**Diplomatic Note 2019/4**

**The 57th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention
24-28 June 2019**

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of […] and has the honour to inform it that the plenary sessions of the Standing Committee (SC57) will take place from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 June 2019, at the Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.

SC57 will be preceded on Monday 24 June by meetings of the Committee's sub-groups and working groups.

Simultaneous interpretation in the three official languages of the Convention will be provided throughout the week of the meeting.

The provisional agenda is available on the Ramsar website at https://www.ramsar.org/event/57th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee. Links to documents will be added to the agenda as they are published.

Membership of the Standing Committee and its sub-groups and working groups is published on the Ramsar website at https://www.ramsar.org/about/current-standing-committee-2018-2021-members.

In accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, any State not a Contracting Party to the Convention may be represented by observers who, upon the invitation of the President, may participate without the right to vote in the proceedings unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the meeting object.

The Secretariat requests that nominated observers representing States not party to the Convention and seeking observer status at the meeting complete the preregistration process by **25 April 2019**.

The online preregistration system is accessible at: https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-sc57.

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of […] the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 25 March 2019