



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS

**EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION OF THE
MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

Effective 16 October 2021

RESOLUTION EX. 1

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS ON ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL MATTERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BETWEEN
REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO AEWA VIA A
SILENCE PROCEDURE**

Recalling the decision of the Contracting Parties through Resolution 7.13 to hold the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2021,

Noting the decision made by the Standing Committee which concluded that an in-person meeting in October 2021 would prevent most of the African delegates and others from attending the MOP,

Taking note of UN General Assembly Decision 74/544 on the (silence) procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the Corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic,

Acknowledging that MOP8 cannot take place in 2021 as planned due to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic,

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Decides* that the Meeting of the Parties may take a limited number of procedural decisions on organizational, administrative and financial matters via a silence procedure in order to ensure the continuation of the mandated activities under AEWA and its Secretariat until the Meeting of the Parties convenes again;
2. *Authorizes* the Chair of the Standing Committee to circulate, after consultation with the Secretariat, draft Resolutions of the MOP to all National Focal Points under a silence procedure and allow at least two weeks, in case of budgetary decisions six weeks, for response;
3. *Requests* the Chair of the Standing Committee to circulate the draft Resolutions in form of a signed letter that shall include the text of the draft Resolutions and an indication of the specific date by which National Focal Points shall raise any objections;
4. *Decides* that the Resolution shall be considered adopted, should the silence not be broken and no objection be raised;

5. *Further decides* that in case of an objection raised by any National Focal Point the Chair of the Standing Committee may circulate a new draft Resolution under the same silence procedure, after consultation with the National Focal Point having raised the objection and the Secretariat and in case the problem could not be resolved;
6. *Requests* the Chair of the Standing Committee, after consultation with the Secretariat, to circulate a letter to all National Focal Points after the deadline confirming the adoption;
7. Decides that the procedure for taking decisions under silence procedure shall be in effect until the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties.