Draft resolution

Thanks to the Host Country, the People’s Republic of China

1. APPRECIATING the support provided by the Chinese and Swiss authorities in the preparation of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP14);

2. AWARE of the significant effort required for the organization of a meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP);

3. RECOGNIZING the long-term commitment by the People’s Republic of China to the conservation and wise use of wetlands, through their actions for the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands;

4. NOTING the outcomes of the high-level segment of COP14, with the adoption of “Wuhan Declaration”; and

5. NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that XX Resolutions considered at the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties were approved by consensus;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

6. CONGRATULATES and EXPRESSES its gratitude to the People’s Republic of China for hosting a successful 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties;

7. RECORDS its thanks to the President, the Alternate President and the Vice-Presidents of COP14 for their commitment to ensuring efficient and effective conduct of the plenary sessions;

8. EXTENDS its thanks and appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for generously providing the conference centre for the meeting, and to the people of Switzerland, and in particular Geneva, for their warm and gracious welcome and hospitality;

9. GREATLY APPRECIATES the numerous side events and cultural events that provided a wonderful opportunity for technical and cultural exchanges between delegates;

10. LOOKS FORWARD to working with the government and people of the People’s Republic of China to foster energy and action for the benefit of wetland conservation locally, nationally, regionally and internationally;

11. RECOGNIZES that the “Wuhan Declaration”, which emerged from the high-level segment, 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; and

12. RECOMMENDS that the Government of the People’s Republic of China on behalf of all Contracting Parties submit this declaration to all members and observers of the United Nations for their consideration.