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### Draft Daily Report Day 4 – Thursday 25 October (Afternoon plenary session)

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15.00–18.15 Plenary session

#### Agenda item 15.2 Wetland City Accreditation – Presentation of certificates

1. The **Secretary General** presented certificates to representatives of the accredited cities to enthusiastic applause.

#### Agenda item 18: Consideration of the draft resolutions and recommendations submitted by Contracting Parties and the Standing Committee (continued)

#### 18.13 Draft Resolution on guidance on identifying Wetlands of International importance (Ramsar Sites) for global climate change regulation as an additional argument to existing criteria

2. The **Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)** introduced the draft resolution in document COP13 Doc.18.13
3. Interventions in support of the draft resolution but requesting some specific amendments were made by **Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Germany** on behalf of the Member States of the European Union, **Malaysia, Philippines, South Africa**, the **United States of America**, and **Uruguay**, as well as the observers from the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** and the **China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation**.
4. The **President** asked all those with proposed amendments to forward these to the Secretariat and asked Germany to co-ordinate the production of a revised draft resolution for consideration later in the meeting.

#### 18.14 Draft resolution on restoration of degraded peatlands to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enhance biodiversity

5. A representative of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (**Germany**) introduced the draft resolution in document COP13 Doc.18.14.

6. **Belarus, Canada, Germany** on behalf of the Member States of the European Union, **Mongolia, New Zealand, South Africa** on behalf of the Africa region, the **Philippines** and the **United States of America**, as well as the observer from **FAO** supported the draft resolution, also proposing minor amendments.
7. The **President** asked all those with proposed amendments to forward these to the Secretariat and asked Austria to co-ordinate the production of a revised draft resolution for consideration later in the meeting.

<p><b>18.15 Draft resolution on promoting conservation, restoration and sustainable management of coastal blue carbon ecosystems</b></p>
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8. **Australia** introduced the draft resolution in document COP13 Doc.18.15.
9. Interventions were made by **Algeria** on behalf of the Africa region, **Argentina, Austria** on behalf of the Member States of the European Union, **Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sudan, United Arab Emirates**, the **United States of America, Uruguay** and **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)**, as well as the observer from **FAO**. Some were supportive, while others believed that at least some aspects of the draft resolution were outside the remit of the Convention or were concerned that there was no settled international definition of “blue carbon ecosystems”.
10. The **President** asked all those with proposed amendments to forward these to the Secretariat and asked Australia to coordinate the production of a revised draft resolution for consideration later in the meeting.

<p><b>18.16 Draft resolution on cultural values, indigenous peoples and local communities, and climate change mitigation and adaptation in wetlands</b></p>
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11. **Tunisia** presented the draft resolution in document COP13 Doc.18.16.
12. Interventions were made by **Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Lesotho, New Zealand, Slovenia** on behalf of the Europe region, **South Africa, Turkey**, the **United States of America**, and **Uruguay**. Whilst there was broad support for the draft resolution in principle, most Contracting Parties also proposed specific amendments or indicated that they would do so.
13. The **Secretary General** sought guidance on two points: the operative paragraph that requested the Secretariat to present regular reports to the Standing Committee on work undertaken by Contracting Parties in response to the resolution, if approved; and the need for clarity about the Secretariat’s future engagement with the Ramsar Culture Network.
14. The **President** asked all those with proposed amendments to forward these to the Secretariat and asked Australia to co-ordinate the production of a revised draft resolution for consideration later in the meeting.

### 18.17 Draft resolution on sustainable urbanization, climate change and wetlands

15. The **United Arab Emirates** presented the draft resolution in document COP13 Doc.18.17.
16. Interventions were made by **Australia, Botswana, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Hungary** on behalf of the Member States of the European Union, **Lesotho, Libya, Norway, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Uganda**, the **United States of America**, and **Uruguay**. Whilst there was broad support for the draft resolution in principle, several of these Contracting Parties also proposed specific amendments or indicated that they would do so.
17. The **President** asked all those with proposed amendments to forward these to the Secretariat and asked the United Arab Emirates to co-ordinate the production of a revised draft resolution for consideration later in the meeting.