

**CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

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**RECOMMENDATION 6.17.5: THE LOWER DANUBE BASIN**

1. RECALLING Recommendation 5.1.3; and
2. NOTING with satisfaction the progress being made in the development of a Danube Basin Ecological Convention;

**THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES**

3. REQUESTS the Contracting Parties concerned and the Ramsar Bureau to maintain contact so that the proposed new Convention and the Ramsar Convention may complement each other as fully as possible;
4. CONGRATULATES the Romanian Government on establishing the legal framework to secure the protection and management of the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve and Ramsar site;
5. REINFORCES its request to the Ukrainian authorities to continue working closely with the Romanian Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority to avoid potential threats to the complete Danube Delta, taking into account the successful effort of the Government of Ukraine to extend protected areas in the Danube Delta for wetland restoration and for designation of a Biosphere Reserve.