Ms Humbulani Mafumo to give some remarks. Mr Mackown thanked the members for the nomination and assured that he will work hard as the new Chair of the Standing Committee. Ms Mafumo said that she was delighted to be nominated and that she believes that the regional rotation will strengthen the work of the Standing Committee.

#### **Agenda item 4. Date and Venue of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

16. Mr Barirega advised members that the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee was foreseen for either the end of 2019 or early 2020. Offers by Parties to host meetings of the Standing Committee were always welcome, but in the absence of any such offers meetings would take place in Bonn.

17. No immediate offers were made. Mr Barirega suggested that the incoming Chair stays in touch with the Secretariat to agree on an appropriate date and venue.

#### **Agenda item 5. Closure of the Meeting**

18. The meeting was closed at 15.30h.