



**15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties  
to the Convention on Wetlands**

**“Protecting wetlands for our common future”  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 23-31 July 2025**

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**Draft resolution on thanks to the host country,  
the Republic of Zimbabwe**

1. APPRECIATING the support provided by the Zimbabwean authorities in the preparation of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15);
2. AWARE of the significant effort required for the organization of a meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP);
3. NOTING the outcomes of the high-level segment of COP15, which was organized by the host country under its own initiative, with the adoption of the “Victoria Falls Declaration”; and
4. NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that [XX] Resolutions considered at the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties were approved;

**THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES**

5. CONGRATULATES and EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE TO the Republic of Zimbabwe for hosting a successful 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties and to the people and the City of Victoria Falls for their great contribution in the preparation of COP15;
6. RECORDS its thanks to the President, the Alternate President and the Vice-Presidents of COP15 for their commitment to ensuring efficient and effective conduct of the plenary sessions;
7. GREATLY APPRECIATES the numerous side events and cultural events that provided a wonderful opportunity for technical and cultural exchanges between delegates; and
8. TAKES NOTE OF the “Victoria Falls Declaration”, and its intended aim that it will enhance the visibility of the Convention and strengthen high-level commitment to conserve and wisely use wetlands, and to strengthen further the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands.